

Prayer:

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Theme: God is Sovereign over History

Outline:

- A. The personal history of the prophet Daniel – Chapter 1
- B. The prophetic history of the Gentiles – Chapters 2-7
- C. The prophetic history of Israel – Chapters 8-12**

Daniel is a book on **PROPHECY**! In the OT from Gen. 12 on God was building a special witness **nation** for His glory called Israel. God chose to have a special relationship with this nation, but the nation, by and large, **rejected God**. Consequently, God brought discipline to bear upon the nation, essentially in the **form of Gentile oppression**. Beginning with the **Babylonian captivity in 605 BC**, the Jews were brought under the domination of the Gentiles and were removed from the promised land.

This began a long period of Gentile domination called by Christ in Luke 21:24 “the **times of the Gentiles**”. The Jews during this time would be trodden down by the Babylonians, the Medo-Persian, Greece, and the Romans. These times of Gentile oppression will continue until it climaxes in a man called ANTICHRIST, who will greatly persecute the Jewish people.

In the book of Daniel, God gave **Daniel 4 visions** as seen in chapters 7, 8, 9, and then 10-12. In each one of these visions there is a tremendous emphasis on Antichrist – either as prefigured in Antiochus Epiphanes or prophetically addressed directly.

The climactic 4th and final vision given to Daniel in Daniel 10-12 provides more specific **details** about the time of the end. Chapter 10 is introductory as Daniel is visited by heavenly beings – one very possibly being the preincarnate Christ. Here Daniel is shown the reality of “**spiritual warfare**” that is going on behind the scenes of history and how it intersects with the reality of prayer.

Daniel 11:1-20 gives a prophetical (now historical) background leading up to the man in history who was a TYPE of Antichrist whose name was Antiochus Epiphanes.

He came out of one of the divisions of the 3rd empire of domination - the Grecian Empire (that is, the Syrian division), and Antiochus ruled over Syria from 175-164 B.C. He is dealt with in detail in Dan. 11:21-35. **The significance of Daniel 11:1-35** is that it gives the background and builds to a transition to the ULTIMATE ANTICHRIST as found in Daniel 11:36-45.

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Daniel 10:1-12:3 – Pertaining to Daniel's last vision.

Chp. 10 = Introduction

Chp. 11:1-35 Fulfilled prophecies culminating in Antiochus Epiphanes who was a type of Antichrist.

Chp. 11:36-45 The character and career of antichrist.

Chp. 12:1-3 Climactic time of trouble and Resurrections that follow.

We saw last time that Antichrist will be an **egomaniac**, seeing himself above any and all so-called Gods. He sees **himself as God Almighty** and has no respect or regard for any other. He see himself as GOD and **worships War Power**.

After Antichrist signs a 7-year covenant with Israel, the powers to the north and to the south of Israel (Syria and Egypt) will make a pincer military move on Israel (11:40). Antichrist will respond to this **infringement** against his covenanted territory and come sweeping down from Europe into the middle East conquering all in his path clear down through Egypt and into Africa. Then verse 11:44 says he will hear of an attack coming from the North and East (I take it the **coalition in Ezek 38-39** is probably in view) and will go out with great fury with the intention of destroying them.

However, according to Ezekiel 38-39 God will supernaturally destroy this great northern army by Himself before Antichrist can get there (cf. **Ezek. 38:8, 15-16, 19-23**)

Antichrist will undoubtedly then take full credit for this destruction and the world will worship him because of what **seems to be supernatural war powers** – after all he claims to be the Almighty War God (cf. Dan. 11:36-38)

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Revelation 13:4 (NKJV)

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? **Who is able to make war with him?**"

At this point, Antichrist will be firmly established in the Holy Land (v. 45), and at the midpoint of the Tribulation, he will go into the rebuilt Jewish temple and declare himself to be God. (cf. Matt. 24:15-16; 2 Thess. 2:4)

Yet Daniel in 11:45 gives an intervening **footnote**. Although he will look invincible at that point, his day is coming. Verse 45 says that he will come to an end, and no one will be able to help him. He will be helpless against the true Christ at the end of the Tribulation.

