

Thriving in Babylon

The Book of Daniel

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Valley Church

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Week 19 – The End of the World As We Know It

Message Notes: Daniel 12:1-13

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Personal Application / Observations

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SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. At the beginning of our series through Daniel, it was emphasized that the book is *practical, personal* and *prophetic*. As a group, discuss how each of those is true of this amazing book. Which of those realities has most consistently encouraged you throughout our journey?

Ponderings:

2. Did it surprise you to discover that after all of these dramatic visions, God chose to conclude the Book of Daniel by the angel telling him to "Go your way" (i.e. "live your life in without stressing over these things")?

How do we walk in that balance between caring deeply about Christ's soon return and not being so concerned that we fail to live an abundant life of love every day?

3. Would you agree that there are some Christians who allow Bible prophecy to generate a "doom and gloom" outlook, while other Christians seem totally clueless or unconcerned about Christ's return? Why do you think people gravitate to these extremes?

If you could sum it up in a few words, what does it look like practically to live a life in genuine anticipation of Christ's Second Coming? Is that your lifestyle? Discuss...

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 as a group. How does the end of this passage echo the words of the angel in Daniel 12:9-13 and the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:6?

Promptings:

5. Remember what we learned a few weeks back about our salvation:
 - Our spirits HAVE been transformed (faith → what is already true)
 - Our bodies WILL BE transformed (hope → what will be true)
 - Our souls ARE BEING transformed (love → renewing our minds by the love and grace of the Holy Spirit)

How does the promise of the resurrection of our bodies impact us today? Is it just information or is it something more? How does believing that Christ could return at any moment impact our desire to point others to Jesus?