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Humble Fearless Living
Confidence Under Pressure
Daniel 2

The astrologers answered the king, 'There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.
Daniel 2:10-11

The Theme of Daniel:

The one God is sovereign over the kingdoms of the world.

Develop your team.

To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.
Daniel 1:17

Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.
Daniel 2:17

Bring your impossible to God.

He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
Daniel 2:18

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:24

Celebrate God's greatness.

That night the answer to the mystery was given to Daniel in a vision. Daniel blessed the God of heaven, saying,

"Blessed be the name of God,
forever and ever.
He knows all, does all:
He changes the seasons and guides history,
He raises up kings and also brings them down,
he provides both intelligence and discernment,
He opens up the depths, tells secrets,
sees in the dark—light spills out of him!
God of all my ancestors, all thanks! all praise!
You made me wise and strong.
And now you've shown us what we asked for.
You've solved the king's mystery."

Daniel 2:19-23 MSG

Give God the credit.

Daniel replied, 'No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come.
Daniel 2:27-28

The king said to Daniel, 'Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.'
Daniel 2:47

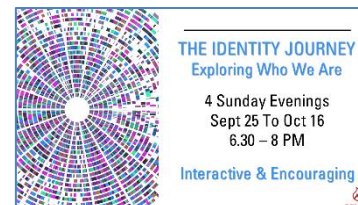
Participate in God's Kingdom.

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.

Luke 1:31-33

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

The Lord Jesus
John 14:12



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DANIEL

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

THE POINT OF DANIEL:
*a Pattern
& a Promise*
FOR ALL GENERATIONS

HUMAN BEINGS BECOME
BEASTS
WHEN THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S KINGDOM.

GOD WILL ONE DAY CONFRONT THE
BEAST
AND RESCUE HIS WORLD.

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1 RECRUITED TO SERVE IN BABYLON

PRESSURE TO GIVE UP JEWISH IDENTITY

FAITHFULNESS TO THE TORAH LEADS TO EXALTATION

2 THE KING'S DREAM

BABYLON

TRAIN OF KINGDOMS FOLLOWING BABYLON

GOD'S KINGDOM WILL ONE DAY HUMBLE ALL KINGDOMS

SMASH!

7 DANIEL'S DREAM

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

SYMBOLIZING RESURGENT KINGDOMS

A KING WHO EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD & PERSECUTES GOD'S PEOPLE

THE SON OF MAN
AN IMAGE OF GOD'S COMING KINGDOM & THEIR KING

8 DANIEL'S 2ND VISION

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

GREEK EMPIRE

THE EVIL KING:
- ATTACKS JERUSALEM
- EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD
- DESTROYED BY GOD

3 THE FIERY FURNACE

REFUSAL TO WORSHIP AN EMPIRE

FRIENDS EXALTED

6 THE LION'S DEN

REFUSAL TO WORSHIP THE KING AS A GOD

DANIEL EXALTED

4 NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PRIDE

RESTORED AS KING

I'M SORRY GOD!

5 BELSHAZZAR'S PRIDE

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD'S KINGDOM!

NO WAY!

MENE MENE TEKEL PARSTIN

ASSASSINATED

WHAT EVER?

9 DANIEL'S PRAYER

HOW LONG O LORD?!

Jeremiah 25:
ISRAEL'S EXILE WILL LAST 70 YEARS

ISRAEL'S SIN HAS CONTINUED - EXILE & OPPRESSION WILL LAST SEVEN TIMES LONGER (490 YEARS!!)

WHAT DOES ALL THIS REFER TO?

1 EXPLOITS OF THE SYRIAN KING ANTIOCHUS IN THE 160s B.C.

2 ROMAN EMPIRE'S DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 70 A.D.

3 EVENTS YET TO HAPPEN (WHEN JESUS RETURNS)

IN A SENSE, THEY'RE ALL RIGHT

- THE BOOK OFFERS HOPE TO ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
- JESUS USED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE JERUSALEM'S LEADERS
- JOHN (AUTHOR OF REVELATION) ADAPTED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE ROME & ALL FUTURE EMPIRES

10-12 DANIEL'S 3RD VISION

LESSER KINGS

GREECE

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

PERSIA

THE KING OF THE NORTH

...COMES TO RUIN.

IMAGERY FROM GENESIS 1-2 & PSALM 8

HUMANS:
THE ROYAL IMAGE OF GOD
to rule on God's behalf
..... but.....
WHEN HUMANS REBEL & MAKE THEMSELVES GOD, THEY BECOME

BEASTS

HEBREW

ARAMAIC

HEBREW