Daniel, apart from inserting the footnote that he will come to his end, has chronologically brought us up to the midpoint of the Tribulation Period.

Daniel 12 is a continuation from there and speaks to the last 3 ½ years of the 7-year Tribulation Period and the resurrections that will follow.

There is no change in basic subject matter from chapter 11 to chapter 12. In fact, the heavenly visitor's message to Daniel continues without break through verse 4 of this chapter, making his uninterrupted message extend totally from 10:20 through 12:4. – **Leon Wood**

We now come in Daniel 12 to the HIGH POINT of the book – the goal to which it all has been moving – the consummation of the Times of the Gentiles which climaxes in the Great Tribulation and the events that tie in with the second coming and events which follow (cf. Rev. 19-20).

God is showing Daniel that although there will be difficult times for his people, yet at the end of the Day, there is HOPE. They will be preserved, refined, and ultimately restored. There is a FUTURE for Israel! That is the end of the story – there is a FUTURE for Israel.

Daniel 12:1–3 (NKJV)

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.

“At that time” – what time? Well, in CONTEXT the “time of the end” referenced back in 11:40. Remember chapter divisions are not inspired. The flow of thought from chapter 11 continues on into chapter 12.

The “time of the end” in view is talking about Antichrist and when he shall plant his palace in connection with the “glorious holy mount” as seen in 11:45 which is the Jewish temple mount in Jerusalem. He will do this at the midpoint of the Tribulation in conjunction with breaking his covenant with Israel.

There can be no doubt that we are talking about the end-time Tribulation Period in which Antichrist reigns supreme because the verse goes on to say that this is the time of unparalleled trouble, which definitely can only be the Tribulation Period.

“At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people”. In view here is Michael the Archangel. He was also noted back in chapter 10 as being involved in spiritual warfare on behalf of Israel (cf. Dan. 10:13, 21).

Michael, it seems, has a special protective and guardian role in relation to Israel (cf. Jude 9). Standing up is the idea of rising in defense or coming to their aid. Michael is the one who stands guarding Israel. He truly is the guarding angel of Israel.

Note the emphasis on ***“the sons of your people”*** which specifically is Israel. Israel is principally in view here. In the Tribulation, Israel will be front and center in relation to what is happening in the world. Prophecy revolves around the nation of Israel and God’s program for that country – His special chosen people.

It cannot be repeated too often: this passage refers to “the sons of your people,” the people of Israel. There is no thought here of the church, which is God’s people from all the nations of the earth. Unless this vital distinction is kept in mind, havoc will be wreaked in the interpretation of the book of Daniell, as well as other books of the Old Testament. – **Charles Feinberg**

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“If the events of 11:40-45 reach their climax at the middle of the seventieth week, we would expect Michael to “arise” also “at that time.” This seems to be confirmed by Revelation 12:7-12, which dates the final victory of Michael over Satan 1,260 days (12:6), or three-and-one-half “times” (12:14), before the second coming of Christ.” – **Dr. John Whitcomb**

