



ANIMAL HOUSE

Daniel 8:1-27

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1. In what ways do you see the world getting better? Worse?
2. Do you think most people are concerned about the way things are going? If so, how does it seem that most people handle their concern?
3. Do you think what is going on in the world today is related to the soon return of Jesus. Why or why not?

Daniel's Time (verses 1,2)

1. What similarities do you see between Daniel's time and our time?
2. Why do you think God choose the third year of Belshazzar's reign to give Daniel this vision?
3. Given the similarities between what was revealed to Nebuchadnezzar and to Daniel 2 years earlier, why do you think God gave Daniel yet another vision?

Daniel's Vision (verses 3-14)

1. What stands out the most to you in this vision? Why?

The Interpretation (verses 15-26)

1. The best way to interpret prophecy is when Scripture interprets prophecy for us. Why do you think God is so specific, not only in the details of the prophecy, but in His revelation of its meaning?
2. Is there any part of this prophecy that God could have explained better?
3. Do you think God is being purposefully vague on some points? Why or why not?
4. What is the purpose of God given prophecy?
5. What does this vision help us to understand about:
 - a) History?
 - b) God?
 - c) Ourselves?

Daniel's Response (verse 27)

1. Why do you think Daniel responded the way he responded?
2. Do you think this prophecy was encouraging to Daniel? Why or why not?
3. Given our position in history (looking backward) unlike Daniel we are able to see how this prophecy was fulfilled. And yet, like Daniel we do not know how the prophecy will be fulfilled in future history. With that in mind, is there any part of Daniel's response that you can personally identify with? Why or why not?
4. How might Daniel's response be encouraging to you?

Processing All That...

1. From today's message, which of the following do you find most encouraging?
 - a) Nothing in history (past or future) is a surprise to God.
 - b) God knows how evil things are and the extent of evil in the future.
 - c) God will end evil and bring judgment on the anti-Christ.
2. How might today's study help you to respond with courage in the presence of evil?
3. What from today's study might you be able to share with others you come into contact with this week?

Generic Catch All Last Question...

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?