

Theme: The book of Daniel gives stories of faithful believers standing strong in trying times of exile and visions of the ultimate victory of God's Kingdom over the kingdoms of this world.

## I. Strangers In A Strange Land

- A. Theme: To stand strong in trying times, we must know that God is Sovereign and faithful, even in the land of our exile.
- B. Text: Daniel 1:1-2
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Two kingdoms; exile and return; Sovereignty of God; God's character

## II. Standing Strong In Exile

- A. Theme: To stand strong in our land of exile we must remember our true identity as God's people, trust in His Sovereignty, and walk with wisdom and humility as we are in the world but not of it.
- B. Text: Daniel 1:1-21
- C. Response: Water baptism
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- E. Teaching keywords: Two kingdoms; exile and return; Sovereignty of God; humility and pride; wisdom and knowledge

## III. The God of Wisdom and Power

- A. Theme: God is the source of wisdom and power, His kingdom is everlasting, and He will give wisdom and power to His exile people as they walk with Him.
- B. Text: Daniel 2
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30 paraphrase
- E. Teaching keywords: Sovereignty of God; wisdom and knowledge; kingdom of God; exile and return

## IV. Standing Strong In Fiery Trials

- A. Theme: To stand strong in the fiery trials of exile, God's people must walk by faith - displaying humble confidence in God, trusting in His Sovereign Power, and obeying God and His Word regardless of the consequences.
- B. Text: Daniel 3
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Peter 1:6-9
- E. Teaching keywords: Faith; testing and trial; idolatry and false gods; two kingdoms; exile and return; sovereignty of God

## **V. Humbling the Proud**

- A. Theme: God is Sovereign over the world, both nations and individuals, and is able to humble the proud and exalt the humble.
- B. Text: Daniel 4 (Daniel 4:1-3; 4:34-37)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Peter 5:5 paraphrase
- E. Teaching keywords: Humility and Pride; Sovereignty of God; kingdom of God; evangelism and missions

## **VI. The Handwriting On the Wall**

- A. Theme: God brought mighty Babylon and her arrogant king to a swift end as He had promised, and this is a warning to all who arrogantly trust in themselves rather than Christ.
- B. Text: Daniel 5
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17 paraphrase
- E. Teaching keywords: Sovereignty of God; judgment; humility and pride; the Word of God

## **VII. New Boss, Same As the Old Boss**

- A. Theme: Daniel still faced persecution under the new kingdom, reminding us that God's people must always live by trust in God rather than man in the land of our exile.
- B. Text: Daniel 6
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Breastplate prayer excerpt
- E. Teaching keywords: Sovereignty of God; prayer; persecuted church; two kingdoms; exile and return

## **VIII. Thriving In the Land of Our Exile**

- A. Theme: To thrive in our exile, we must labor to see others experience shalom, remember that our God is the Living, Eternal God, that the kingdoms of this world pass away but that God's Kingdom endures forever, and that God rescues and saves His people into His kingdom.
- B. Text: Daniel 6:25-28
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3

## **IX. The Beasts and the Son of Man - Part 1**

- A. Theme: Daniel has a vision of four kingdoms (Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome), which in their rebellion to God are beastly forces who oppress God's people. However, he also sees the Son of Man who established the eternal kingdom of God that will grow throughout history and defeat all rebellion against God.
- B. Text: Daniel 7:1-14
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 5:13-14
- E. Teaching keywords: Kingdom of God; two kingdoms; ascension, exaltation, and session; Christology; judgment; prophecy (Old Testament)

## **X. The Beasts, the Little Horn, and the People of God**

- A. Theme: Daniel has a vision of four great beasts and a little horn that oppress God's people, but the Son of Man has established the eternal kingdom of God which grows throughout history and will be given to God's covenant people.
- B. Text: Daniel 7:15-28
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 1:4-6
- E. Teaching keywords: Kingdom of God; two kingdoms; persecuted church; ascension, exaltation, and session; second coming; Christology; judgment; prophecy (Old Testament)

## **XI. History and The Word of the Sovereign God**

- A. Theme: Daniel was given a vision of two future kingdoms and an evil ruler who will desecrate God's Temple and persecute God's people, but he saw God intervene to destroy the persecutor and deliver His people, for the Sovereign God rules over the kingdoms of mankind.
- B. Text: Daniel 8
- C. Response: Welcome new members and water baptisms
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Sovereignty of God; Word of God; persecuted church; prophecy (Old Testament)

## **XII. Exile Prayers**

- A. Theme: In light of the experience of the exile and his visions of the future, and built upon biblical teaching regarding God's covenant and the end of the exile, Daniel turns to God in an intense time of prayer - praising God, confessing the sin of God's people, and crying out for God's intervention.
- B. Text: Daniel 9:1-19
- C. Response: New member recognition & water baptisms
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Prayer; Word of God; confession and repentance; praise; God's character; covenant; Old Covenant

### **XIII. Daniel's Seventy Sevens**

- A. Theme: Daniel's seventy sevens give us a picture of the coming of the Messiah to fulfill the old covenant and establish the new covenant, bringing full salvation for His people but judging those Who reject His sacrifice.
- B. Text: Daniel 9:20-27
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: New Covenant; Old Covenant; prophecy (Old Testament); Gospel; Tabernacle and Temple; judgment; eschatology

### **XIV. The Invisible War**

- A. Theme: There is an invisible war between God's angelic forces and the forces of Satan which is related to and affects the visible rise and fall of human kingdoms and the plight of God's people, but God's Sovereign Plan will be accomplished in the end!
- B. Text: Daniel 10-11 (Daniel 10:1-11:4)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Saint Patrick's breastplate
- E. Teaching keywords: Spiritual warfare; Sovereignty of God; prayer; Satan and demons; angels; Word of God

### **XV. Standing Strong To the End**

- A. Theme: God's people will continue to go through trying times, but as they trust in God's Sovereignty and their future eternal reward it will enable them to stand strong to the end.
- B. Text: Daniel 12
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Jude 24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: Persecuted Church; perseverance; eschatology; resurrection; hermeneutics

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