Slide # 5**Revelation 12:7–9 (NKJV)**

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

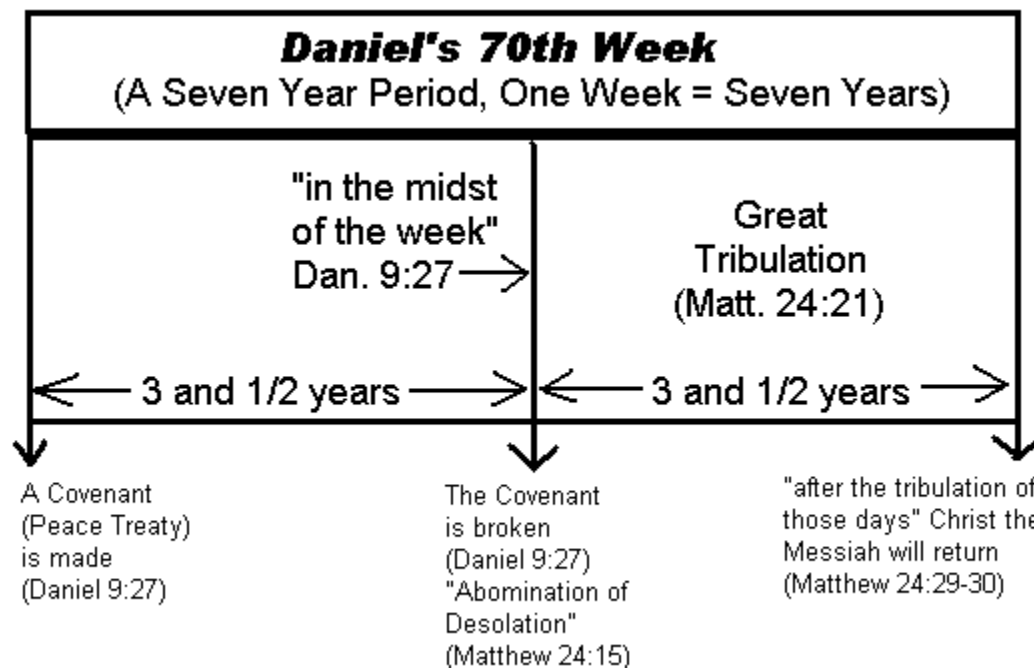
8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:13 (NKJV)

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

The middle of the 7-year Tribulation Time will mark a transition to the worst time of trouble in the history of the world – especially for the Jews. Jesus called this the time of “great tribulation”.

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This will be a period of unprecedented trouble. It will be trouble “***such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.***” This will be the climactic time of Antichrist’s worldwide power and his persecution of the Jews.

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Daniel 12:1 ...a time of trouble, such as never was...

Matthew 24:21... great tribulation, such as has not been...

Slide # 8**Jeremiah 30:6–7 (NKJV)**

6 Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale?

7 Alas! For that day is great, **So that none is like it;** And **it is the time of Jacob's trouble,** But he shall be **saved out of it.**

This will be the time when Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel (Dan. 9:27) and turns on Israel with a vengeance (cf. Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:5).

There are currently over 7 million Jews living in Israel, with a total of about 15 million Jews in the world. So about half of all Jews in the world live in Israel. Zechariah shows us that during the Tribulation Period 2/3 of the Jews in Israel will die.

Slide # 9**Zechariah 13:8 (NKJV)**

8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "**That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die,** But one-third shall be left in it:

This means that as it stands right now over 4 and a half million Jews in Israel would die. But then, as Jeremiah 30:7 says, Israel "***shall be saved out of it.***" Or as Daniel says right here in 12:1 "***at that time your people [the Jews] shall be delivered***".

It will be an unparalleled time of trouble, but Israel will ultimately be delivered. The nation of Israel will survive it! The devil working through Antichrist will not accomplish his goal of annihilating the Jews. He will fail!

But then the text makes this qualification concerning WHO will be delivered: "***Every one who is found written in the book.***" Here, the emphasis is that every person written in God's book will be rescued. That is very specific. The emphasis is deliverance based on having their name written in the book.

The idea is, that a register was made of the names of those who were to be spared... and that all whose names were so recorded would be preserved. ...The idea is... that there was a Divine purpose in regard to them... – ***Barnes' Notes on the Bible***

Zechariah adds the detail that it is these who will call on the name of the Lord and have a saving relationship with the Lord.

