

Are We Almost There Yet - Daniel 8



A Vision of a Ram and a Goat - 8:1-8

- Chapters 8-12 concentrate on events that will happen at a future time when the Jews are back in their land



The Little Horn - 8:9-14

- The little horn attacks the people of God on earth and in doing so attacks God directly
- The little horn is allowed to do this by God
- 2,300 - either 2,300 actual days or 1,150 days



Gabriel's Interpretation - 8:15-27

- Ram - Medo-Persian empire
- Goat - Greece under Alexander the Great
- Little Horn - Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC)



1. Be Content to Live With Partial Understanding

- We do not know the day or the hour, but we are to look for the signs of the times (Mark 13)
- The signs of the times remind us we live in the last days between the first and second coming of Jesus



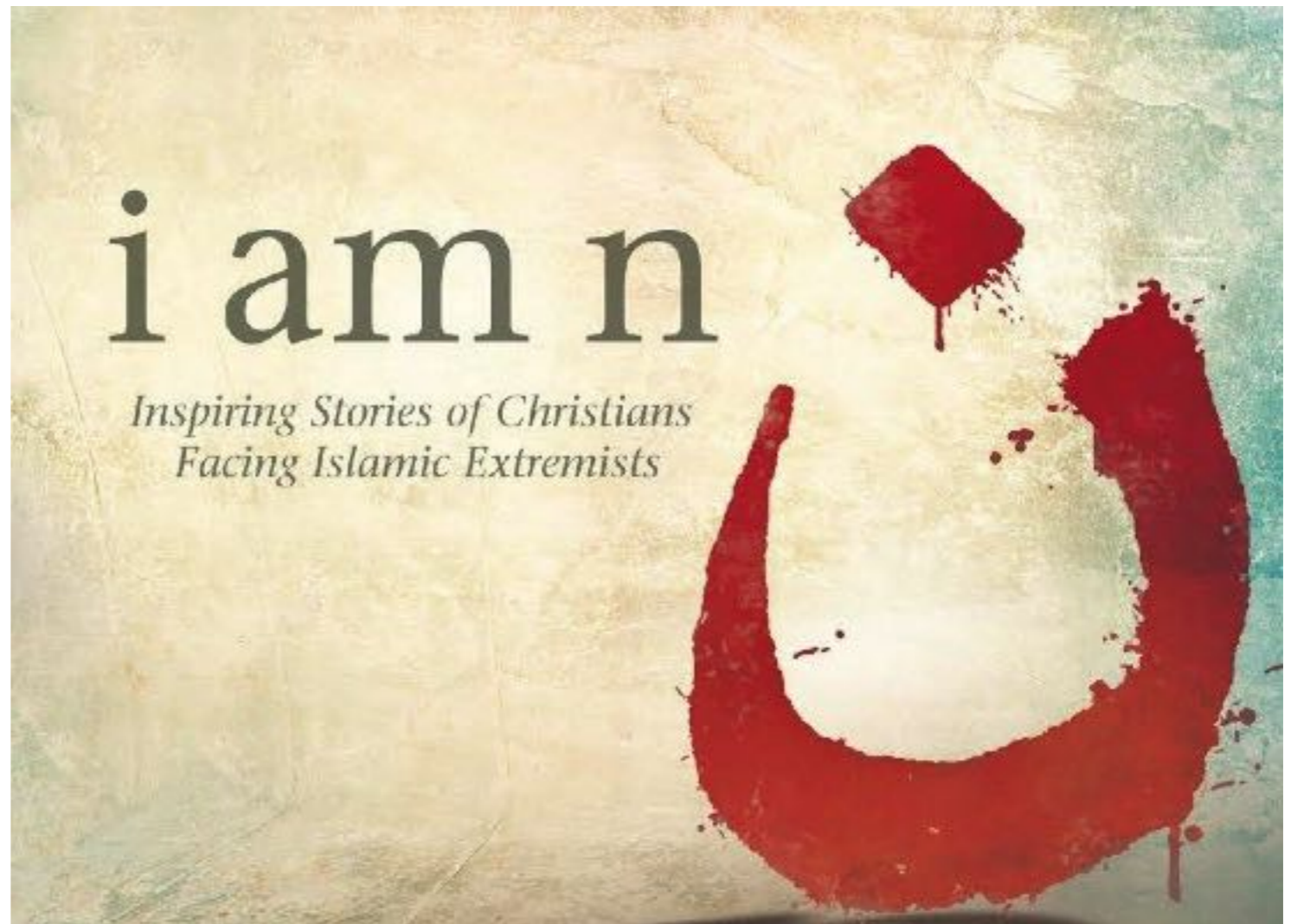
2. We Are Part of a Cosmic War - But God is With Us

- Cosmic dimensions of warfare remind us that we are not alone in the struggle



Three Responses to Suffering

- Repentance
- Solidarity
- Faith



3. Be Overwhelmed by the Coming Judgment

- Daniel physically identified with the coming suffering of his people



4. Be Busy with the Business of the King

- Daniel served the pagan king of Babylon, but also the heavenly king



5. Cry Out for the Son

- The biggest act of rebellion in human history is also our greatest hope

