

I. Announcements

- a. Men's Bible Study directly after FUEL in the Green Room
- b. Save the Date – Brian Gibbs will be here Wednesday, February 28th

II. 6 Benefits of Studying Prophecy

1. Studying prophecy brings a blessing
2. Studying prophecy helps us make sense of suffering
3. Studying prophecy helps us understand and rejoice in God's Justice
4. Studying prophecy causes us to pray
5. Studying prophecy leads us to purity
6. Studying prophecy will give us a heart for our fellow man

III. 7th Benefit of Studying Prophecy – Studying prophecy will protect us from error

IV. Where We've Been

**Nebuchadnezzar's
Dream [500 B.C]**

- Great Statue
- Head of gold: Babylonian Empire - 606 BC
- Chest and arms of silver: Media-Persia Empire - 536 BC
- Abdomen and thighs of bronze : Greek Empire - 330 BC
- Legs of Iron: Rome - 27 BC
- Feet and Toes of clay/iron mix: Future Empire (Revived Roman Empire - End Times)

**The Rapture
[Harpazo] - Future
Event "No man
knows the day or
hour"**

- Major End-Time Event where Jesus meets His Church in the air. Followers of Jesus will be with Him from this point on throughout eternity
- Nobody knows the day or hour this will occur. It can happen at any time
- Key Scriptures: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1st Corinthians 15:51-55



V. Daniel 9

- Daniel no longer a youth – he is now an aged man – approx. 84 years old
- Daniel was a man of the Word. He studied the Scriptures and from passages in Jeremiah 25 and 29 he knew Israel would be allowed to return from exile after the 70 years were completed
- Daniel was a man of prayer. He mourned, fasted, and prayed for his people
- Daniel’s prayer gives us a blueprint for praying for our country. Confession, repentance, humility, trust in the mercy of God, and heartfelt compassion for his people
- Repentance precedes revelation. After Daniel repented on behalf of his people, God gave him the greatest revelation of end-time events in all of the Old Testament

VI. Daniel’s 70th Week [Part 1]

- 9:24 - The Scope of the Prophecy: Gabriel lays out Israel's future using 70 sets of 7 years (490 years)
 - A Shabuah is a set of 7. In this case it’s a set of 7 years
- 9:25 and part of 26 - The first 69 weeks or shabuahs (483 years) were fulfilled when Jesus entered Jerusalem and presented Himself as the Messiah. Jesus’ crucifixion fulfills the beginning of verse 26 where we see that “the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing.”

