**Daniel 12**

**Resurrection**

**Lesson 14**

In Chapter 11 included information about historical kingdoms from the time of Cyrus the Great to Antiochus IV. The Great King of Greece, most likely Alexander the Great, is also mentioned as are the four kings that divide the Greek empire after the death of Alexander. Chapter 12 is a conclusion to the chapters on visions of war and end times.

1. **When this week did you feel closest to God? *Or,* was there a particular verse or lesson in our study of Daniel this week phat you found inspirational?**
2. **Jews believed that rewards and punishment for good deeds or evil all occurred during their life. How does this revelation in Daniel chapter 12 describe reward and punishment for good or evil? Compare Deuteronomy 28:1-7 and Deuteronomy 28:15-19 to Daniel 12:1-3 (NABRE) and note the differences.**

**Daniel 12:1-3 (NABRE)**

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
    since the nation began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.
**2**Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.
**3**But those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice
    shall be like the stars forever.

**Deuteronomy 28:1-7 1**Now, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord, your God, carefully observing all his commandments which I give you today, the Lord, your God, will set you high above all the nations of the earth. **2**All these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you when you obey the voice of the Lord, your God:

**3**May you be blessed in the city, and blessed in the country!
**4**Blessed be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil and the offspring of your livestock,
    the issue of your herds and the young of your flocks!**5**Blessed be your grain basket and your kneading bowl!**6**May you be blessed in your coming in, and blessed in your going out!  **7**The Lord will beat down before you the enemies that rise up against you; they will come out against you from one direction, and flee before you in seven. **8**The Lord will affirm the blessing upon you, on your barns and on all your undertakings; he will bless you in the land that the Lord, your God, is giving you.

**Deuteronomy 28:15-19 15**But if you do not obey the voice of the Lord, your God, carefully observing all his commandments and statutes which I give you today, all these curses shall come upon you and overwhelm you:

**16**May you be cursed in the city, and cursed in the country! **17**Cursed be your grain basket and your kneading bowl! **18**Cursed be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil and the offspring of your livestock, the issue of your herds and the young of your flocks! **19**May you be cursed in your coming in, and cursed in your going out!

1. **Who is being rescued in verse 1 and is there any clue as to how this will happen? See Dan 12:1-3 above**.
2. **What is the difference between insight and knowledge? How important are insightful people during the times described here? See Dan 12:3 and Dan 12:10.**

**Dan 12:3 3**But those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

**Dan 12:1010**Many shall be refined, purified, and tested, but the wicked shall prove wicked; the wicked shall have no understanding, but those with insight shall.

1. **What instructions are given to Daniel and why? See Daniel 12:4-13.**

**Daniel 12:4-13 4**“As for you, Daniel, keep secret the message and seal the book until the end time; many shall wander aimlessly and evil shall increase.”

**5**I, Daniel, looked and saw two others, one standing on either bank of the river. **6**One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was upstream, “How long shall it be to the end of these appalling things?” **7**The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, lifted his hands to heaven; and I heard him swear by him who lives forever that it should be for a time, two times, and half a time; and that, when the power of the destroyer of the holy people was brought to an end, all these things should end. **8**I heard, but I did not understand; so I asked, “My lord, what follows this?” **9**“Go, Daniel,” he said, “because the words are to be kept secret and sealed until the end time. **10**Many shall be refined, purified, and tested, but the wicked shall prove wicked; the wicked shall have no understanding, but those with insight shall. **11**From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the desolating abomination is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. **12**Blessed are they who have patience and persevere for the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. **13**Go, take your rest, you shall rise for your reward at the end of days.”

1. **Generally speaking, how are the virtues of patience and perseverance helpful? How does this apply to your faith life in times of real conflict or trouble? See Daniel 12:4-13.**
2. **What words or messages in this chapter were intended to comfort Daniel?**