

BABYLON: What does it all mean?

Text: Daniel 7

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Every generation thinks the end of the world is going to happen during their time.

Structure of Daniel:

Daniel 1-6 Stories of God's protection

Daniel 7-12 Prophecies of God's protection

Daniel did not understand the details of his own prophecy; he just knew what he saw.

Summary of the Dream: GREAT TROUBLE WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY GOD'S DELIVERANCE AND ULTIMATE VICTORY.

Purpose of Prophecy:

1. To provide recognition of what will take place
(*John 16:33; 13:18-19; Matthew 11:2-5*)

2. To provide hope and confidence
(*1 Thess. 4:13-18; Revelation 4-5*)

Ultimately, we are to concern ourselves with being faithful to Jesus in Babylon.
Acts 1:6-11; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4

Food for Thought for the week of February 26, 2017 (Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Discuss a few points from Brandon's message on Sunday that encouraged you.

2. According to the message, what is the point of prophecy?

3. What does speculation do to us as believers in Jesus? (Think about ways in which we speculate different aspects, situations, problems)

4. What happens to our faith when we live in speculation?

5. Why do we still speculate when we know Jesus wins ultimately? Why can this be challenging for us?

6. As Christians, how can we best act in these times of prophecy and speculation? What is our role?



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