



Daniel: Does God still reign? Does God still care?

Daniel is one of the most well-known and well-loved books of the Bible and yet also one of the most strangely unfamiliar. It's famous stories of deliverance and salvation are mixed in with strange visions and unexpected and disorientating details. The combination hints at a book which is exciting, relevant, strange, unexpected, challenging and glorious all at the same time!

The book follows Daniel and three friends who seek to remain true to God in the midst of exile and a world that no longer seems to have God at the centre. In many ways their experiences and challenges echo those of Christians in our world today – another world that no longer seems to have God at the centre.

Yet Daniel gives us much more than good examples, asking and answering all kinds of other related questions. At its heart this is a book about the challenges that exile and suffering pose to our beliefs and expectations about God. If God's people are routed and in disgrace, and the winners of this world no longer care about him – what does that mean? Is God still God? Does God still reign? Does God still care about me?

Daniel explores those questions in various different ways, declaring God's 'yes' – but often in difficult and unexpected ways. There are stories of God's power and deliverance, power clashes between God and the mightiest kings of this world, visions of the distant future that show God's control over history, and a vision of God's ultimate answer to all the world's problems – Jesus.

This series will dive into the book Daniel, and explore what it has to show us!

There will probably be 5 episodes covering the whole book – but that may change as the series takes shape.