

Growing Deeper Continued:

- **READ Daniel 2:34-35; 44-45; 7:13-14; 26-27.** What is the “stone not cut out by human hands” in Daniel 2:34-35 & 44-45? In Daniel 7:13-14 & 26-27, what is the fifth kingdom that will replace the four beastly kingdoms in the future? Who is going to rule over the fifth kingdom for eternity?
- Pastor Matthew mentioned the evolution of the fourth kingdom (Roman Empire) and the “re-emergence” of the fourth kingdom today. What did he mean by that? Discuss.

Taking it Home:

- Do you have difficulty seeing life application from prophetic Scriptures? Believers have access to the entire revelation of God to mankind through the Scriptures. Does this give you confidence and hope knowing God is sovereign, in control and that His kingdom vanquishes Satan and all his evil?
- Knowing that God is still actively engaged in the affairs of men, nations, and kings, does it cause you fear and worry when you see the world in current turmoil, confusion and chaos, or does it elevate your faith, trust and dependency upon God? During your prayer time with God do you seek peace and trust in Him? (**Cf. Psalm 27:1, 14; Philippians 4:6-7**).
- Have you felt an urgency to share your Christian faith with friends and family because you sense Jesus may be coming back soon? What’s stopping you from sharing your faith with others?
- Have you been living for the world, and the concerns of the things of this world, or have you been more concerned about living for the eternal kingdom which may be coming soon? (**Cf. Matthew 6:19-21; Colossians 3:1-2**).

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew’s sermon points, visit pastormatthew.net and click on the “Write This Down” tab.

Memoirs of an Ancient Prophet
The Verdict is In
Daniel 7: 1-28

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Notes:

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of February 27, 2011

Daniel 7: 1-28

Quick Review: The interpretation of Daniel chapter 7 is one of the greatest keys to understanding Biblical prophecy and the end times. Daniel's vision and detailed prophetic description of future events traces the course of four great world empires concluding with the climax of world history with the second coming of Jesus Christ and the inauguration of the millennial kingdom.

My Story:

- Most people who've attended "church" at some point during their lives have probably heard bits and pieces about future end time events. Most people have some kind of presupposition (*information they've heard but not learned about a subject*) about Biblical prophecies and end time events. Share what you've learned or heard about the prophecy of Daniel's vision of the four beasts from chapter 7 and then discuss. Compare and contrast your findings.
- Does studying end time Biblical prophecy cause you alarm, fear or distress? Does studying end time Biblical prophecy create intrigue, heightened awareness, and possibly some inner excitement? Share your thoughts and discuss.

Growing Deeper:

- Pastor Matthew mentioned that the first 6 chapters of the Book of Daniel are chronological in time; however the last 6 chapters (7 - 12) are all prophetic. What did Pastor Matthew tell us about the personal application'(s) from the first 6 chapters of Daniel and the application'(s) from the last 6 prophetic chapters of Daniel? Make a list and discuss.
- Many books and commentaries have been written about Daniel chapters 7 through 12 and its future end time prophecies. Why is it important to study prophetic Scriptures? Make a list and discuss.
- Pastor Matthew shared some comparisons between the vision of King Nebuchadnezzar & the statue in Daniel 2 and Daniel's vision of four beasts in Daniel 7. Make a list of the clear comparisons and obvious contrasts Pastor Matthew mentioned about the two visions in chapter 2 & chapter 7. READ Revelation 13:1-4. Is the future "beast coming out of the sea" in Rev. 13:1-4 an amalgamation of the "beasts" Daniel saw in his vision? Discuss.
- What did Pastor Matthew say about why the fourth beast Daniel saw in his vision was so horrible and so terrible that he couldn't properly describe the beast because it was "so dreadful?" What is the connection between the "fourth great dreadful beast" and the future antichrist coming to power? (Cf. Daniel 7:19-25; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 8-10; Revelation 13:1-10; 16-18).
- What did Pastor Matthew share about the "beast having ten horns?" What or who is the "little horn coming up from the ten horns who was speaking blasphemous words?" (Cf. Dan. 7:8, 11; 7:19-25; Dan. 8:9; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:5, 6). What is the "spirit of antichrist" described in 1 John 2:22-23; 4:3; 2 John 1:7? According to the Apostle John, if people today do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, what is John's description of those who deny Jesus Christ is God?