



DANIEL 12

RESURRECTION



Thank you so much for the Poinsettias and for
The prayers and Christmas wishes.



2 BRINGING THE LAST APOCALYPTIC VISION TO AN END...

- Chapters 10, 11 and 12 are all a part of the same final vision given to Daniel.
- In Chapter 10, Gabriel comforted Daniel and prepared him for the prophecy he was about to receive. This vision occurred “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia.” This was probably very close to the end of Daniel’s life. At the time, (according to Ezra 2:64), 42,360 Jews had already returned to Jerusalem and the long Babylonian exile was coming to a close thanks to a decree made by Cyrus.

3 RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRES AND KINGS

- In Chapter 11 Daniel was told of the demise of the Persian Empire and of the rise and ultimate demise of the Greek Empire. Antiochus IV is again the evil villain who persecuted the Jews, defiled the Temple in Jerusalem and instilled decrees to eliminate Jewish religious practices. 2 wars between Egypt to the south and Syria to the north are described. The chapter ends with Antiochus IV's final campaign against Egypt and a prediction of his death.
- All the war, chaos and suffering is foretold to Daniel at what should have been a time of hope for Israel.

4 SO WHAT DID HAPPEN TO ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES? SEE 2 *MACCABEES* 9:5-9

...the all-seeing Lord, the God of Israel, struck him with an incurable and invisible blow. As soon as he stopped speaking he was seized with a pain in his bowels, for which there was no relief, and with sharp internal tortures—and that very justly, for he had tortured the bowels of others with many and strange inflictions. Yet he did not in any way stop his insolence, but was even more filled with arrogance, breathing fire in his rage against the Jews, and giving orders to drive even faster.



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THE END OF ANTIOCHUS IV 2 MACCABEES 9:5-9

And so it came about that he fell out of his chariot as it was rushing along, and the fall was so hard as to torture every limb of his body. Thus he who only a little while before had thought in his superhuman arrogance that he could command the waves of the sea, and had imagined that he could weigh the high mountains in a balance, was brought down to earth and carried in a litter, making the power of God manifest to all.



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7 CHAPTER 12- MICHAEL, THE HOPE OF ISRAEL

- “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.” 12: 1



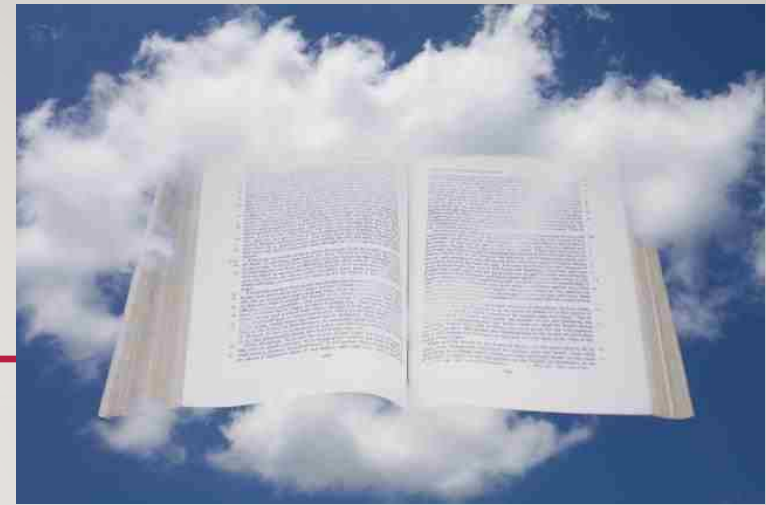
8 CHAPTER 12- THE END OF TIME

- While Chapter 11 spoke of historical events, this chapter addresses the end times, not just the end of the age.
- Michael, the patron angel of Israel, will arise to assist with the redemption of Israel.



THE CLUES TO THE ERA IN CHAPTER 12

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- 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.

WHO IS “WRITTEN IN THE BOOK ?”

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IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE BOOK IS A LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE TO BE SAVED.

