

# Thriving in Babylon

## The Book of Daniel

January 7 & 8, 2017  
Valley Church

Jeremy White, Lead Pastor  
Week 13 – God Knows the Future...

### Review: Daniel is...

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ book
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ book
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ book

### Notes on Daniel 8:1-27 \_\_\_\_\_

---



---



---



---



---

Antiochus Epiphanes	Antichrist of the Future
Symbolized by a "little horn" (8:9)	Symbolized by a "little horn" (7:8)
A "fierce-looking" king (8:23)	An "imposing" look (7:20)
Having "great power" (8:24)	Even greater power (11:39; 2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:7-8)
Energized by Satan (8:24)	Empowered by Satan (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:7)
Destroys many (8:24)	Destroys multitudes (Rev. 13:15; 16:13-16)
Prosperes temporarily (8:24)	Prosperes temporarily (11:36; Rev. 13:7)
Persecuted the Jews (8:24)	Persecutes the Jews (7:21; 25; Rev. 12:13)
A deceiver (8:25)	A master deceiver (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:4, 14:19-20)
Arrogant (8:25)	Megalomaniac (7:8, 11, 20, 25; Rev. 13:5)
Blasphemed God (8:25)	Will blaspheme God (7:25; 11:36)
Not killed by human hands (8:25)	Not killed by human hands (2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:19-20)

### Conclusion:

- PRACTICAL: We can rest in God's authority over the future!
- PROPHETIC: We don't look for Antichrist, we look for Jesus Christ!
- PERSONAL: We live godlier lives as we learn to long for His coming!

TRUSTING in God's Faithfulness → HOPING in God's Plan → LOVING others to Him

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how interested are you in the study of Biblical prophecy? Why do you think that this might be the case with you?

### **Ponderings:**

2. Read 1 John 3:1-3 as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
  - In your opinion, why is living in anticipation of Christ's return directly linked to living a godly lifestyle?
  - If the study of Biblical prophecy and Christ's return is profitable, what are some cautions we might be aware of along the way in that journey? Is it possible to become "so heavenly minded that we're no earthly good" as some claim? Discuss...
  - If we are to spend a few decades here on earth, but eternity in Heaven, why do you think so few Christians seem passionately interested in knowing more about Christ's return, the future kingdom and the afterlife?
3. Read 1 John 4:1-3 as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
  - How do you think we as Christians are to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God?"
  - John was writing this letter partly to combat the Gnostic heresy that Christ didn't actually come physically, and even 2000 years ago he says that the "spirit of antichrist" was alive in the world. What primary examples are there in our generation that point to the activity of a spirit of antichrist present in the world?

### **Promptings:**

4. If you are a believer, the Spirit of Jesus Christ lives inside of you! In what specific way(s) does this give you peace and confidence as you interact with a world so absorbed into the spirit of antichrist? How is God making His mark on this generation through your life? Boast in what He's doing in and through you as you share...