

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 about prophecy. It provides the prophetic “mold” for essentially all prophetic truth going forward. It for example is the prophetic touchstone in Christ’s prophecy of the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24-25. Daniel is principally a book about the place of Israel in God’s prophetic plan. Israel is central and the other nations in view are in reference to Israel. The Church is not in view.

Daniel is a book about “the end”. Everything is building to the end. And the climactic emphasis in this regard is found in Daniel 12 as seen in our study today. And finally, Daniel is a book that supremely emphasizes the sovereignty of God. God is sovereign over the history of mankind. He rules in the kingdom of men. Although the Gentile nations are allowed to run roughshod over His people Israel, still the God of Israel is sovereign over all that happens and He superintends it to a predetermined end.

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Daniel is a book about FOUR interwoven themes...

- 1) Prophecy
- 2) Israel
- 3) The End
- 4) Sovereignty

Of course, the book involves more than this, but these are the main interwoven themes.

This last section of Daniel's final vision [Daniel 12:4-13] functions as a conclusion to the vision and the entire book.

– *The Moody Bible Commentary*

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Daniel 10:1-12:13 – Pertaining to Daniel's last vision.

Chap. 10 – Introduction

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

Chap. 11:36-45 - The character and career of Antichrist.

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

Chap. 12:4-13 – Final Instructions to Daniel concerning his prophecies.

Daniel 12:4–13 (NKJV)

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.”

There is essentially a double emphasis here. “Shut up” and “seal” essentially carry the same idea. Compare Daniel 8:26, where the very word translated here in 12:4 as “shut up” is there translated as “seal up”.

The idea is to preserve the revelation in an unchanged form. The sense is that this revelation will be preserved and God will not allow it to be changed. But there is also a sense in that while it is preserved, it will also not be fully understood “until the time of the end”. It will still be intact at the end so that it can then be fully understood, but until then, it is a preserved book that is largely not understood – especially in context by the Jewish people. For them Daniel is still a closed book and they don't really get it.

I mean if you don't accept the New Testament and the truth of the Messiah as found in Jesus (as is the case for most Jews) then you really throw away the KEY that helps unlock the core understanding of the Daniel.

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For the Jews in particular, the CORE message of Daniel will remain preserved as a hidden message until the time of the end. But then with this unparalleled time of trouble that comes upon them they will in earnest turn to the prophetic Scriptures like never before.

The time of the end, in context refers to the unparalleled time of trouble mentioned in verse 2 which corresponds to the last 3 and ½ years of the Tribulation Period which is called The Great Tribulation by Christ in Matthew 24:21. Therefore “The time of the end” here is a technical term referring to 70th week of Daniel called the Tribulation Period, and in particular (as we will see) the last half of it called the Great Tribulation.

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This unparalleled time of trouble a “the time of the end” will drive MANY to run to and fro trying to find answers in God’s prophetic word – and in context, especially the book of Daniel. And at that time “knowledge shall increase”.

This phrase, “the time of the end,” gives us the time frame when the seal will, in essence, be broken in relation to Daniel’s people – the Jews – who are the ones essentially in view in this context.

The time of the end, as mentioned in 11:40, refers to the time of the Antichrist and a “time of trouble such as never was” (12:1), as well as related events that culminate in the Second Coming of Christ.

This is one of the verses I go to show that the Bible cannot be altered. The prophecies that God gave to Daniel are SEALED. They cannot be altered or changed and God in His sovereignty will assure that to the very time of the end. In Matthew 24:15 Jesus spoke of this coming end time when people will be called upon to immediately respond to the message of Daniel. The message will still be intact at that point! It is divinely sealed and preserved for this future time when it will all be fulfilled as given.

To seal the book guarantees that when the end time arrives (the seventieth week of years), Daniel's book will be available.

– **David Jeremiah**

When it says, “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase, some have taken this to mean that in the end, there will be a great explosion of travel and scientific learning. That happens to be true, but in context, we are talking about the end time of the Tribulation Period in particular, and the issue is knowledge of the prophetic Scriptures.

Running “to and fro” denotes intense activity – back and forth – here and there. It is used in the sense of searching diligently or to scrutinize closely – to investigate thoroughly. Zechariah 4:10 uses this exact word in reference to the eyes of the LORD that are constantly scanning what is going on throughout the whole world (cf. Jer. 5:1; Amos 8:12).

In this context, they will be intensely poring over the prophetic Scriptures and Daniel in particular, searching for answers to what is going on in the world. And in that day the book will come alive as they see it being graphically fulfilled right before their eyes. Thus biblical knowledge of the message of Daniel will be greatly increased in that day.

“The knowledge” (definite article) which will be increased, in this context, would seem to be that which the preserved book of Daniel supplies to diligent seekers...”. – **Dr. John Whitcomb**

Shut up the words: Close the scroll. There is no more to be added to it at this point. The contents essentially relate to a future time of which Daniel has been given a glimpse – an outline of what is to come in relation to His people Israel.

Seal the book: To seal a document meant to affix a seal and thereby preserve it and authenticate it as it was. It could not be tampered with or altered without breaking the official seal. Daniel's prophetic announcements were **symbolically sealed** – meaning they could not be altered as they awaited fulfillment. In Revelation, the seal of the scroll of judgment is broken, signifying that the time for fulfillment has now come (cf. Rev. 1:3; 22:6). However, here we see these things were SEALED for a future time.

They were to be preserved for a future time of fulfillment. For the Jews in Daniel's day, it was essentially a “CLOSED BOOK” until the time of the end.

A word of application.

