

- Chapter 2—Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
 - Chapter 3—Blazing Furnace
 - Chapter 4—Nebuchadnezzar worships God
 - Chapter 5—Belshazzar mock's God
 - Chapter 6—Lions
- Chapter 7—Daniel's Dream
- Questions: What will we do with God? Turn towards Him/or away?
Will we recognize Jesus or turn a blind eye—Jesus with High Priest

- Whatever seems like God is working His purposes and the living God is being revealed to those with eyes to see.
- Only Kingdom that will last is the one that will be inherited by the His holy people—we re being prepared to rule
- Don't be surprised we are in a war—as God works out his purposes

- Stand in Readiness for Battle
- Do not be Surprised at Battle or Defeats
- Do not be Discouraged...He who overcomes will inherit all of this (Revelation)
- So Encourage One Another (1 Thess. 4:18)

- God has not abandoned his people to the will of their oppressors. Those who remain faithful to the end will see and share the consummation of God's sovereign purpose and the end is now near.
- Where are you being called to remain faithful?

Major Themes of 7-12

- the horror of human evil, particularly as it is concentrated in the state
- the announcement of a specific time of deliverance
- repentance that leads to deliverance
- the revelation that a cosmic war stands behind human conflict
- judgment as certain for those who resist God and oppress his people
- the equally certain truth that God's people, downtrodden in the present, will experience new life in the fullest sense.

Apocalyptic Interpretations

- Be reserved—exercise caution—misuse undermines churches witness
- Remember genre—lots of images, and symbols—watch taking too literally
- Especially numbers are symbolic
- Read in context and allow New Testament to inform the Old Testament
- Remember it might look like evil is in control, but actually God is in control so stay faithful

6 Marks of of a Church Culture that Changes Lives

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- Slowed-Down Spirituality
- Integrity in Leadership
- Beneath-the-surface Discipleship
- Healthy Community
- Passionate Marriage and Singleness
- Every Person in Full-Time Ministry

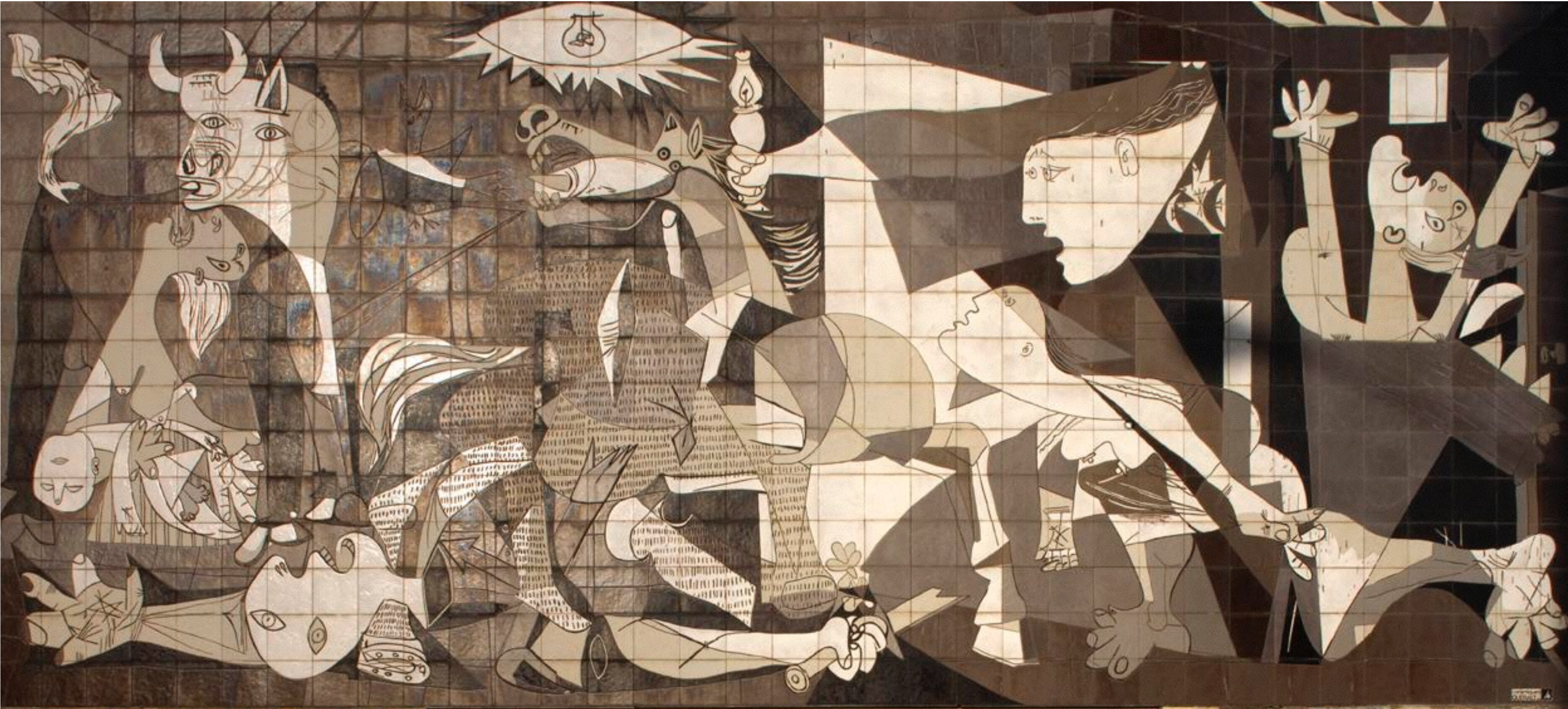
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164)

- Cyrus the Great (559-530)
 - Cambyses (529-522)
 - Darius 1 (522-486)
- Babylon Falls to Persia (539) (Darius the Mede (539)
 - Cyrus Edict (538)
 - Rebuilding of Temple (536-516)
 - Zechariah (522-506) Haggai (520) Nehemiah (444-430) Malachi (465) Ezra (457) Joel (450)
 - Esther (478)
- Alexander the Great (356-232)
- Ptolemaic rule (323-198)
- Seleucidian rule (198-63) (begins ok...but...)
 - Antiochus IV desecrates the temple (175-163)
 - Mattathias (166)
 - Judas Maccabeus (166-160)
 - Rededication of Temple (166-164)—Hanukkah
 - Religious Freedom Gained (163)
 - Political Freedom Attempted (162-160)

- Change Expectations
- Romans 12/2 Peter 3
- Change the way we pray
- Remember There is a Throne







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