



THRIVING IN BABYLON

Seeing the True King and His Kingdom

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Outline

Read **Daniel 7:1-28** and remind everyone of the outline:

- I. It's Not Wrong to be Troubled and Even Terrified by all the Chaos and Evil that's Going on in our World**
- II. It's Not Right to Think that God's Not Presently on His Throne and Will Not Put an End to All the Evil of this World**
- III. It's Not Wise to Focus on Knowing More about the Future Without Knowing More about the One Who Holds the Future**
- IV. You're No Fool to Want to Live and Give Your Life for the One Who Already Gave His Life for You!**
 - A. The 'Son of Man' was Jesus' favorite name for himself
 - B. Claiming to be the 'Son of Man' was what sent him to the cross
 - C. The 'Son of Man' has called us to tell the sons of men all over this world who the true King is!

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. What do you see as the worst and best time in human history?
- B. How do you get your news? TV, radio, Internet, conversations?...
- C. What's your gut reaction to the parts of the Bible (Apocalyptic and Prophetic) like the visions of Daniel or Revelation? Why do you think God put these into His Word?
- D. How does the media affect your view of the world?

II. Application Question

- A. How can you put current events into perspective with God's rule and plan? What does it look like to be "troubled" by this world, but not controlled by it?
- B. What does it mean to "soak" in God's Word? How do you practically keep God's throne room in view?
- C. What's your reaction to the statement: "God's Word tells us there will be pain, but that we don't need to panic."
- D. What can you put into practice to "give up your spot on the programming committee to be a part of the welcoming committee"?!
- E. Does your relationship with the Lord – knowing Him deeply – give you courage to "do great exploits"? Does your willingness to take risks for God show your love and trust for Him and His glory?

III. Gospel Connection – The Son of Man came and will be coming back for those who know Him!

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Pray for Greater Still this Friday! That hearts would see His glory and be moved to live for His Kingdom
- B. Are you weary and discouraged in some way? How can you fix your eyes on Jesus this week?
- C. "As you're going"...pray for a heart to be confident in the Lord our God.