

DANIEL 11:1-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 In Daniel 10-12, God gives the prophet insight into the future and a measure of understanding about his divine plan.

 *Have you ever wished God would clearly explain His plans for your life?*

 *Do you think it would be easier to be obedient knowing what is to come? Why or why not?*

2 What are some of the reasons that God might allow evil kingdoms to rise to power?

 *Do you believe God can use difficulty to work in his people? If so, how has he used it in your life?*

 *How would you describe the striking contrast of the kingdom of God in Daniel 7 with the kingdoms of man in Daniel 11?*

3 Daniel 11 is a tough chapter filled with wars, kings, deceit, intrigue, and power-hungry pursuits. Think back over our study through this book. What larger themes can be seen in these detailed accounts of rulers, conflicts, and successes?

 *What hope can be found in this chapter for God's people?*

 *How does Daniel 11 impact your view of God – what aspects of His character surface in your mind?*

4 Daniel 11-12 talk about “the time of the end.” Where do you feel secure and hopeful about the future, and where do you feel insecure and worried?

 *How can this last vision in Daniel offer comfort and encouragement to believers?*

 *Do you think it's possible to live with end times urgency today (more than 2 millennia after Jesus' resurrection)? If so, what does it look like?*

 *What makes it difficult for you personally to live with that kind of urgency?*

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Why is preparation for persecution such a necessary part of discipleship?

 *Daniel is called to endure to the end – with that in mind, how would you describe the relationship between distress and deliverance for a believer?*

 *Why is the resurrection an important and necessary component of the gospel? Why do you think it is so often overlooked?[1]*

