

Daniel 12 – The Final Battle

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VV1-3

At what time will Michael “stand up”? What was taking place before this chapter commenced?

Who is Michael? Who are “thy people”?

What does it mean to “stand up”?

Where else have we read about a prince standing up? Dan 11:1 What is the job of the “prince”?

How will those on the earth be affected when Michael stands up? Is this the Armageddon mentioned in Revelation? Rev 19:17 How do you know?

Will the turbulence and upheaval be the same as when the king of the North went to war before?

What will happen to Daniel’s people?

Will all Jews be saved? What will need to happen for them to be saved?

Is this the same book mentioned in Revelation?

Will the Jews that died before the time when Michael stands up be resurrected?

Is being resurrected in and of itself, good?

The “wise” are mentioned again. How will the wise be rewarded at the time of Michael’s battle?

What will happen to those who turn people to righteousness at that time?

Will the rewards for the wise and those who turn people to righteousness temporary?

VV4-7

What is the instruction given to Daniel?

How long will this book be sealed? When is it to be unsealed?

What will be happening at the time of the end, according to this section of scripture?

Did two other beings suddenly appear, or did Daniel just realize there were two other beings present?

Where was the vision standing – the one dressed in linen? Who else do we know walked on water?

Does this confirm in our mind who “the vision” is?

Who raises the question about timing? To whom was the question directed?

What is the significance of the vision raising both of His hands?

What did the vision say regarding the timing?

What is being accomplished in the suffering of the saints? Is this the same concept as that in Matt 24:14?

LESSON: That last section of Dan 12:7 took me aback. Is it possible that that is the goal of the suffering of the faithful – “to scatter the power of the holy people”? When you think about it, everything God has been telling man to do is to go out – Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden; Noah’s family to fill the whole earth; Christians, take the gospel to the 4 corners of the earth. God has been empowering mankind by His grace and it seems man’s penchant is to try and keep all the blessings to himself; but that isn’t God’s way: “But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.” Num 14:11.

VV8-13

Did Daniel understand the answer he heard? How do you know? What did he ask?

Did Daniel receive further clarification? Why or why not?

What response did Daniel receive?

Does the vision instruct Daniel to make the wicked understand godly concepts?

Is it significant that the wise are mentioned yet again? Why or why not?

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Is it important to know about the daily sacrifices being taken away and the abomination that makes desolate being set up? How do you know?

What will we know when we see the daily sacrifices taken away the abomination of desolation set up?

Which marker is this from Dan 9:27? How many other markers are noted in chapter 9?

What's going to happen on the 1, 335th day?

Will Daniel live to see the end times personally?

Is Daniel's name written in the book? Will he be resurrected?

LESSON: Daniel was said to be the wisest man in the world, in his day; yet here, he seems not to understand anything, and if anything, full of more questions and trying to understand. So, what made him wise?

If we look back over the whole book of Daniel, we see that there were things that happened to Daniel that weren't fair in the least. But what we can say, is that Daniel continued to believe in His God and he continued to live a life of faith in his treatment of his fellow men, such that, he brought kings to righteousness.

The interpretations of the prophecies that Daniel saw were consistent on the point that the people of faith will suffer, and God has provided a might example in Daniel of how a person of faith responds to injustices.