



Sunday, April 2, 2017 | Small Group Discussion Notes

On a scale of 1-10, what is your level of interest in Biblical prophecy?

In the time allowed it will be impossible to cover all of Daniel 7-12. Furthermore, it will be impossible to cover any of the prophetic visions, because they are so inter-related. This study will highlight select points.

1. Read Daniel 7:15 & 28. Why do you think Daniel was deeply troubled by his thoughts? Are you troubled at what you can see about the future? Why?

In Chapter 7, there are 3 main players.

- a. The Ancient of Days: (7:9, 13, 22)
Of all the names of God, why do you think this one is used here?
 - b. One like the son of man: (7:13)
Why did Jesus use this as his self-designation? How would this be offensive to the Jewish leadership? (Mt. 16:28, 19:28, 24:30)(Stephen- Acts 7:56)
 - c. The horn who spoke boastfully: (7:8, 25)
Throughout history there has been an attempt to identify WHO this refers to. From those no longer living, who might people have identified as a likely candidate? Instead of speculating who might fit this description, identify WHAT this person would do.
2. Read Daniel 9:1-19. Daniel's prayer stands at a pivotal point in this prophetic section.
 - a. (vs. 2) Read Jeremiah 25:12 and 29:10. What does this tell us about Daniel's commitment to the truth of God's Word? Do we truly believe it to be true like Daniel did?
 - b. (vs. 3) What caused Daniel to pray?
 - c. (vs. 3) Notice these words: *pleaded in prayer, petition, fasting, sackcloth and ashes*. Why don't we include these actions in our prayer life?
 - d. What are the contrasts that Daniel uses between God and man?
 - e. (vs. 17) When we pray, is our goal the glory of God or to get what we want?
 - f. Daniel prays for his people as a whole. Why does he do this?
 3. While America cannot claim to be "God's people," we certainly have good reason to pray for our country. Close in a time of praying "nation" prayers.

Abide/Love/Bless: Commit to pray more and complain less about the concerns of our nation this week.