

ARE YOU READY?

In this end times series, we will be looking at biblical prophecies to grow our faith and validate the reliability, accuracy, and truthfulness of the Word of God, as well as His character and power to fulfill His promises.

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING

In Daniel 2, we learn about a prophecy given through a dream to King Nebuchadnezzar which no one in his kingdom, even the wise men, could interpret. This angered the king (Daniel 2:10-11), and he decreed that the wise men die. Daniel, by God's wisdom and provision, appealed to the captain of the bodyguard and courageously asked for him to be given some time (v.16). Daniel's faith is solidly anchored on who God is, and he resorted to prayer. He went to his friends to seek "compassion from the God of heavens", for any mystery that is unknown and impossible to be known by men is known and seen by the One True God.

GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND IN CONTROL

God gave Daniel wisdom and insight regarding the king's dream. He blessed the Lord and praised Him, admitting His undeniable control over everything (vv.19-29). He is in control of history, even in our present difficult circumstances. God is sovereign in His choice to reveal future events to Daniel and the king according to His perfect will and purpose. As it is said in Romans 8:28-29, God allows things to happen and causes even the bad or unfortunate things to achieve His good purposes. However, His sovereignty does not remove human responsibility. Despite Him being in control, we are still responsible for doing our part.

this week's memory verse

Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

DEUTERONOMY 7:9

END GAME ARE YOU READY?

THE REALITY OF GOD'S COMING KINGDOM

Daniel told the king of the dream (vv.31-35) and its interpretation. The king listened because he has seen that Daniel knew what was impossible to be known by mere men. As Daniel interpreted this dream (vv. 36-45), he spoke of great kingdoms that are coming after Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. All these great empires would be destroyed by the stone which represents the kingdom that the God of heaven will establish – one that cannot be destroyed and will endure forever (vv.44-45). In Daniel 7:13-14, this kingdom was described further, and the Son of Man was mentioned. Jesus referred to Himself in Matthew 26:63-64 as the "Son of Man". Daniel 7:27 also emphasizes that the sovereignty, dominion, and greatness will be given (shared) to the "people of the saints of the Highest One" – a prophecy that tells us of the permanency of the kingdom of God.

THE GRACE OF GOD

God extended His grace to King Nebuchadnezzar by revealing these things to him. This pagan king stood in awe and responded with humble worship and acknowledgement of God (Daniel 2:47). God used the dream and Daniel to evangelize and speak to Nebuchadnezzar. However, man has this propensity to pursue personal greed and glory. The king failed to recognize that the end game is about GOD, not him. We must make daily choices to remind ourselves that the ultimate end game is all about God. May we pursue everything for His own glory, honor, and praise!

discussion questions

Why is it important to study about the end times?


How can knowing the sovereignty of God help you today?


How can you be ready?


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