

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ March 21st, 2021



Part 4: “The Good News of the Kingdom”

Daniel 7

For Next Sunday:

Read and study Daniel 8:15 – 11:19 using the study notes found in the *40 Days Through Daniel* book. Don't have one? You can purchase one in Fellowship Café for a donation of \$10.

For Further Study – In Fellowship Café

Book: “We Will Not Be Silenced” by Erwin Lutzer

Introduction

The book of Daniel can be easily divided into two major sections: Chapters 1-6 are historical, and Chapters 7-12 are prophetic. Since the last half of the book is entirely prophetic in nature, Daniel did not put it in chronological order. He did however help us by beginning each chapter with a historical reference that helps us know when the events took place. The visions found in the last half of the book all took place after King Nebuchadnezzar was dead.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:1-45)	Representation in History	Daniel's Vision (Daniel 7:1-28)
Head of gold (Dan. 2:32,37-38)	Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)	Lion (Dan. 7:4)
Breast and arms of silver (Dan. 2:32,39)	↓ Medo-Persia	Bear (Dan. 7:5)
Belly and thighs of bronze (Dan. 2:32,39)	↓ Greece	Leopard (Dan. 7:6)
Legs of iron Feet partly of iron and partly of clay (Dan. 2:33,40-43)	↓ Rome Rome (latter form)	Beast with iron teeth (Dan. 7:7)
Stone cut out without hands (Dan. 2:34-35,44-45)	↓ The Kingdom of God	Dominion given to the Son of Man (Dan. 7:13-14,22,25-27)

This chapter reminds us that...

1. God has been, is today and always will be _____ (Dan. 4:17; 5:20).
God's sovereignty: "the exercise or rule of His creation"
2. God's activity today and His future plans center around His _____
and His _____.
3. In the end Satan, sin, and evil doers will be _____ by God and Christ will
_____ forever.
4. Our lives, as followers of Jesus Christ, should reflect a _____
to belief in _____ and His _____.
*"Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the
grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:13*

*"Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in
holy conduct and godliness." 2 Peter 3:11*

"Knowing, then, the fear of the Lord, we persuade people" 2 Corinthians 5:11
5. Knowing the future reward for those who are faithful to God should bring great
motivation to _____ Him.
"Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to Him."
2 Corinthians 5:9



Growth Group Study Guide

Getting Started

Group Discussion: Have you ever had to testify in court? If so, describe your experience.

Digging Deeper

1. On Sunday morning we dissected Daniel chapter 7. What questions does this chapter raise in your mind? (Discuss as a group)
2. Describe the pertinent details surrounding Daniel's vision of God the Father as the "Ancient of Days". How is God portrayed in this passage?
3. How did Daniel discover the meaning of these visions? Were the visions more comforting or more troubling? Why?
4. Let's do a cross reference to our text. Read Revelation chapter 13 together. What does John's vision add to the revelation from Daniel's vision that the "same horn was making war against the saints" (vs. 21)?

In his description of Antichrist (the leader of Daniel's fourth beast or empire), Revelation uses the imagery of a leopard, bear, and lion (which is how Daniel described his first three beasts). Why do you think this is so?

5. Re-read Daniel 2:20-22. What truths does this prayer of praise contain for those who might be tempted to worry about the future?
6. Read Daniel 7:15 & 28. In each verse Daniel mentions how much this vision impacted him. On a scale of 1-10 (1=low, 10=high), how troubled are you by the direction of our culture, our nation? What can we do about it and what should we do in light of it on a daily basis?
7. In the final analysis, what is the main thing God is trying to show us through this amazing dream He gave to Daniel?

Wrapping Up

Review the application points from the Sunday morning study of Daniel 7. Which one most speaks to your heart as you think about this passage of Scripture in Daniel? What's the application for you?