Emmanuel Prayer List - December

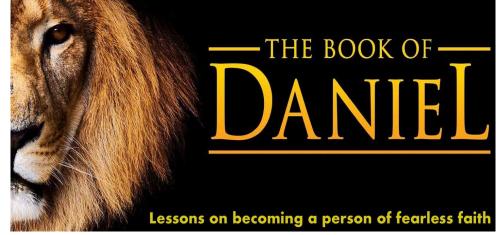
Awana - Sarah Armstrong Administrator and Educator

- Pray that Sarah will have the joy and energy she will require in her new position with Awana.
- As Sarah travels for work, pray that she will have the right balance between family and work.
- May she stay focused in the way God directs her with an open heart and eyes.
- God's protection and purpose for Sarah and steadfastness in spite of conflicts and challenges.

Study Continued

7. Read Daniel 10:2-3 and 10:12-13. This whole passage refers to when Daniel was praying and mourning about things to come. God's angel comes to Daniel, but is 'detained', by a demonic power, the Prince of Persia, until the Archangel Michael comes and gives that angel aid. This happens during the whole of the three weeks that Daniel is in prayer. This gives us a brief insight into the spiritual battle that is taking place. It also explains why sometimes our prayers might be delayed. Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

All this gives an even better insight into why we need to put on the full armour. We are in a battle. We might not see it, but it is very, very real. With this in mind, how can you be ready for the battle, be specific, and how should you live to make sure that you win the battle?



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

- 1. Learn to stand alone Daniel 1
- 2. Finding Peace and Wisdom Daniel 2:1-28
- 3. Living for the purposes of God Daniel 2:29-49
- 4. Becoming Faithful Daniel 3
- 5. Humble Yourself Daniel 4
- 6. Heed the warnings Daniel 5
- 7. Be a person of integrity Daniel 6:1-15
- 8. You don't need to survive Daniel 6:13-28
- 9. Jesus is coming again Daniel 7-8
- 10. The end of times Daniel 9-11
- 11. Is your name in the book? Daniel 12



"More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreams."



The end of times - Daniel 9-11

Christian hope:

Col 1:27

ON WHAT IS YOUR HOPE BASED?

v.1-2 Background: Jer 29:10

v.3 So I turned to the Lord God and _____ Daniel's prayer:

GOD'S PROMISE

Jer 29:11 I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, Plans to ...

v.24 Seventy 'seven's have been decreed.... to:

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v.25 Seven 'sevens' (49 Years):

Sixty two 'sevens' (434 years):

v.26 After the sixty two sevens the annointed one will be _____

THE TIMES WE'RE IN

v.26-27 The last 'seven' :

The Spiritual battle (Daniel 10:2-3;12-13): Eph 6:12

Luke 18:1 Always pray and do not _____

1. Define Christian hope. How is it different to the world's idea of hope?

What is our Christian hope based on? (Also read Colossians 1:27)

- 2. Read Daniel 9:1-3. Daniel had lived his life as an exile in Babylon since he was about 14 or 15 years old. He was now in his mid 80's. Daniel knew the promise of God, through the prophet Jeremiah (Read Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10). Daniel based his hopes and his prayers on the word of God. How important is this to the way we live and pray?
- 3. Read Daniel 9:4-19. What are some of the significant aspects of Daniel's prayer? What can we learn from Daniel's prayer for our own prayers?
- 4. Read Daniel 9:2-23. Gabriel came to Daniel while he was still praying. Verse 23 says, "As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you." That year, King Cyrus issued a decree to allow the Jewish people to go back to Israel. What does this say about our own prayers? Also read 1 John 5:14-15 and Hebrews 4:16.
- 5. Read Daniel 5:25-27. These aren't the easiest verses for us to understand. However, first, realise that they are said to Daniel in response to His prayer for the deliverance of his people. God is effectively saying to Daniel: I have a much bigger plan for the world than just to bring the people back to Israel. From verse 24, what are the six things that God is going to achieve through His plan? Explain them.

Since God has a bigger plan than just resolving the immediate issue - how do you think that relates to us in our own lives? Might there a bigger plan for the things that we are going through, and how God will use them for His purposes? Also read Jeremiah 29:10-11

6. In Daniel 9:25-26, God gets quite specific with regards to the timing of His plan, leading to the coming of the Messiah and His eventual death, and then the destruction of Jerusalem, and the Temple, in 70AD. We are now living in a time of grace before the final 'seven' when there will be a time of great tribulation. Jesus talks about this. Read Matthew 24:1-34. Having read this, why do you think God tells us this?

Why do you think He isn't more specific, or speak more plainly?

What primary lesson do you get from the passage in Matthew 24?