

## The Apocalyptic Future



**Background** – This series is designed to show us the sovereignty of God and that He controls all things, no matter what our circumstances might say.

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – [Daniel 7:13-14](#)

**Core Passage** - [Daniel Chapter 7](#)

**Take Away** - Apocalyptic Literature teaches us the broad parameters of the future.

### Sermon Guide:

#### I. What does the Apocalyptic Literature of Daniel teach us about the future?

- 1) Evil is an on-going reality that affects everyone.  
[Daniel 7:1-8, Romans 3:10-18](#)
- 2) There has always been a great cosmic struggle where God fights against evil.  
[Daniel 7:9-14, Ephesians 6:12](#)
- 3) God will ultimately win the battle over evil.  
[Daniel 7:26-28, Colossians 2:14-15](#)

#### II. How can we apply God's Word to our lives?

- 1) Have you faced the evil in your own life and asked for the help of Jesus to change?
- 2) Does reading Daniel chapter 7 give you a sense of fear or confidence? Why?
- 3) What is God specifically saying to you as you read this passage?

#### III. Family/Small Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That the message of Daniel would encourage us to obey God.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
  - 1) In Daniel's description of the Ancient of Days in verses [9-10](#), what aspects of God's nature and power are revealed? How can this picture of God give us hope and

stability when the nations, or our lives, are facing chaos?

- 2) Daniel is told that the saints of the Most High will share in the kingdom with the Son of man. What do you find most appealing about Daniel's description of God's kingdom (verses [13-14, 27](#)), and why?
- 3) How do we live so that it is clear we put our trust in Jesus and not the nations?
- 4) How does reading this passage affect your attitude toward the future? How can you pray more confidently for yourself and your family members, for your church, your community, and for the nations, including the USA?
- 5) We know that Daniel didn't live to see every prophecy he gave be fulfilled. Reflect on Daniel's words in [verse 28](#). What can we apply when we are called by God to do difficult things or when the answers to our prayers are not what we hoped?