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Zechariah 13:8–9 (NKJV)

8 And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD, “That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But **one-third** shall be left in it:

9 I will **bring** the one-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 is My people’**; And each one will say, **‘The LORD is my God.’** ”

God always has an elect remnant of grace among the elect nation of Israel. This is Paul’s point in Romans 11.

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Romans 11:4–5 (NKJV)

4 But what does the divine response say to him? “**I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men** [God’s doing – specific number] who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

5 Even so then, at this present time there is **a remnant according to the election of grace.**

That principle of a remnant according to the election of grace has always been in place, and it will carry through even in the Tribulation Period (cf.(Ex. 32:32-33; Ps. 56:8, 69:28; Isa. 4:3; Mal. 3:16; Lk. 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 21:27.)

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Revelation 17:8 (NKJV)

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, **whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world**, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

It is wonderful that this **remnant** at that time will be delivered, but what about those who have died previously in the Old Testament or previously in the Tribulation period? Verse 2 answers this question.

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.

Here we have one of the clearest OT references to the resurrection.

In 1 Thessalonians 4 Paul addresses the concern about what is going to happen to those who have died during the church age. Are they going to miss out on the Rapture? The emphatic answer is NO, for indeed the dead in Christ will rise FIRST (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

Here in Daniel, the issue is about those who have died during Old Testament times or earlier during the Tribulation Period? Will they miss out on the kingdom blessings? The emphatic answer is NO they will not!

Sleep is the Bible is often used as a euphemism for death. This speaks to the posture of the body and not the soul. A physically dead body appears to be sleeping, but one day those physical bodies will awaken back to life in the resurrection. Those who are saved will be resurrected to enter into the kingdom! They will not miss out on kingdom blessings (cf. Dan. 7:13-14, 27)

Some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel presents two basic categories of resurrection! There is a resurrection to everlasting life for the saved in contrast to a resurrection to shame and everlasting contempt for the lost.

Everyone is going to be resurrected – the only question is to what destiny? The Bible consistently denotes these two ultimate realities.

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John 5:28–29 (NKJV)

28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

29 and come forth—those who have done good, to **the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to **the resurrection of condemnation**.

Acts 24:15 (NKJV)

15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

However, we should recognize that there is a sizable time gap between these two resurrections, as brought out in further revelation.

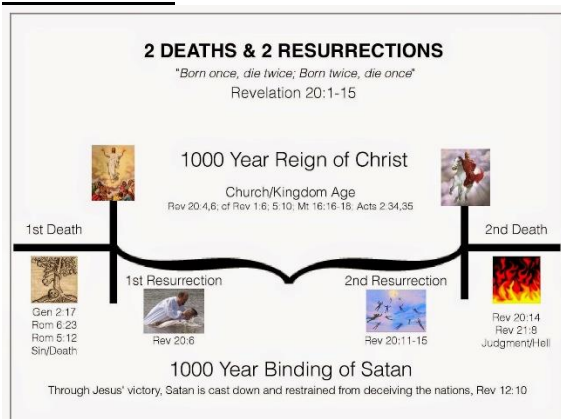
“It is not at all unusual for the OT in prophecy to include events separated by a considerable span of time as if they concurred in immediate relation to each other.” **-John Walvoord**

Slide # 14**Revelation 20:4–5 (NKJV)**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Daniel gives the basic outline of reality of two resurrections, but the book of Revelation adds detail, showing that there is a 1000-year gap between the resurrection of the saved and the resurrection of the lost. The Resurrection of the saved happens in stages but all under the umbrella of what is called the FIRST RESURRECTION.

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Note that while the resurrection of Church Age believers happens at the Rapture, the resurrection of the Old Testament and Tribulation saints who have died will take place at the Second Coming of Christ.

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Daniel 12:13 (NKJV)

13 “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.

In context the end of days here follows the abomination of desolation which will be made to cease at the Second Coming of Christ. It is then (at the Second Coming) that Daniel and all the Old Testament saints will be resurrected.

