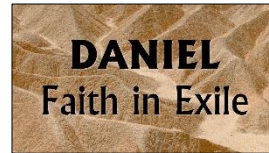


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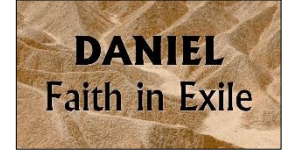
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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Have you had much exposure to apocalyptic literature such as Daniel 7 in the past? If so, what was emphasized and how were apocalyptic visions such as Daniel's in the Bible interpreted and made sense of in your context?
- Read *Daniel 7:1-28*. What parallels do you find between this account and the story in Daniel 2? What differences do you observe?
- In verse 15 and 28, Daniel describes his emotions in response to the visions and interpretations. How does he describe how he's feeling? How does his honesty connote humility and contrast with the beasts in verses 8 and 11? Have you felt permission to confess to God when you have felt troubled or terrified? If so, what has being that vulnerable been like?
- In verse 13, Daniel sees one "like a human being" or one "like a son of Man." Jesus calls himself "the Son of Man" eighty-one times in the Gospels. How does Daniel 7 help enhance your understanding of who Jesus is? Why do you think he used "the Son of Man" as a title to describe himself so often?
- Daniel's vision illuminates the ongoing conflict and chaos of earthly powers, until the Ancient of Days establishes his everlasting kingdom (v. 18). How is this a hopeful message?
- *For family discussion:* Tell one another a silly dream (it can be made up). We often dream about interesting things like running in slow motion or going outside in our underwear. Sometimes dreams can be very silly, and sometimes they can be a little scary. Daniel dreamed about some big creatures, but then he saw God sitting on a throne in heaven. Daniel trusted God, and God helped Daniel to know what the dream meant. What can you do to show that you trust God more than things that are silly, scary, or confusing?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.