

SERIES TITLE: The Book of Daniel

SERMON TITLE: The Future of God's People

KEY TEXT (NKJV, ESV): Daniel 8:1-27, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 1 Timothy 4:1-3, Matthew 24:24, Luke 18:8.

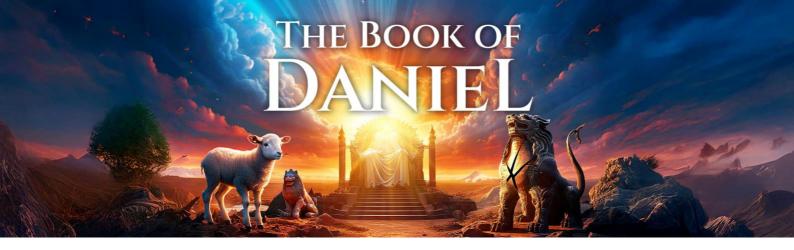
Big Idea: The story of Daniel reminds us that no matter how uncertain or challenging our circumstances may be, God remains sovereign. Taken from his homeland and pressured to conform to a different way of life, Daniel chose unwavering faith over compromise, and God honoured him with wisdom, influence, and protection. Like Daniel, we face cultural and personal pressures that test our faith, yet nothing, political shifts, personal trials, or societal expectations, can override His plans for us. Our role is to trust His faithfulness, stand firm in obedience, and be vessels of His influence wherever we are, knowing He is working all things for His purpose.

In the final message of the sermon series, Pastor Moffat encourages us to remain faithful and committed to God's Word as we live in the end times.

Daniel 8:15-26 NKJV

¹⁵When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." 17So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." ¹⁸And when he had spoken to me. I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. 19He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰As for the ram that you saw with the two horns; these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²²As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. 23 And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴His power shall be great, but not by his own power, and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵By his cunning, he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind, he shall become great. Without warning, he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken, but by no human hand. ²⁶The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

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<u>Leader Heads-Up</u>: Is **everyone** in the meeting? Let us know **who's here** and **check in** on those **who aren't**!

A. Start Talking

As you prepare for your upcoming Zonal Outreach, what needs do you see in the community that you can meet?

B. Start Thinking

- 1. Read Romans 12:2 ESV. When you evaluate the influences shaping your values, how have the cultural trends or popular ideas diluted your commitment to God's Word? What practical steps will you take to renew your mind and stay aligned with God's will?
- 2. Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV. How will you actively guard your Connection Group from slowly embracing worldly values like Israel did before Antiochus' arrival?
- 3. Were there areas of your life where you relied on your own understanding and timing instead of trusting that God sees the bigger picture and has already gone ahead of you? Read Matthew 24:24 ESV and Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV.

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will remain faithful and committed to God's Word and not conform to the world's ways.

D. Start Doing

- 1. **Discern** the source of spiritual insight by distinguishing between divine revelation and counterfeit foresight.
- 2. Guard your cultural identity and avoid slow compromise that makes room for spiritual invasion.
- **3. Stand** for righteousness, even in times of national moral decline, and choose to be like the faithful Maccabees.
- **4. Return** to God's Word, prioritize Scripture over trends, and let truth shape your thinking, not culture.

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