

THE UNSHAKEN BOOK OF DANIEL



Unshaken: Courage in Crisis

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Scripture: Daniel 11

Series Overview

Unshaken means living counterculturally, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken means 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 every day throughout these last two weeks in our [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

Daniel 11 is written like prophecy but it reads like history. While the people of God are coming to the end of exile and will be able to return to their land, Daniel is told that things will get worse before they get better. Israel will be sandwiched between two warring kingdoms, and the people of God will face a crisis of identity, a crisis of faith, and a crisis of hope. In order to find the right perspective and posture, they must be the kind of people who do not accept the current crisis as the end of the story. They must be the kind of people who do not put their trust in a current leader or ideology but recognize that God will outlive and outlast any earthly leader. They must be the kind of people who put their trust in the story and their trust in the author. As we stand in times of crisis, may we be people who stand in faithfulness, who walk in patience, who cling to hope.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Has there been a time in your life that required unwavering faith? What did it look like for you to stay steady and resolute? What were some of the challenges you faced? Have you experienced moments when “faith wasn’t working like it should”?

Read aloud Daniel 11. What stands out to you and why?

How are we to read Daniel 11 in light of the life of Jesus?

It can be tempting to think, "obedience brings blessing." The challenging part about faith is that, even in the most difficult and challenging times, obedience sometimes costs us and yet, we are to remain faithful. What does faithfulness to God look like in trying times? In what ways can you confront crisis with faithfulness?

How are you living today as a citizen of the kingdom that will outlive and outlast every earthly kingdom?

As the people of God, what does resilience look like? How do we get to the point of building resilience and not just simply seeking stability?

Practical Application

- ❑ Continue to work through Daniel 11 for five consecutive days this week using the [Weekly Daniel Reading Plan](https://ncc.re/unshaken) at ncc.re/unshaken.
- ❑ During the [Post-Service Q & A](#), Charles Williams and Pastor Heather discussed how to read Daniel 11 in light of the life of Jesus. Watch their conversation, then read Daniel 11 twice: once through the lens of a Jewish believer hundreds of years before Christ and once through the lens of a follower of Jesus in 2020.
- ❑ 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!