

Questions on Daniel 7 “The Time of the Gentiles”

Daniel 7 is a bird's eye view of “The Times of the Gentiles as mentioned in Luke 21:24. It spans from the time rule of Nebuchadnezzar to the antichrist. Pastor Mark's message dealt with the issue of God's control in life. Therefore, as we consider this, let's discuss a few questions:

Question 1.

Read Jeremiah 29:11. Here is a message of hope delivered to the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar took captive after his third siege of Judah. In light of all the businesses that are failing, homes that are being foreclosed upon and people who are losing their jobs, how does this encouraging message “plans to prosper you” apply to us? Is it sometimes the will of God that businesses fail?

Question 2.

Read Malachi 2:16. Here we read that the Lord hates divorce, yet we all know of Christian marriages that have failed or are failing. Has God let these brothers and sisters down? Is it sometimes the will of God that marriages fail?

Question 3

Read Mathew 6:25-34,

Pastor Mark said that if God can make the ocean that is so vast and the universe which is beyond our comprehension doesn't He have the power to hold our lives together? In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus invites us to trust God for all things for we are his children. He calls us not to be as the Gentiles who live their lives in pursuit of their needs or to gratify their desires. Yet where is the balance here in respect to our jobs? Doesn't God command us to be faithful stewards with that which he has given us? After all, if we make some wrong decisions the ramifications to our retirement or to our business could be disastrous. Where is the balance between worry and faithful concern?

Question 4.

Please Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. In these verses the prophet declares to us a mystery, a truth that is difficult to receive. We are not here in this life and on this earth to have our needs gratified nor to have all our dreams come true. In fact, God may choose or allow circumstances in our life to devastate us physically or monetarily. Does this mean He is unfaithful? Does this mean He does not care? Are you alright with this decision of His if He allows it? At this point in your life can you say with Job “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”? Job 1:21

Question 5.

Read 2 Peter 3:10-13

When you think of this do you feel relieved or do you feel ripped off?