

DISCERNING DANIEL

The Time of the End

Text: Daniel 12

INTRODUCTION: While the prophecy given in chapter 11 covered a span of _____ years, most of it, from verses 1 to 35 were fulfilled within _____ years of Daniel’s death. Daniel 11:36, however begins a section of the prophecy which takes place in the _____ days – the end times. That declaration of the future continues without pause into chapter 12. In this lesson we will consider all of this portion of the prophecy as a unit, from Daniel 11:36 to 12:13, the end of the marvelous Book of Daniel.

Daniel 11:2–45	Interpretation
36 “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.	The final king mentioned in this prophecy about Daniel’s people up to and including the latter days is the _____ himself. He will be self-centered and against God and everyone who is godly. He will reign until the time of the _____ is fully accomplished (the tribulation).
37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.	He will not only be anti-God but will have no desire for _____! He will exalt himself as god.
38 But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.	He shall worship power, wealth, and the luxurious things of the world.
39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.	He will rule with military power and will take control over many _____.
40 “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; 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.	During the Battle of Gog and Magog, the Antichrist will _____ to be the defender of Israel.
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. 42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.	He will enter the Holy Land and win some battles against Israel’s attackers. The ancient areas of Edom and Moab will be _____ from him, and will be the place that Jews who recognize his true character may _____ to be protected from him.

<p>43 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. 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.</p>	<p>Ultimately it is God who saves Israel in the War of Gog and Magog, but Antichrist is left in the land. He will plunder the _____ and attack the Jews.</p>
<p>45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.</p>	<p>He will establish a permanent presence in Jerusalem until Christ comes at the _____ of Armageddon, not far from the Holy City, and casts this wicked king into the Lake of _____.</p>
<p>Daniel 12:1 “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, Every one who is found written in the book.</p>	<p>The final three verses of the prophecy focus on the impact of the days of Antichrist upon the _____ people. In Jude, Michael is called the archangel which means the _____ angel. He must also be the guardian angel of God’s chosen people, the Jews. When the Antichrist rises to power, the powerful archangel Michael stands up on behalf of the Jews.</p> <p>As we saw in the Book of Revelation, the tribulation will be an especially terrible time for the Jews. Except for the handful of _____ Jews who will be raptured with their fellow followers of Christ before the tribulation began, all the rest of the Jews, just like the Gentile unbelievers, will be left behind.</p> <p>The seven year tribulation will be a time when God _____ His chosen people as silver is refined. Zech. 13:8-9 8 And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD, “<i>That</i> two-thirds in it shall be cut off <i>and</i> die, But <i>one</i>-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the <i>one</i>-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, ‘This <i>is</i> My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD <i>is</i> my God.’” _____ of the Jews that enter the tribulation will remain steadfast in their rejection of Jesus as Messiah, and during the course of the seven years, they will _____.</p> <p>Gloriously, one-third of the Jews shall have repentant and receptive hearts.</p>

	<p>Zechariah 12:10-12 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family by itself...”</p> <p>Zechariah 13:1 “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.”</p> <p>And as the angel said to Daniel, And at that time your people shall be <u>delivered</u>, Every one who is found written in the <u>book</u>. He is talking about the Book of _____!</p>
<p>2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.</p>	<p>The mention of the Book of Life, which contains the names of all who have trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior, prompts the angel to declare the truth about the resurrections: _____ shall be raised – the believers to everlasting life, the unbelievers to everlasting shame and punishment.</p>
<p>3 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.</p>	<p>And the angel ends with this commentary we would do well to heed. The “_____,” those who have trusted in Jesus, shall shine with the light of the Lord, shining like the sun, or more properly said, like the _____. And those who were faithful witnesses of Christ, who in sharing the _____ turned many to righteousness through faith in Jesus, shall shine with the beauty of the stars forever.</p>
<p>4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”</p>	<p>The prophecy is complete and Daniel is told to _____ up the book until the time of the end. Indeed the prophecies given to Daniel have largely remained a _____ until more recent days as we approach the time of the end. Who can doubt that today, many run to and fro, and knowledge increases at an exponential rate?</p>
<p>5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.</p>	<p>Daniel sees two other angels, one on each side of the river.</p>

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?”	One of them called to the Glorious _____ Who had appeared to Daniel (10:5-9). He asked, when will the fulfillment of these wonders (the _____ of the Jews) be?
7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.	The Glorious Christ lifted His hands to heaven, swore by God Himself (Heb. 6:13) and said it would be for 3 and ½ times, three and one-half years from the shattering of the Jews power (when _____ sets himself in the temple as god) until all the things described above (the salvation of the Jews) will be accomplished.
8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”	Daniel did not understand and repeated the question.
9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.	The command to seal up the prophecy was repeated.
10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.	But then the Lord clarified that through the ages leading to the end, _____ would be saved, purified, and refined (sanctified) while the wicked just continued in their sin without understanding.
11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.	Then He says that from the time the Antichrist takes over the temple will be _____ days. But 3 and ½ years is only 1,260 days. What happens 30 days after the close of the tribulation with the Battle of Armageddon? Then Christ adds, “Blessed are the ones who come to 1,335 days.” That’s another 45 days. What happens then?

To be honest, we do not _____ what will happen 30 days after the Antichrist and False Prophet are thrown into the Lake of Fire or what happens 75 days after that event. The _____ does not say. No parallel text explains the time frame.

I will venture a guess, but admitting that is all it is. The event I describe will happen after Armageddon and before or at the very beginning of the Millennial Kingdom, but to associate these two significant dates with this event is speculation on my part. The event of which I speak is The _____ of the Nations.

Matthew 25:31–46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you

gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ 41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ 44 “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This we know:

After Armageddon (the end of the tribulation) Christ sets up a throne on _____ to judge all the people who _____ through the tribulation. The saved enter the Millennial Kingdom. The lost are cast into hell. Their spiritual condition has been manifested in how they treated Christ’s _____ – the Jews and Christians – during the tribulation. The saved protected, helped, _____ for the brothers of Christ. The lost did not.

This we do not know. This is my guess, my speculation:

The Judgment of the Nations _____ 30 days after Armageddon, giving the people of the earth 30 days to be gathered to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2) where the judgment takes place. The judgment is _____ 45 days later. Seventy-five days after the end of the tribulation, only the saved remain with Christ, ready to _____ the Millennial Kingdom.

Daniel 12:12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 “But you, go <i>your way</i> till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.	Don’t worry about it Daniel. You are about to _____. You will be resurrected to your inheritance as the end times begin with the _____!
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