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The Faith of a 15 Year Old

Guest Speaker Scott Hagan – March 18, 2018

Daniel 7:1-14

“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it. 2 Daniel said, I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. 3 And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. 5 And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, Arise, devour much meat! 6 After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

9 I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. 10 A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened. 11 Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words, which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. 13 I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. 14 And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language

might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one, which will not be destroyed.”

1. Welcome To The Great **ZOO**

The Lion: *Represented the Babylonian Empire.*

The Bear: *Represented the Medo-Persian Empire.*

The Leopard: *Represented the Greek Empire.*

The Non-Descript Beast: *Represented the old and future Roman Empire.*

2. But Daniel Kept **LOOKING**

We Need To Stop Describing SATAN, And Start Describing Our SAVIOR,

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“Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking: I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to burning fire” (v.II)

“I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven, One like the Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.” (v.I3).

Upcoming Teaching Schedule

Mar 25

- Alamo: Pastor Doug — All services.
- Dublin: Pastor Doug — 9:30am & 11:15am, streaming from Alamo.

EASTER SERVICES - March 31 & April 1

- Dublin: Pastor Doug - All services: Saturday, 4pm; Sun: 9:30am & 11:15am.
- Alamo (Sun): Pastor Doug, live at 8am and 12:45pm; streaming live from Dublin at 9:30am & 11:15 am.

Life Group Discussion & Questions

BREAKING THE ICE: I love that God uses so many things and gifts to point people to Jesus. I believe this to be true about God, he will not spare any expense to help his creation to come into lasting relationship with Himself. Talk about when you gave your life to Jesus.

DIGGING IN: Take time as a group to Read Daniel 7:1-28.

1. In Daniel 1:17 it says, "... and Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds." 9 of the 12 chapters in Daniel revolve around dreams. Why do you think God decided to give this ability to Daniel? How did it help him and others in Babylon?
2. Pastor Scott talked about this key phrase, "But Daniel Kept Looking". It reminds us that in times of trouble we need to remember that God is all powerful and on His throne. What areas in your life, that seem hopeless, do you need to remember to keep your eyes on Jesus?
3. There was a great statement used in todays message, "*We Need To Stop Describing SATAN, And **Start Describing Our SAVIOR.***" Discuss as a group how great Jesus is, His characteristics and all His Promises for his people.

BRINING IT HOME: What is the purpose of everything in scripture. Why does God give spiritual gifts to His People? To help people know, that when there are bad things happening all around us, God will always be with us and will never leave us. That Salvation is found in **Christ Alone!!!**

As a Life Group, discuss how you can be part of someones salvation story. Maybe its handing our Easter invites, hanging Easter door hangers on neighbors doors or posting something on social Media. God desires to use us to get his message of hope to those who are lost.