

1. Last week I taught in part Dan 12:9-13.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will resume our study of Dan 12:11-12 but first an expanded translation of Dan 12:1-10.

Dan 12:1 During the Tribulation Michael, Israel's guardian angel, will establish himself as the protector of your people. Although Israel will experience great distress, Michael will make certain that all which occurs is in the permissive will of God. The trauma will be without parallel. In that period of great persecution true Israel shall be delivered - in fact all whose names are left in the Book of Life shall rule with Him on earth in the Millennium.

Dan 12:2 Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some will be raised and live forever in ecstatic happiness and others will be raised for judgment, shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 Those throughout the ages who wisely believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to come will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to the Lord will shine like the stars forever.

Dan 12:4 Close up and seal the scroll until the time of the end. From now until then, your people will travel all over seeking knowledge but they will not acquire an understanding of the end time. It is only during the time of the great tribulation that Israel will receive comfort from end time doctrines.

Dan 12:5 Then I looked up and there before my eyes were two angels, one on my side of the river and one on the other side.

Dan 12:6 One of them said to the man wearing the linen garment who was standing in the middle of the river on top of the water, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"

Dan 12:7 The Man in linen lifted both His hands toward heaven, He then swore by the Lord Jehovah, "it will go on for three and one-half years. When Israel has finally been brought to her knees, then shall the end come."

Dan 12:8 I heard everything the angel said, but I did not understand the meaning. So I asked, "My lord, how will all this turn out?"

Dan 12:9 The angel answered, "Go Daniel and live your very own spiritual life, the prophecies concerning the end times are sealed until the tribulation.

Dan 12:10 During the Tribulation many will become believers, they will be made spotless and refined as the recipients of God's grace, but those who reject His offering of deliverance will continue to be wicked. Unbelievers will not and in fact cannot understand God's offering, but those who are become His by faith alone in Christ alone they will understand not only Daniel's vision but the whole realm of eschatology.

1. In verse 9 Daniel is once again informed that no further information will be given to him. Here we find the explicit statement that Daniel and his people will not understand until they are involved in the events described.

2. The primary purpose of the revelation was to inform those who would live in the last days, which would certainly include us of the church age. Believers of the church age are often said to live in the last days.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Jam 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

Jam 5:8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

3. However, in partial answer to Daniel's question, which concerned the purpose of the events revealed, the prophet is informed in verse 10 that the time of the end will have a twofold result: first, it will result in the purification of the saints; second, it will manifest the true character of the wickedness of the human heart.

4. Likewise, understanding the events of the time of the end will be possible for "the wise" who "shall understand," but "none of the wicked shall understand."

5. Even though what we have just studied in Daniel describes in great detail the time of the end, it is obvious that unbelievers will not avail themselves of divine revelation; but it will be a source of comfort and direction to believers who are spiritual.

6. Now back to our analysis of Dan 12:11 and 12.

7. In verses 11 and 12, two important revelations are given by way of clarification of the duration of the time of the end. According to verse 11, a period of 1,290 days will elapse from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away until the time of the end is consummated.

8. The time that the daily sacrifice is taken away is equated with "the abomination that maketh desolate" which occurs in the middle of what is commonly known as Daniel's Seventieth Week.

9. Let's me summarize our previous teaching of the Seventieth Week.

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Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks (490 years) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks (483 years): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks (49+434=483) shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince (Romans in AD 70) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (7 years): and in the midst of the week (3 1/2 years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

9.1 In the concluding four verses of Daniel 9, one of the most important prophecies of the Old Testament is contained. The prophecy as a whole is presented in verse 24.

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9.2 The first sixty-nine sevens is described in verse 25.

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9.3 The events between the sixty-nine sevens and the seventieth seven are detailed in verse 26.

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9.4 The final period of the seventieth seven is described in verse 27.

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