

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Series: "An Extraordinary Book for Extraordinary Times"

Text: Daniel 4:17b

INTRODUCTION:

1. I think you will agree, this has been a difficult year.
 - *Coronavirus Pandemic (lockdowns, deaths, crowded hospitals)*
 - *Outburst of racial violence in our streets foll. death of G. Floyd*
 - *Presidential Election we have just come through*
 - *Elections in Georgia will determine control of the U. S. Senate*
2. I want to bring HOPE in 2021. The words God spoke to Israel thru the prophet Jeremiah are still true for us today: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11).

THE _____ OF THE TIME

A time of humanism, instability, war, and false prophets and Christs.

1. The rejection of God's rule (Eden; Gen. 3) _____.
2. Man does the _____ of what God has ordained.
3. The greater man's attempt to establish Utopia thru self-rule the more his situation _____.
4. The world is ready for the arrival of the _____.

THE _____ OF DANIEL

1. **THEME** and **KEY VERSE**:
The sovereign rule of God over the _____ of men.
2. **OUTLINE**:
The book of Daniel falls naturally into three major parts:
 - A. Jewish youths in a pagan culture (ch. 1)
An introduction to the man, Daniel, and his prophetic message!

1) **Time:** Judah's exile to Babylon (605-535 B.C.)

2) **Place:** While living in the royal courts of the city of Babylon

B. God's sovereign rule over **Gentiles** demonstrated (chs. 2-7)
God rules over their kingdoms, punishments, rulers, defenses, law and future.

C. God's sovereign rule over **Israel** demonstrated (chs. 8-12)
The development and progress of Israel during - "the times of the Gentiles."
God's dealings with Israel manifest His sovereignty over its persecutions,
preservation, salvation, and final deliverance.

DANIEL'S _____ FOR TODAY

Four threads that run through the tapestry of Daniel . . .

1. _____: God knows all ... past, present, future.

2. _____: God rules over the affairs of men.

3. _____: God's is the only one that will last.

4. _____: True measure of godliness is obedience.
Compromise is never justified by circumstances. Compromise begins when we
allow circumstances to justify our choices!

DANIEL: GOD'S REVELATION FOR _____.

1. _____: God has a glorious future planned.

2. _____: The Book of Daniel gives us understanding of today's events occurring before our very eyes.

3. _____: It dovetails (goes hand-in-glove) with the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Daniel is to the Old Testament what the book of Revelation is to the New Testament.

4. _____: Daniel means "God is my judge." And by the way, He is yours too! When we fear God, our judge, we obey Him.