

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 31, 2021



Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Lord's Supper

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

"The Love of God"

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Overcome"

"Your Grace Is Enough"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Mel Toland

"I Can Hear You, Jesus"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

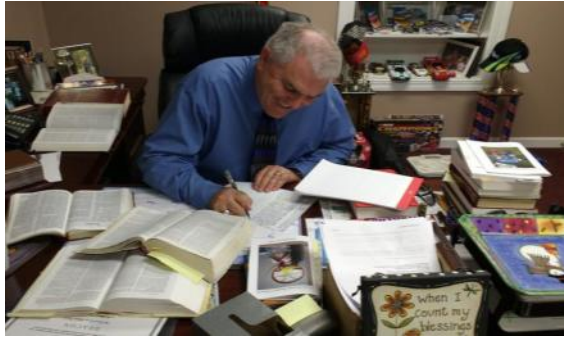
Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



God's Prophecies of Judgment

(Daniel 4:19-37)

Intro: As we've been examining this dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, we can easily conclude that this dream was a prophesy of judgment upon the king. The dream prophesied that he would be judged and in fact he was.

However, it is no new news to most of you that King Nebuchadnezzar was certainly not the only person to receive a prophesy of judgment. As a matter of fact, the Word of God contains many prophesies of judgment not just against a single person but also against families, tribes, towns, cities, nations and the world.

Therefore, what I want to do with this message is to consider some common traits or elements that are found in these prophesies of judgment by using the example of the one found in this chapter of God's Holy Word. King Nebuchadnezzar's prophesy of judgment will help us to see much of what we see in other prophesies of judgment. I believe this is vital to consider because so much of the prophesies of our future are indeed prophesies of judgment. So, let us dive in and take note of many of the common traits found in God's prophesies of judgment.

I. First, let us notice that God's prophesies of judgment are always revealed. (vs. 19-20). *This was not the only dream that God gave to the king. This actually was the second one that God gave to him. In both cases, God sent the Prophet Daniel to him to reveal to the king what the dreams meant.*

Now it was absolutely necessary that Daniel show up because the king had no understanding whatsoever that he had dreamed about. He was in constant darkness.

However, through the Prophet Daniel, the darkness became light, and the king understood what God had prophesied that He was going to do to him. You see God is not in the business of hiding what His plans are, even if they involve judgment. As a matter of fact, He goes out of the way to make sure that there are ways that His prophesies of judgment are revealed and made known.

First of all, God made sure that these prophesies of judgment became a part of His Holy Word for all to be able to read and study them.

Second, God has raised up an army of pastors, preachers, teachers and scholars throughout the history of the church to help us understand these prophesies. However, most importantly, He has given to us the precious person of the Holy Spirit.

So, blessed be the name of our precious Lord and Savior for revealing these prophecies so that we can make the right kind of decisions in life in light of these judgments that have happened and will happen.

II. Second, let us notice that God's prophecies of judgment become realities. (vs. 28-30). *Now, this point is extremely important because our faith, the Christian's faith, is based upon the teaching of God's Holy Word, and if these prophecies of judgment are mere words and reality then our faith is not creditable.*

However, we must understand that we don't have to fret over whether or not these prophecies will actually become reality because they are given by Almighty God and because He is the One who has given them to us. There is no doubt that they have and will happen.

As a matter of fact, there is already many actual evidences of some of God's prophecies of judgment that have already been fulfilled. God had prophesied to Noah that He was going to destroy the world with water. Well clearly this is what God did and there is overwhelming evidence of this very fact. For the most discovered fossil in the world are marine fossils. These marine fossils are found in mountain tops all over the world. How did they get there?

Also, the Grand Canyon, which they claim was formed over millions of years ago, by the Colorado River that runs through it. However, a better explanation was the flood that God sent. For as the waters receded, they moved quickly through there cutting our the canyon and also carrying sediment from many other places and dropping it off there leaving layers of many different kinds of sediment rocks from far away places.

Another of God's prophecies of judgments that became reality was the times of destruction of the city of Jerusalem which God prophesied a couple of times, and the proofs are overwhelming from actual evidence on site and from many other historical records.

This point should motivate us to work hard to find the prophecies of judgment in God's Word, seek to understand them and then proclaim them because there are many not yet fulfilled but will one day indeed and in fact become a reality.

III. Third, let us notice that God's prophecies of judgment have undeniable reasons. (vs. 28-31). *Now, the point I'm making here is that God doesn't send judgment without a clear reason or reasons for doing so. God's judgments are always justifiable.*

With King Nebuchadnezzar, God was justified in bringing judgment upon him because of his pride and his failure to humble himself before God and give Him all the credit, honor and praise for all that the king had accomplished. Instead the king gave the praise to himself in spite of all that he had already seen god accomplish.

When we take a look at the prophecy of the flood in Noah's day, we are clearly made aware of why God fulfilled that prophecy. He said that the thought of man was continually of wickedness and evil. He also said that the sons of God,

a term meaning in this situation, angels had intermingled with the daughters of men and wickedness then covered the earth.

Now, let us understand that Jesus teaches us that in the last days, things will get more and more and evil upon evil will abound. Especially will people turn their backs upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, Satan will seek to take control and once again attempt to play the role of the Messiah. Therefore, God has no options but to pour out His wrath and fulfill everything He has prophesied in all the future prophecies. So, let us again look at these prophecies of judgment reverently because God must fulfill them because of the wickedness that abounds and by His judgment He will bring it to a conclusion. Amen.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that God's prophecies of judgment offer time for response and repentance. (vs. 27-31).

God gave the king a year to dwell upon and think about what had been prophesied to him, and if he had listened closely and taken to heart what had been prophesied to him, it should have led him to a place of humility, repentance, and acknowledgment of the grace, mercy, strength and power of God.

God was patient with the king, giving him this whole year to respond. Well, he did in fact respond but it was with the wrong kind of response. As a matter of fact, Daniel told him that if he would only stop wining and do right then maybe God wouldn't bring the judgment upon him.

So, God delayed his judgment allowing the king an opportunity to get right, and that the way God is with most all of His prophecies of judgment. He delays the judgment allowing persons and nations opportunities to repent and turn to Him.

The Apostle Peter reminds us that scoffers will mock the prophecies of the second coming of Christ and all that, that entails because He seems so slow in coming. But Peter tells us why our blessed Lord and Savior is delaying His prophecy of judgment at the end time. He said, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9).

Over and over in god's Word we see this same period of patience with God when it comes to fulfilling the judgment in order to give mankind an opportunity to repent and get right with Him. Praise be to our Lord.

A couple of examples besides the king's time allowed to him before the judgment came. God allowed Noah 120 years to preach to the people before He fulfilled the prophesy of the flood. Also, God prophesied to the nation of Israel and Judah for years to repent and humble themselves before him before He finally brought destruction upon the nation.

So, let us this time of delay to seek to point people to Christ while we have the time.

V. Fifth, let us notice that God's prophecies of judgment must be remembered. (vs. 31-33).

Now, the point I am making here is that though God is patient and often delays His judgments, we must remember that a day will come when the delay is over and the fulfillment takes place. King Nebuchadnezzar delayed judgment lasted for a year but at the end of that year when he refused to respond correctly God ended the delay and carried out the judgment that He

said He would.

So, we must remember that God has not cancelled His judgment, He has merely delayed it but the day will come when He will carry out the judgment.

In the last point we read what Peter said about the patience of God allowing men a chance to repent. However, in the following verse, He also reminds us, hey, don't forget though that His judgment will happen. "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of god and speed its' coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire and the elements will melt in the heat. But keeping with His promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of the righteous." (II Peter 3:10-13).

So, let us not ignore the fact that the day of the Lord will in fact come though for now it is delayed. So, while we've got time, a period of grace, let us live our lives with the awareness that one day God's judgment will come to pass. Therefore, let us repent, trust Christ and live for Him.

VI. Sixth, let us notice that God's prophecies of judgment conclude with redemption and royalty. (vs. 34-37).

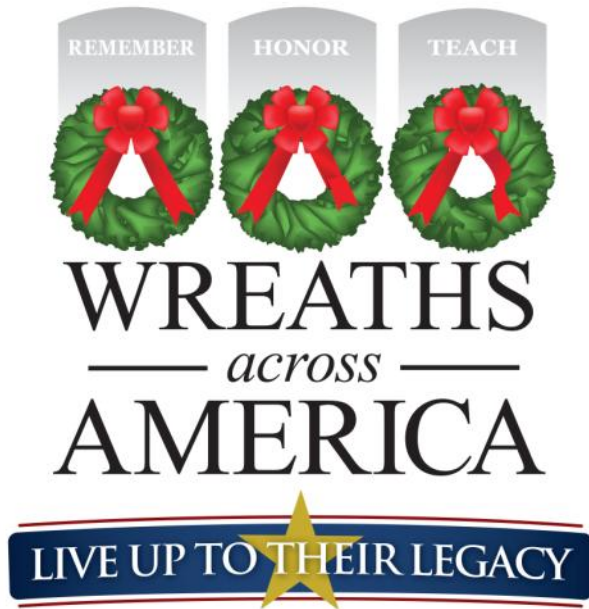
With King Nebuchadnezzar, it was his judgment that led to his redemption and his redemption came about because he humbled himself and acknowledged that the real king was not himself but God. He praised God as the One who made it possible to do the things he had done and that no other god could have done these things, that the God of Israel has done. He and He alone is God.

When the last prophecy of judgment has been accomplished, it will result in the redemption of the nation of Israel and many Gentiles and it will when in the final eternal kingdom of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the glorious Son of God. Concl. So, let us rejoice that our amazing God will use judgment to ultimately bring redemption and the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

However, we need to understand Jesus has already taken our judgment for us that we will not have to experience by going to the cross of Calvary. Therefore, if we are lost, let us bring it to Jesus and if we are saved, let us live holy lives because His prophecies will be fulfilled.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Wreaths Across America 2021

Order a wreath for your loved ones.

Cost: \$15.00 each

Cut-off Date: Sunday, November 28th

The list is on the bulletin board on the back wall.

Announcement

The Jasper County Health Department is now taking appointments for the booster dose of Moderna and Janssen every Monday.

Please call 1-866-365-8110
during the hours of 7 am-7 pm
to schedule an appointment.

Blood Drive



SFCA Blood

Drive

Tuesday, November 2nd

12:pm-6:00pm

Pre-register online at

www.redcrossblood.org

**Step of Faith
Christian Academy
GOD AND COUNTRY**

Silent Auction

- The auction is taking place online on **Facebook**.
- Please visit the page **Silent Auction for Step of Faith Christian Academy's "God and Country" Fundraiser**.
- To view the baskets, you must **CLICK** the **Discussions** tab.
- Bidding ends on **Monday, November 1, 2021 at 8 pm**.
- If you don't have a Facebook, you may contact Mrs. Leighann Cleland @843-226-0129 to place a bid.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**



November

Monetary donations for shipping the shoeboxes is \$9.00.

This also includes any teaching materials that

OCC sends with the boxes.

All shoe boxes will be sent regardless
the amount of money that is collected.

Packing Party

Saturday, November 6th

10am-3pm

Youth Annex

Bring finger foods

Everyone is invited

Collection Week is Monday, November 15th through Monday, November 22nd.

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader- Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Audrey Roberts**
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-
.....

SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**
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YOUTH *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Paul Malphrus</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Cassandra Bradley</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jesse Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mel Toland</i>
		<i>Wanda Cooler</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Freddie Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
		<i>Audrey Roberts</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Amanda Sims</i>
		<i>Gentry Thames</i>



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Michael & Courtney Humbert</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Chris & Stephanie Carter</i>

Additional Help Needed

*For
Wednesday Night's
GA's & RA's*

*We would like to expand to include Mission Friends.
Youth or adults are encouraged to inquire.
See Kim Malphrus or Diane Thames.*



WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
Suppers

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu

To Be Announced

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.



GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Wanda Davis
Sherri Scott
Emma Scott*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Grace Boyles-RNC
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Dot Nettles</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Redden & Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Jay Dalton
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Robert Ramirez
Sam Jenkins
Helen Pitman
Lena Cooler
Bob Hughes*

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Keith Gamo
Pinky Rushing
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Ron & Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Natalyn Mann
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Jess & Tabby Arzillo
Charlee Carter
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Coast Guard Basic Training*

Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr**jehu27@gmail.com
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**waittfamily83@gmail.com
 Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis**
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt** waittfamily83@gmail.com
 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**greatswampbc@gmail.com
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**dcarter@hargray.com
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**greatswampbc@gmail.com

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 2,902.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,980.47
Online Offerings	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$ 558.00	*****	\$ 1,399.38
<i>Music Fund</i>	\$ 30.00	*****	\$ 714.31
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 40.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 413.75
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 52.00	*****	\$ 220.19
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 134.00	*****	\$ 191.43
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 2,686.19	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$ 117.65	*****	\$ 2,580.65



We would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, calls and concerns during our time of grief. God Bless you all.

The Family of Bob Hughes



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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