

# Thriving in Babylon

## The Book of Daniel

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**Week 17 – Faith or Fear?**

## Daniel 11:2-35 Notes

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## Why Does Any of This Matter?

We need the HOPE that only God's Word can provide!

Matthew 24:4-8

1. We fight evil with \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 12:21)
2. We combat hatred with \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13)
3. We go to war with spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:12)

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. American Christians seem as divided as ever over the headlines of our day, the direction of our country, and how to properly respond to the injustices of the world. There are many well-reasoned, biblically-informed perspectives on both sides. How might we learn to talk more effectively about solutions if *fear* were removed from the equation and replaced with greater faith? Discuss...

### **Ponderings:**

2. For decades, people have been making end-times predictions based on headlines and current events. Where do we draw the balance between "understanding the times" in which we live and not getting caught up in sensationalism or apocalyptic hysteria?
3. In Daniel's case, the angel specifically told him of the many hardships for his people on the road ahead, yet Daniel's faith was strengthened in the face of that information. In your opinion, do you think it's easier to face the future knowing beforehand the challenges you'll face, or simply taking things one day at a time by faith? Discuss...
4. Read Romans 12:21. Discuss some practical, real-life examples of how this can be lived out by grace through faith...
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### **Promptings:**

In the week ahead, consider a personal "fast" from social media, news channels or apps, and other things that get your blood boiling or provoke fear. When your habits tell you to engage in those things, replace that time with memorizing those five scriptures we just discussed...and begin to experience the difference that walking by grace through faith will make for you, in you and through you...