



Introduction to “Foreseeing and Overseeing”

In Daniel chapter 11, Daniel gets a bit of a history lesson, but not about past events. This vision walks him through the next several hundred years of history that will impact God’s people. The detail, in hindsight, is remarkable, but we often skip over prophetic passages like this. They can be difficult to follow, and especially difficult to apply. Today’s sermon centers around the big picture purpose for prophecy.

During your discussion, if you ever feel lost or confused, refer back to the purpose. How does a detailed walk through history like this glorify God in your heart and mind, and how can it be a tool for leading others to a saving knowledge of Jesus?

Daniel Series Objectives:

Head: To understand the Book of Daniel.

Heart: To face hardship with courage.

Hands: To make choices that glorify God.

Part 10: Hearing and Answering

Text: Daniel 10

Big Idea: God is actively hearing and answering our prayers on a global and eternal scale.

From the Sermon (add your own notes here):

1. _____ **future. (11:2-20)**

2. _____ **Future (11:21-39)**

3. **End future. (11:40-12:4)**

Getting Started

1. Are you a history person or not? Why? It seems like people either really get into dates and names or they don't.

2. Read chapters 10-11 together. How is this long vision in chapter 11 continuing to answer Daniel's prayers in chapter 10?

3. Have you ever experienced modern prophecy, someone speaking a word from God to you or God speaking through you to someone else?

Digging Deeper

What does the level of detail in this passage tell us about God and his ongoing sovereignty across the centuries?

We saw Daniel in mourning and fasting in chapter 10. This vision is not overly encouraging for Israel's short term future. Where is the hope and encouragement in this passage?

Information is just trivia unless it is applied. What do you think the desired application was for Daniel from this download of information about the future?

When in your life can you see God was preparing you for a challenge ahead? What did that look like and did you recognize it in the moment?

How would you define Bible prophecy and modern prophecy to someone who did not have prior knowledge? What is the value and place of each?

What is the purpose of each in our lives today?

Live It Out

Pray: Pray for God to speak to you and through you, however he desires. Pray for an open heart, if God chose to prophesy to you or to others through you.

Confess: What skepticism or dismissive attitudes do you carry towards the work of the Holy Spirit and specifically prophecy?

Act: Before the holidays begin, consider fasting. How might practicing fasting help you enjoy and celebrate God more in your feasting? Additionally, how might more focused prayer open the door for the Spirit to do new works in and through you?