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RAPTURE	SECOND COMING
Before wrath begins (Rev. 3:10)	After wrath is complete (Rev. 19:11–15)
Jesus comes to the clouds (1 Thess. 4:17)	Jesus descends to the earth (2ech. 14)
He comes for His Church (John 14:3)	He comes with His saints (Jude 14)
Only believers see Him (1 Cor. 15:52)	Every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7)
It is hope for the saved (Titus 2:13)	It is terror for the wicked (Rev. 6:16–17)

Believe the gospel now – escape the wrath to come.

In discussing God’s resurrection program in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reveals a 3-stage resurrection program.

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1 Corinthians 15:22–24 (NKJV)

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each one in his own order: (1) Christ the firstfruits, (2) afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

24 Then comes 3) the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

The end refers to the end of the millennial reign of Christ when He deliver the kingdom to God and it will enter into the eternal state. Then Messiah's kingdom will be blended into the Father's universal kingdom. There is resurrection truth on both sides of the millennium.

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Revelation 20:5 (NKJV)

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Certainly, "the rest of the dead" in context refers to the lost dead at the Second Coming of Christ. But there is reason to believe that the saints who live through the 1000-year kingdom of Christ will then also be resurrected (or transitioned) in glorified bodies at the end of the millennium.

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1 Corinthians 15:50 (NKJV)

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

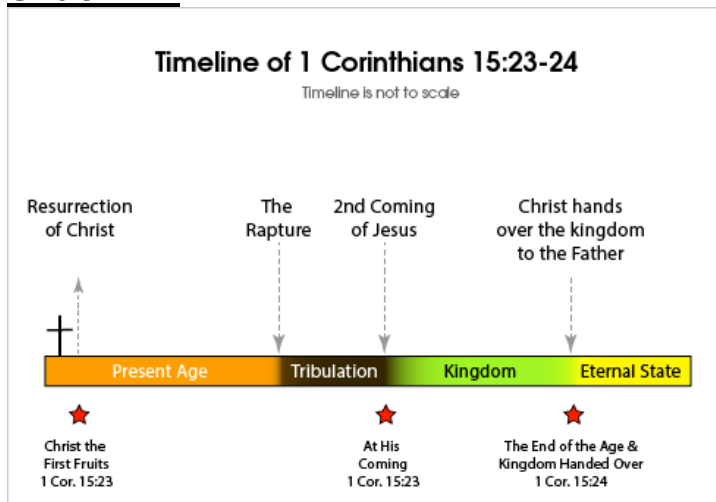
Paul here is not talking about the millennial kingdom, which clearly flesh and blood will participate in. Rather, it seems that Paul here is talking about the eternal kingdom of the Father already referenced in verse 24. This, by necessity, would require a resurrection/translation of all the saints who lived through the Millennial Reign of Christ. This is part of God making all things new as the eternal state is inaugurated (cf. Rev. 21:5)

So when you put it all together, the resurrection program of God involves these 5 stages.

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God's Resurrection Program

1. Christ the first fruits in His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:23).
2. After that, those who are Christ's at His coming at the Rapture (1 Cor. 15:23).
3. Resurrection of the Old Testament and Tribulation Martyrs at the Second Coming of Christ (Dan. 12:13; Rev. 20:4)
4. Resurrection of the Millennial saints at conclusion of the Millennial Reign of Christ (1 Cor. 15:50; Rev. 21:5).
5. As earth and heaven flee away, the resurrection of the lost of all the ages to appear before the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 21:11-15).

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Daniel here speaks in general terms of two basic resurrections – the resurrection of the saved and the resurrection of the lost. Even though further revelation shows various stages of resurrection for the saved, in the end, there are two basic categories of resurrection: Those resurrected to everlasting life and those resurrected to shame and everlasting contempt!

In the end, everyone will be in one category or the other. There is an eternal hell and an eternal heaven with no in between.

