

Taking it Home:

- Let's be frank; a person either believes God's Word is true or it is a lie; it cannot be both. Do you Trust God's Word? Knowing that God's Word has been proven undeniably historically accurate throughout the annals of history; can you trust the remainder of the prophecies in Scripture that have not yet been fulfilled?
- In 2009 when the great Red River flood rapidly approached Fargo/Moorhead, did you sense the urgency to assist in helping people in the community to stave off the flood? There is a flood coming on humanity in the future; it is the one world government and rise of the Antichrist. Do you have a broken heart for the unsaved people of this community or the world to urgently tell them about Jesus Christ before the rise of Antichrist? (Cf. 2 Thess. 2:2-10).
- The great evangelist John Wesley once made this statement, "*If I had 300 men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men except Jesus Christ and Him crucified; I would set the world on fire.*" How can you personalize this statement to make it true about you? What must you personally do to be one of the "300" that are making an impact in our world for Christ?

Related Reading:

- John Piper, "*Don't Waste your life*"
- John Piper, "*50 reasons why Jesus Died for our sins*"
- David Jeremiah, "*What in the World is going on?*"

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 Approach of the Antichrist: Part 2
Daniel 11:2-45

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The Approach of the Antichrist: Part 2

DON'T FORGET - Book of Daniel Q & A, Sunday April 10th, 4:00 PM room 112

Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, Growth Group homework, and a podcast of sermons with homework, visit www.bethelfc.com.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 10, 2011

Daniel 10: 1-11:1

Quick Review: As in Daniel 8:3-26, this prophecy sweeps all the way from the history of spiritual conflict in Israel (11:2-25) to the Great Tribulation (Vv. 36-42) when Michael aids in fully delivering Israel (Dan. 12:1). Daniel 11:2-35 unfolds the near fulfillment of the Persian kingdom and the reign of Greece through the evil despot leader who desecrates the temple in 167 B.C. Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Antiochus IV Epiphanes is a foreshadowing figure of the future Satanic man who rules the entire world during the Great Tribulation--Antichrist. The detail of this history in Daniel 11 is so minute and extremely accurate with details, confirmed by history, it reflects the majesty of God and trustworthiness of His Word. Daniel 11:36-45 is the far fulfillment of God's prophetic plan. It summarizes details of Daniel's 70th week which are found nowhere else in Scripture.

My Story:

- Remember the great flood of 2009? Days before the crest of the raging waters there was an **urgency** to stop the rising flood waters. A massive appeal went over the air waves and television to assemble as many people as possible to sandbag homes along the Red River to attempt to save the homes from flooding. Possibly you were a great part of saving many homes by your sandbagging effort. Do you personally sense there's urgency in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that is perishing and headed to hell? Discuss your viewpoint.

Growing Deeper:

- Pastor Matthew stated that Daniel 11:2-35 is the future prophecy of what would take place in Persia, Greece and Israel hundreds of years after Daniel wrote his book. Daniel's incredible, detailed prophetic events are an incredibly accurate historical narrative which has been completely fulfilled. If many of Daniel's prophecies have been fulfilled thus far, why **should** people today trust that the rest of Daniel's prophecies will come true? Is the Word of God reliable? (**READ and interpret: Isa. 24:18-20; John 17:17; Romans 15:4; 1 Cor. 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20**)
- What is significant about the three KEY personalities Pastor Matthew mentioned from Daniel 11; (1) Persian King Ahasuerus (Xerxes); (2) Alexander the Great; (3) Antiochus IV Epiphanes?
- Pastor Mentioned Antiochus IV Epiphanes (Dan. 11:21-35) was a forerunner (foreshadowing) of the future Antichrist. In what ways did Pastor Matthew compare Antiochus Epiphanes and the Antichrist? (Daniel 8:11-14)
- What did Pastor Matthew share about why God has planned the future 7 year Great Tribulation (Daniel's 70th week)? Pastor Matthew gave two distinct reasons: (READ Isaiah 13:6-11; 26:21; Jeremiah 25:32-33; 2 Thess. 2:12; Jeremiah 30:7; Ezekiel 20:37; Daniel 12:1; Zechariah 13:8-9)
- In Daniel 11:36-45, a vivid picture of the Antichrist rises once again. Daniel gives us a glimpse of the nature and evil character of this future world leader. (1) What is his nature? (2) who gives him his power to rise to become ruler of the world? (3) What happens to him? (READ and interpret: Dan. 7:24-26; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:2-3; 8-9; 1 John 2:22; 4:3; Rev. 13:1-18; 19-19-21).
- After reflecting on this powerful study of Daniel 11 concerning the future, what should you do with this knowledge? Do you sense an urgency to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ?