

Epping Church Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to Epping Church's Newsletter!

Keep reading the newsletter for more updates on events and also many upcoming events!

The IIWO dinner with Pastor Gary Kent was a huge success! Read more about the event further down the newsletter!

If there is any information or images you would like to share in future editions, please email it to Alvin or Stephanie at the addresses below:

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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website:

<http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

This Sabbath at Epping

16th August

The speaker this week: Anders Svensson

Elder in charge: Rod Kuo

Offering: Local budget

YOUTH SERVICE

9th August

News from the East and the North

Many of us, as we study the prophecies of Daniel, skip over Daniel chapter 11 because we get confused with all the back & forth of the “King of the North” and “King of the South.” As Daniel 11:40-45 opens up with the words, “At the time of the end...,” it is clearly a passage that we should understand in the time we’re living in, particularly as it refers to God’s people, “The Glorious Land.”

To give us some reference points as we go through Daniel 11, we can consider the following milestones along the way:

- Alexander the Great (11:3-4)
- Kings of North & South (11:5-45)
- Romans enter onto political scene (11:14)
- Rome comes into Israel (11:16)
- Death of the Messiah under the Roman Empire (11:22)
- Roman Church: Daily Sacrifices taken away / Removal of Christ’s intercessory ministry (11:31)
- Persecution (11:33)
- Little Horn power (11:36), c.f. Daniel 7:25, 8:11

To understand the various applications of Old Testament terms we can refer to the summary tables below to help us understand.

OLD TESTAMENT (LOCAL)	NEW TESTAMENT (WORLDWIDE)
• Literal Babylon >>>	• Spiritual Babylon
• Literal Israel >>>	• Spiritual Israel
• King of the North >>>	• Symbolic (Worldwide)
• King of the South >>>	• Symbolic (Worldwide)
	• [Kings of North/South at Time of the End (v.40-45)]



Understanding Symbols

Application of Symbols



BEFORE CHRIST		AFTER CHRIST
King of the North		
Babylon: Media-Persia; Greece; Pagan Rome	>>>>>>>>>>	Pagan Rome; Papal Rome; Apostate Christianity
The Glorious Land		
ISRAEL: Jerusalem; Mt Zion; Glorious Holy Mountain	>>>>>>>>>>	God’s Church; Spiritual Israel; True worshippers of God
King of the South		
EGYPT: Libya; Ethiopia	>>>>>>>>>>	Atheism & those who support it; Godlessness, Opposition to worship of Jehovah

The application of Daniel 11:40-45 for our church in the end-time then can be as follows:

11:40 *At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him (i.e. king of the North); and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. In other words... [At the time of the end, Godless powers attack Rome and faith in God but Rome and its allies respond and overwhelm the Godless powers]*

11:42-43 He (i.e. king of the North) shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. >>> In other words [Rome and her allies will have access to vast treasures and influence all those powers that reject God – across the whole earth]

11:41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. >>> In other words [The king of the North will enter into God's church and many of its people will lose their faith... but...]

11:44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. >>> In other words [News of the soon coming of Jesus shall trouble the king of the North]

11:41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. >>> In other words [The king of the North will enter into God's church and many of its people will lose their faith; BUT some of other faiths shall escape and make a stand for God's truth]

11:45 And he shall plant the tents [tabernacles] of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him. >>> In other words [The king of the North will plant its doctrines between the people and the God's church]

12:1-3 At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." >>> In other words [When all these things are happening, there will be a time of great trouble, and then Jesus will return to save those faithful to Him]

There is a time coming that will be very challenging. Everyone will be tested. We need to learn to stand for the Lord today otherwise we will fall away when trouble comes.

The prophet Jeremiah puts it well in **Jeremiah 12:5** "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"

May God help us all to remain close to Jesus and be faithful in the little things today, so we can also be faithful in the big things when trials come our way.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Secrets of Prophecy series**

The Secrets of Prophecy series starts **this Friday at 7:15pm** and continues on **Sabbath afternoon at 2:15pm**

2. **Bible cell groups**

Bible Study cell groups have commenced for this term. Please see Rod if you would like to join one of the groups

3. **Pre-Constituency Meetings- 23rd-24th August, 2014**

This is a meeting for delegates and church members to interact with administration before the session meeting and to ask more in depth questions

Topics discussed –

- review major events of the past quadrennium

- cast a vision for the next quadrennium

- general q&a with conference administration

Sunday, 15 june – Parramatta church 77-81 hammers road, northmead 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, 18 june – Hoxton park church 335 hoxton park road, hoxton park 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Sunday, 22 june – Wahroonga church 183 fox valley road, wahroonga 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Brought to you by greater sydney conference office for queries contact Pr Adrian Raethel
9868 - 6522 or adrianraethel@adventist.org.au

4. **Baptism**

On Sabbath afternoon September 6th there has been a baptism planned

ADRA Blacktown Food Drive

There will continue to be a plastic container placed at the top of the stairs at church labelled "ADRA Blacktown Food Drive".

Many people have little knowledge and skill in cooking with fresh vegetables so please provide canned and packaged food. Once a month the food will be collected. Any small items for children like toys and DVD's would also be helpful if you would like to share. There isn't any space for large or heavy items.

Thank you everyone for your contributions and support.



IT IS WRITTEN (IIWO) DINNER

It Is Written Oceania Dinner Tuesday August 12 at the Epping Club. We had a very successful night with over 80 persons, including 60 visitors / non SDA's attending the dinner. A very tasty meal was had and more importantly a great message from Pr Gary Kent was given. He presented on prophecy and showed how the Bible is accurate and reliable in this regards. Over half responded to the invitation to join us at the upcoming Secrets of Prophecy seminar starting 7pm this Friday August 15, at Epping church. Thank you to those Epping members who helped out. Please pray for the success of this series.



This last weekend, we showed a very popular program about the Titanic. If you missed it, you can see it again at: <http://www.itiswrittenoceania.tv/ondemand/videos/the-titanic-love-story>

8th August 2014 – THE TITANIC LOVE STORY

Evelyn Marsden, a nurse aboard the Titanic, would prove to be the one native Australian who survived that tragedy. She would keep rowing a lifeboat through the darkest of nights. This young woman had a fiance waiting desperately. Evelyn's love story gives a memorable picture of how we can find peace---in the midst of a storm.

Coming up.....

15th August 2014 – GETTING A PRAYER LIFE – HOW TO ASK

There are a lot of us, in our world today, that seem to have a hard time getting into prayer as something effective, something that makes us feel good. It can be a bit frustrating. It can even make us feel quite disappointed, have you ever wondered how come God doesn't really answer me?

This is the beginning of our three-part series: Getting a Prayer Life. There are very specific ways any person can make communication with God, a very real thing, and a very productive thing. And in this first program you will learn the essential elements of asking.

22nd August 2014 – GETTING A PRAYER LIFE – HOW TO FOCUS

Way back in Bible times prayers produced miracles. The Red Sea parts; manna comes down from heaven; lepers are healed. But often it's hard to believe that our little prayers today can create those huge events. Gary Kent shows amazing examples of miracles in the Bible becoming miracles in our world. In this series, "Getting a Prayer Life," he laid out practical things that show "How to Ask" and "How to Focus" more effectively. In this final program, people can see the big impact of prayer in real lives, right here, right now.

29th August 2014 – GETTING A PRAYER LIFE – HOW IT'S POWERFUL

Prayer can be more of a challenge these days. We're bombarded by so many high-tech messages. We're distracted by so many images flashing around us---from cell phones to ipads to big screens.

Yes, our minds wander. Who can really focus on an invisible God? In this second program in the series "Getting a Prayer Life," Gary Kent shows three ways in which prayer can become a real conversation that actually makes an impact.

5th September 2014 – PRINCIPLES ON MARRIAGE

Marriage is one of the first things that God gave to humanity. It goes all the way back to Eden. But many marriages are anything but paradise. The divorce statistics speak for themselves. But they can't even begin to describe the pain and suffering involved. In this program, "Principles of Marriage," Gary Kent goes to the Bible, and from it He derives four principles that could help our marriages be what they were originally meant to be.

If you use facebook or twitter, please find us and share us with your friends.
You can now like us on Facebook: *It Is Written Oceania TV program.*

YOUTH

Youth Meeting- Song of solomons series

Youth meeting will be happening **NEXT Friday night 22nd August 7:30pm at church!** :) It's a fantastic program so make sure you are there to learn lots. We will be continuing with our topic on Intimacy. Feel free to bring some snacks and drink!

Remember youth is every 2nd Friday! 2nd and 4th Friday of the month! Don't miss out! Please see Stephanie for more details.

PATHFINDERS- Meeting this week

There is a planned meeting this Sabbath after lunch at 2pm. We will be going over a topic called "Faith Walk" so come ready with your thoughts about your faith in God.

Also the up and coming Expedition is open for registrations, find that here:

<https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/525>

Early bird before Sept 1.

Special Prayer Requests

- Please pray for those who are unwell and facing challenges with their health
- Please pray for Maree's parents as they are suffering from ill health and need our prayer support
- Please pray for the upcoming evangelistic series
- Please pray for those sitting their HSC exams this year

ADVENTIST EMPLOYMENT

[Nutrition Assistant](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 12 Aug
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[Forklift Driver](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Cooranbong | Exp 13 Aug
[Medical Services Coordinator](#) | Adventist HealthCare Limited, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 14 Aug
[Development Manager](#) | Adventist Senior Living , Cooranbong, NSW | Exp 15 Aug
[Sales and Site Manager](#) | Adventist Senior Living, Wyee Point, NSW | Exp 15 Aug
[Graduate Food Technologist](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Cooranbong | Exp 15 Aug
[NPD Technical Officer](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Cooranbong | Exp 15 Aug
[Doctor - Atoifi Adventist Hospital](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd, Malaita, Solomon Islands | Exp 17 Aug
[Relationships Manager, Public & Supporter Relations](#) | ADRA Australia, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 17 Aug
[Management Accountant - Business Development](#) | Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing Company, Auckland, New Zealand | Exp 19 Aug
[Hope Channel NZ Manager](#) | New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, Auckland, NZ | Exp 20 Aug
[Ministries Administration Assistant](#) | Adventist Media Network, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 22 Aug
[Accounts Clerk](#) | Greater Sydney Conference, Epping, Sydney | Exp 22 Aug
[Category Development Manager](#) | Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing, Berkeley Vale | Exp 22 Aug
[Head of School, Primary](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NNSW) Ltd, Wallsend, NSW | Exp 27 Aug
[Head of Primary, Teacher](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NNSW) Ltd, Tweed Valley Adventist College, Murwillumbah, NSW | Exp 29 Aug
[Aircraft Engineer](#) | Adventist Aviation Services PNG, Goroka, EHP, Papua New Guinea | Exp 30 Aug
[Registered Nurse](#) | Avondale Senior Living, Cooranbong, NSW | Exp 31 Aug
[Chief Executive Officer](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (Victoria) Ltd trading as AdventCare, Nunawading, Victoria | Exp 31 Aug
[Travel Consultant \(Full-time\)](#) | SPD Travel, South Pacific Division, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 01 Sept
[Travel Manager \(Part-time\)](#) | SPD Travel, South Pacific Division, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 01 Sept
[Physiotherapist](#) | Sanctuary, Pyrmont | Exp 06 Sept
[Director, Library Services](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Lake Macquarie, NSW | Exp 26 Sept
[Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Old Testament](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Lake Macquarie, NSW | Exp 03 Oct
[Associate Professor \(Old Testament\)](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Lake Macquarie, NSW | Exp 03 Oct
[Associate Professor \(Ministry and Theological Studies\)](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Lake Macquarie, NSW | Exp 03 Oct

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Porto, Portugal

Taken by: Veselin Malinov

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Your my place of quiet retreat. I wait for your word to renew me”

- Psalm 119:114