DANIEL

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



TODAY'S NOTES



"What does it mean when you've been in exile so long that you no longer yearn to go home?"

- Greg "sweater vest" Dispain

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and it ends with a King.



DANIEL 12

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The only thing more certain than trouble is God's enduring care for His people:

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Daniel 12:1

Jude 1:24

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy...



DANIEL 12

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Everyone will rise,

but not to the same future…

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Matthew 25

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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God gives us enough to remain faithful, even when we don't understand everything.

Watch for 2.5 questions...

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5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. 6 And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?"

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. 8 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?"

DANIEL 12

9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

11 And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. 12 Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days.

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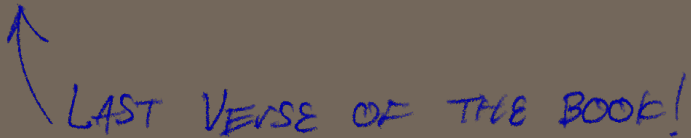
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Daniel 12:8



Daniel - Go Your Way

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Daniel does not receive a complete explanation of the future...

but he does receive certainty about his future.



The God who carried Daniel through life promises to bring him home.

DANIEL 12

13 But go your way till the end.
And you shall rest and shall stand
in your allotted place at the end of the days."



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After

a lifetime of standing wherever earthly kingdoms placed him, God promised Daniel a place where he would stand forever.



DANIEL'S JOURNEY

PLACES, POSITIONS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES

1. JERUSALEM / JUDAH



CAPTIVE / EXILE

A young man torn from his homeland, at the mercy of foreign kings.

Daniel 1:1–6

2. BABYLONIAN ROYAL TRAINING



STUDENT

Educated in a pagan system and given a new name.

Daniel 1:3–20

3. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S ROYAL COURT



SERVANT MADE RULER

Serving kings, interpreting dreams, and elevated to authority.

Daniel 2:24–49

4. HIS HOUSE IN BABYLON



FAITHFUL WORSHIPER

Kneeling in prayer despite the threat of death.

Daniel 2:17–19; 6:10

5. BELSHAZZAR'S PALACE



HERALD

Boldly proclaiming God's judgment to a king.

Daniel 5:13–29

6. THE LIONS' DEN



CONDEMNED

Facing execution for his faithfulness.

Daniel 6:16–23

7. SUSA, AT THE ULAI CANAL (IN A VISION)



VISIONARY

Witnessing future kingdoms in a vision.

Daniel 8:2 (IN A VISION)

8. THE TIGRIS RIVER



BELOVED MESSENGER

Overwhelmed by divine revelation, yet strengthened by the God who loves him.

Daniel 10:4–19

9. TIGRIS RIVER (LIKELY)



HEIR

Receiving the promise of rest, resurrection, and his eternal inheritance.

Daniel 12:13 (LIKELY AT THE TIGRIS)

Daniel's story begins with an earthly king taking him from his home.
It ends with the eternal King promising him a home he can never lose.

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Revelation 21:3-4

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

DANIEL 4:3

How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion endures from
generation to generation.



We close our time by... RESPONDING

How are you living like this world is your home, how might you ~~eagerly await~~ help build a better one?

Who in your life needs to hear about the hope you have in Christ—and what's keeping you from telling them?

SING - GIVE - PRAY - REFLECT