Everlasting (or eternal) life will characterize the forever existence of God's people. This denotes not merely duration of life, but also quality of life. We will share in God's life, abundant life, kingdom life, blessed life full of joy, love, and peace. All will be life there with no more vestiges of death, misery, and pain.

But the lost will suffer shame and everlasting contempt. Shame is disgrace, public condemnation, and humiliation beyond description.

Everlasting contempt is the idea of eternal abhorrence, disgust, and loathing. Note, while they do have everlasting existence [not annihilation], it is not everlasting life – in fact, it is everlasting death, everlasting shame and everlasting contempt. They will languish in their miserable condition forever and ever.

Note the very same word “everlasting” used in reference to “everlasting life” is used in reference to “everlasting contempt”. Both are everlasting.

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Matthew 25:46 (NASB)

46 “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

At this point, Daniel moves from the theme of those who will awake to shame and everlasting contempt and deals only with what defines those who are saved.

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.

The word wise denotes responding prudently, sensibly, and appropriately. Spiritual wisdom gets right with God in light of eternity. In light of the reality of everlasting life versus eternal shame, wisdom throws in with God. Wisdom lives in light of an eternal God-oriented perspective. The wise see through Satan’s counterfeits including the antichrist and embrace the truth of God.

In Daniel there is a strong emphasis on the fact that God’s people have understanding and spiritual wisdom. While the world walks in darkness they see the truth.

Slide # 24**Daniel 11:33 (NKJV)**

33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

Daniel 12:10 (NKJV)

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.

Slide # 25**Psalms 2:10–12 (NKJV)**

10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Slide # 26**2 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV)**

15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

The saved, who are here called the WISE will shine like the brightness of the firmament. Apparently, their reward will be to reflect the glory of God in accordance with their reward.

People were made in the image of God to reflect God's glory. The fall severely marred that image. In eternity, the wise will again reflect God's glory as God intended in a glorified body.

The eternal reward of the believer may correspond to the degree to which they will reflect the eternal glory of God. This is our greatest privilege and reward!

And then one final characteristic of the saved is given. They are those who typically "turn many to righteousness". They are involved in helping people to get right with God. They turn people to righteousness in that they share Christ with them which is the only way to get right and share in His righteousness.

Slide # 27**Philippians 3:8-9 (NKJV)**

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

The only way to be right with God is through faith in Jesus, and that involves letting go of everything else. A saving faith trusts in Jesus alone as Savior and Lord!

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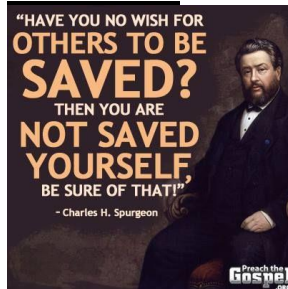
Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV)

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And **he who wins souls is wise.**

Mark 1:17 (NKJV)

17 Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become **fishers of men.**”

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Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. Their light will never go out. They will keep on shining to the glory of God forever.

The world calls its athletes, entertainers, and heroes “stars”. But in short order, their light dims and then fades away into insignificance. The REAL STARS in God’s book are those who both know and influence other people for the Messiah. They will shine like stars forever.

Are you a star in God’s book? Are you a soul winner?

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Matthew 13:43 (NKJV)

43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

The world is headed for judgment, but our role is to lovingly warn them and share God’s truth with them. Eternity is on the line – eternal life versus eternal death!

A few years ago, there was a popular entertainer who was also a well-known atheist. He was so committed to atheism that he said, “I cross the word ‘God’ off every dollar bill I touch.” At the same time he had great respect for those willing to share their convictions of faith. He said:

If you believe that there’s a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell, or not getting eternal life, ...and you think that, “Well, it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward’ – How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that? (Shared by Ray Comfort)

Be one who is wise: turn many to righteousness. There is no higher calling. – **Ray Comfort**

Indeed,

Daniel 12:3 (NKJV)

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.

God help us to be among them!