

THRIVING IN BABYLON

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HOW TO BE READY FOR
THE END OF THE WORLD

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Daniel 1-6:

Stories of Daniel and his friends thriving in Babylon that encourage us to hope and trust because God is in Control.

Daniel 7-12:

Daniel's Apocalyptic visions that encourage us to hope and trust because God is in control.

Apocalypse (*literally*): _____.



THE BIBLE PROJECT: *How To Read The Bible; Apocalyptic Literature*



Open Your Bible to Daniel 7:1-28 to follow along.

Three Truths From Daniel 7 (and most all end times prophecies)

1. Until the End there will Always be _____.

Four Beasts From the Sea (Daniel 7:2-8)

- Like a Lion: _____.
- Like a Bear: _____.
- Like a Leopard: _____.
- Terrifying Beast: _____.
- The Little Horn: _____.

Antiochus Epiphanes Desecrates the Temple in 167BC

“ Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.”

~ 1 JOHN 2:18 (NIV)

2. Jesus, the Son of Man, is _____.

Daniel 9:24-27 predicts the precise date of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (*Jewish Passover 33BC*)

“ In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

~ DANIEL 7:13-14 (NIV)

The Surprising Humility of the Son of Man

“ Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ~ MATTHEW 20:28 (NIV)

“ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” ~LUKE 19:10 (NIV)

“ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ¹⁹ ‘Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,’ he said. ‘Peace! Be strong now; be strong.’ When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, ‘Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.’”

~ DANIEL 10:18-19 (NIV)

3. God, and those who are on His side, _____.

“ As I looked, ‘thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.’”

~ DANIEL 7:9-10 (NIV)

“ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

~ REVELATION 20:11-15 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS *available on the APP* |    

- 1 - How would you describe what you have been taught about the “end times” during your Christian journey. What are the top two or three feelings that teaching brings out in you?
- 2 - Take seven minutes and watch the Bible Project Lesson on How to Interpret Apocalyptic Literature. Scan QR code below. What are some things you learn from that video. Do you agree or disagree?
- 3 - One of the truths of Daniel 7-12 is that there will always be turmoil on the earth until the end. How can this truth help you in the struggles of life?
- 4 - In Daniel, and all Apocalyptic Literature, Jesus is the central figure and the one who is greater than all. How would you describe Daniel's teaching on the Son of Man (see 7:13-14 and 10:18-19). How does this differ from what Jesus says about His role as the Son of Man? How do you make sense of two seemingly conflicting messages?
- 5 - In the end God wins! This is the truth of all end time prophecy and of course the whole Bible. Is this exciting and helpful or overly simplistic?
- 6 - Read Daniel 7:9-10 and Revelation 20:11-15. Try and summarize what is being taught here about the Book of Life?



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