- Philippians 4:3 Yes, and I ask you also, my true yoke-mate, to help them, for they have struggled at my side in promoting the gospel, along with Clement and my other co-workers, whose names are in the **book of life**.
- Rev 3:5 The victor will thus be dressed in white, and I will never erase his name from the **book of life** but will acknowledge his name in the presence of my Father and of his angels.
- Revelation 20:12 I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the **book of life**. *The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls.*

II RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD AND JUDGMENT

- The idea of ***resurrection of the dead*** was not widely agreed upon in the Jewish religion even at the time of Jesus.
- **Sheol** was thought to be the “abode of the dead” and the destination of *everyone who died*. It was not punishment.
- The Sadducees **did not** believe in life after death.
- However there were a few verses in the OT that suggest resurrection:
- **Genesis 5:24** -Enoch walked with God, and he was no longer here, for God took him.

12 RESURRECTION IN THE O.T.



2 Kings 2: 11 As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha saw it happen.

Isaiah 26:19 - But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise!

Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust! For your dew is a dew of light, and you cause the land of shades to give birth.

Ezekiel 37:1-11 Dry Bones

13 JUDGMENT IN THE **TORAH** HAPPENS *IN THIS LIFE*

- But in Daniel there is judgment based on what is written in the book of life.
- The consequences for being wicked are eternal, not just for a lifetime.

VS 2: “Some to everlasting life,
others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.”



14 HOW DO YOU BECOME A STAR?

12:3 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*.

**“Like the stars forever” can also mean “like the angels” or
the “heavenly hosts”.**

Matthew 22:30 “At the resurrection they neither marry nor
are given in marriage but are like the angels in heaven.”



15 THERE IS A WARNING HERE!



- Judgment is coming.
- The pain and trials of this world will end and **God really is still in control.**
- ***It is not time to give up hope or turn your back on God's law.***
- ***“Team God” must persevere, be patient, and lead others to justice. Consequences of your actions are eternal.***

16 DANIEL IS TOLD TWICE THAT THE MESSAGE IS TO BE SEALED.

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

So the time of Daniel, was not the *right* time for the message to go out to those returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple in 536 BC.

12:9 Go, Daniel,” he said, “because the words are to be kept secret and sealed until the **end time**.”

Were the words kept secret until the time of Antiochus IV? Are there still parts of the message still unknown to us and reserved for the end of time?

17 GABRIEL HAD BEEN RELAYING THE MESSAGE IN CHAPTER 10, 11 AND 12.

- 2 more “beings” or angels appear.

12: 6-7 “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.”



18 THESE TWO NEW BEINGS OR ANGELS ARE WITNESSES

- An oath requires two or three witnesses.
- The man in linen with the gold belt was introduced in chapter 10 and is thought to be Gabriel, the narrator of these visions. Some commentators suggest he is a pre-figured Jesus. He raises his hands to heaven and swears by “him who lives forever”, that once the destroyer of the holy people loses his power, these things will come to an end. This will be in 3 ½ years or 1290 days or for 1335 days.

19 WHY THE DIFFERING NUMBER OF DAYS?



- Here are some theories:

It could be that during the extra 45 days that the rule of Christ would be inaugurated.

The extra days may be required to repair the devastation and burying the bodies left behind.

Again when this all takes place is a mystery. Apocalyptic literature addresses both historical events as well as future events at the end of time and Second Coming.

20 NO ONE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHEN THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME....

- Mark 13:32 ³² “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

21 DANIEL CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE VISION

- And this is not surprising. The idea of resurrection of the dead as well as the rising and falling of future kingdoms that would try again to destroy Israel must be quite strange to this old holy man. Approx. 370 years separate the third year of Cyrus and the desecration of the Temple by Antiochus IV.
- But at the time, the wise and those with insight would be able to read the signs of the times. The faithful will be tested, refined and purified. But the wicked will continue to be wicked.

22 FINAL MESSAGE FOR DANIEL

1³ Go, take your rest, you shall rise for your reward at the end of days.”

23 WHAT SHOULD WE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS LESSON?

- When God enters into human events, the natural world is shaken and governments fail.
- Knowledge of scripture and knowing God is essential to insight in difficult times.
- Perseverance and patience are needed during times of trial and suffering.
- Leading others to justice is a virtuous endeavor.
- We will be judged at the end of time.

24 LET US PRAY

- **PRAYER TO ARCHANGEL GABRIEL**
- We beseech you to intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy: As you announced the mystery of the Incarnation to Mary, so through your prayers may we receive strength of faith and courage of spirit, and thus find favor with God and redemption through Christ Our Lord. May we sing the praise of God our Savior with the angels and saints in heaven forever and ever. Amen.

