

Growth Group Bible Study

“Being a Daniel Generation” Sermon Series

“Clues”, *Conflicts and Courage*



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Reading Daniel 11:1-45

Opening Questions

1. Have you ever done an “escape room” and if so what was that like? Do you enjoy solving mysteries, reading mysteries or doing puzzles?
2. In prophecy, God gives us “clues” for the future that can be confusing, enigmatic or that seem obscure rather than “spelled out”. Why do you think God does that?
3. What is something you are really looking forward to at Christmas or in the New Year?

Study

1. Based on Daniel 10, what is the setting of his vision and where is this prophecy coming from?
2. Daniel 11:1-34 is very tethered to ancient historical events. What are some of the things predicted in this vision that we can point to as being fulfilled before the time of Jesus?
3. In what way would these prophecies encourage the Israelites in their captivity and how so?
4. What do we know of the character and actions of the “despicable person” mentioned in Daniel 11:21ff. and how did he (Antiochus Epiphanes) treat the Jewish people? In what way is he a type or “foreshadowing” of the Antichrist to come?

5. If Daniel 11:36ff. seems to turn to the future prophecy of the Antichrist, what do we learn of what he will be like and what he will do in the future. Read also Daniel 7:8, 20-22, 24-27; 8:9-14; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 13:1-8
6. There have been many attempts throughout history to identify the Antichrist to come. What are some you have heard? Should we as Christians be trying to make that identification today or at least what should we be doing in light of “the last days to come”?
7. What is to be the end of this Antichrist (Dan. 11:45 with Rev. 20:10) and what message does that send us about God’s sovereignty and His ultimate dealing with evil?
8. In Daniel 11:32 it refers to “the people who know their God”. Who could these have been in the historical prophecy of Daniel 11? In what ways does their “displaying strength and taking action” inform us as to how we should live as we wait for Jesus’ return?
9. What are the most practical steps we should take as Christians living in this generation that would be courageous and would “display strength and take action” as we again wait for Jesus’ return?

Application

1. Many Christians are fearful of the end times” as they see what is to unfold. What can give you hope this week to overcome fear and have faith in light of what is to come? How can we help one another to “keep the faith”?