



THE
UNSHAKEN
BOOK
OF
DANIEL

Unshaken: Agents of the Apocalypse

August 8th & 9th

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson

Scripture: Daniel 9

Series Overview

Unshaken is living countercultural, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken is letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this! When the world feels shaken, we can rest upon the Unshaken One. When all else fails, He never will. Join us throughout the week in this [12-week reading plan](#) as we dive deeper into the book of Daniel and how it applies to our lives today.

Series Discussion Questions

How are you living out what you're learning from the book of Daniel?

Message Overview

With all that is happening in our 2020 world, a conversation about eschatology seems apropos! What does the Bible say about the end times? Are there any hints that can help us navigate the crisis we find ourselves in? What can I do to get ready for what's next? Those are some of the questions we'll explore this week, and a few answers may surprise you! The good news? God's got this. Don't lose faith in the end of the story!

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Read aloud Daniel 9. What stands out to you and why?

Daniel models two daily habits: prayer and getting into God's Word. What does prayer and getting into God's Word look like for you on a daily basis? What could it look like?

Pastor Mark explained a unique approach to Scripture called PARDES. Share with one another some of the practices you've used to help with your spending time in the Bible.

What do you learn from Daniel's prayer? When you pray, do you tend to emphasize confession of sin, declaration of God's character, articulation of a predicament, or petition for divine intervention? In what ways?

Read Mark 11:17 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. What does it mean for Jesus' house to become a house of prayer for all the nations, both collectively and individually?

Share a time when you've been in a season of contending prayer and whether you're in one now. What was the reason? What were the results?

Read Revelation 11:15. What changes — or should change — when you know and are reminded of the end of the story?

Practical Application

- Memorize, meditate, contemplate, and reflect on Daniel 9 for five consecutive days this week using the [Weekly Daniel Reading Plan](https://ncc.re/unshaken) at ncc.re/unshaken.
- Experiment getting into God's Word using the four levels of learning, PARDES:
 - Peshat, a plain reading of Scripture: choose a verse or two to read aloud.
 - Remez, the hint: utilize a concordance to look at the original language. [Bible Gateway](#), [Bible Hub](#), and [BibleProject](#) are all helpful online resources.
 - Deresh, interpreting Scripture with Scripture
 - Sod, revelation from the Spirit
- Leverage Daniel's model of prayer as you pray this week: confess sin, declare God's character, articulate your predicament, and petition for divine intervention.
- During the [Post-Service Q & A](#), Charles Williams and Pastor Mark discussed what it looks like to have a theology of the city and some of the ways we're engaged as a church to bless a city to the third and fourth generation. Find one way to practically seek the peace and prosperity of your city this week. Check out some [ideas to engage locally](#).
- We're still climbing the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence gathering together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. NCCers across the nation have been experiencing growth and a deeper connection in the presence of God and each other. This opportunity to gather for prayer is open to all!