

FAITHFUL ENDURANCE

DANIEL 11-12 | WEEK 10

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 11-12

MEMORIZE

“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

—Daniel 12:3

“Yet at the end of the story, and for all their vaunted power, the kingdoms of this world can neither destroy God’s work nor establish it. They are merely tools in the hand of a sovereign God who is able to declare the end from the beginning because he alone ultimately controls the affairs of men and nations... In such times of personal uncertainty, we need to cling firmly onto the knowledge that all of world events, from the greatest to the least, are not only known ahead of time to God but are under his sovereign power to control.”

—Iain M. Duguid
“Daniel”

DANIEL 11:1-4

1. Christ spoke of “wars and rumors of wars” (Matt. 24:6). What do you think we can learn from the reality of warfare the world over throughout history?

DANIEL 12

4. Being wise and encouraging righteousness are important (Daniel 12:3). What can you do to cultivate wisdom and righteousness in your own life and in your chosen career?

DANIEL 11:20-23

2. Political leaders and empires rise and fall throughout history, often bringing with them great suffering. Given what you’ve learned about Daniel, how should we respond to the many challenges we must endure?

DANIEL 11:29-45

3. Despite the many Machiavelian machinations of sinful rulers, note what verse 45 says. How can this passage give us hope today in reference to rulers who abuse power and oppress their people? What can we do to alleviate suffering caused by bad rulers?