Many Covenant Theologians denounce Dispensationalism. Dispensationalism makes a distinction between God's program for Israel and his program for the Church. The hallmark of dispensationalism is to consistently take the whole Bible in its normal/literal sense unless the sense is plainly otherwise. It emphasizes interpreting the Bible normally in context.

Well, many theologians have criticized dispensationalism as a "**Johnny Come Lately**" theology and openly mock it because it has been recognized as a systematic theology for only about 200 years. Ironically, systematized Covenant Theology is only about 100 years older, but never mind.

However, I would contend that the truth of dispensationalism in the sense of God's program for Israel is not new at all but rather is as old as the Scriptures themselves. Furthermore, Daniel makes it very clear that some prophetic truths will become more and more clear in relation to "the time of the end" which is a strong argument FOR dispensationalism – not against it.

The Reformers reformed much, but they didn't deal with eschatology. Rather, they carried over much error from Rome in this area. John Calvin, for example, wrote a commentary on every NT book with the exception of Revelation. There were great blind spots in the theology of the Reformers when it comes to eschatology. The closer we get to the end, the more a literal/normal interpretation of prophecy will make sense, and in the Tribulation, it will all become VERY clear to the Jews in particular.

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From our perspective, 2500 years later with several Old Testament books Daniel did not have (Zechariah for example), and the New Testament as well, we have a much better idea of what these prophecies mean and how they will transpire.

– Liberty Bible Commentary

If you want to be right in the area of eschatology, stick with a literal/normal interpretation of Scripture and go where it leads you. And if you do, you will end up being a dispensationalist of some sort.

5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

At this point, Daniel, in addition to the one who had been addressing him since 10:11, saw two angels – one on this side of the Tigris riverbank and one on the other side (cf. 10:4). In the OT, two witnesses were required for an oath, and a very solemn one is about to be made (cf. Deut. 19:15). These, in effect, were two witnessing angels.

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?”

Some think the personage clothed in linen who was above the waters of the river may have been the preincarnate Christ. He appeared to be supernaturally suspended “above the river”. Also, even the angel is appealing to Him for ultimate answers. These things might suggest He is superior in supernatural power and authority over the angels. Therefore, some believe that He is in fact the preincarnate Christ. (cf. 10:10-11, 16, 18) Others think this may have been Gabriel. But once again we are not told and therefore cannot be sure.

One of the witnessing angels asked the question, “***How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?***” Wonders here refers to astonishing things or shocking things. In the immediate context is the unparalleled time of distress for Daniel’s people (the Jews) as noted in 12:1, which defines the reign of Antichrist described at the end of chapter 11. Judging by the answer given in verse 7, this question relates to the unparalleled time of trouble and how long it will last.

Note, even angels have questions. Even they don’t understand all that is happening. They, too, are observers. There are things regarding God’s plan for mankind that even the “***angels desire to look into.***” (1 Pet. 1:12) At this point even heaven has its questions.

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.

There is a tremendous emphasis here. Normally, one hand was raised in a solemn oath, but here BOTH hands were raised, emphasizing the great solemnity of it (cf. Gen. 14:22; Deut. 32:40).

An emphatic statement was being made before the sovereign God of the universe!

He swears on how LONG this unparalleled trouble will be and the purpose of it. He says it will be “for a time, times, and half a time” which is the formula for 3 and ½.

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Time (one)
Times (two)
Half a Time (one half)

Total: **3 and 1/2**

Throughout the Scriptures in both the OT and the NT (Daniel and Revelation) this is the consistent formula for the last half of the 7-year Tribulation Period – the time of great, unprecedented trouble for the Jews. It is stated in different ways but always with the same allotment of time. It is stated in terms of 3 and ½ times as here, but also in terms of the middle of a week (a unit of 7 years) or in terms of days or months.

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Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)

....For a time and times and half a time.

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)

But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

Daniel 12:7 (NKJV) ...that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time;

Revelation 11:2 (NKJV) ...And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Revelation 12:6 (NKJV)...one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:14 (NKJV)... a time and times and half a time, ...

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV) ...for forty-two months.

In view here is the climactic time of the Tribulation Period. This is where it all building towards.

Footnote: Just as a matter of note it is interesting that our Lord essentially ministered for 3 and ½ years and the Antichrist will have his “ministry” of destruction for 3 and ½ years.

And God will allow this for a very specific purpose. Again, the principle character in view is Israel – the Jewish people. This will be allowed to continue UNTIL “the power of the holy people (the Jews) has been completely shattered.” God is going to BREAK the rebel Jews so that He might MAKE them. But first they have to be broken and God will use the Antichrist and his extreme persecution to do it.

Today, the Jews are back in the land in blindness, but they are not BROKEN.

The Jews today make up less than one-half of one percent of the world’s population, but their strength is way out of proportion to their size. Consistently, they make up more than 20 percent of the people listed in Forbes’ 400 wealthiest people. 30 percent of Nobel Prize winners in science are Jewish. And on and on. Israel ranks first in the world in terms of agricultural research and water management. They are a world leader in terms of cybersecurity, military advancements, and artificial intelligence. Israel has the highest rate of venture-capital funding per capita in the world. (Source: Israel My Glory, July/Aug. 2025 – p. 12 and 13)

When Israel enters into a 7-year covenant with Antichrist (Dan. 9:27), they will initially feel very strong and confident. But in fact, it will be what the Bible calls “a covenant with death” (Isa. 28:15). Next to crucifying Christ (their Messiah), this will be the greatest mistake Israel will ever make.

But at the start of the Tribulation Period, they will be dwelling safely – feeling very secure because of their covenant relationship with Antichrist (cf. Ezek. 38:11).

But when Antichrist breaks his covenant with them and turns on them it will be the worst of times eventually resulting in them being completely shattered. God is going to break their spirit of self-sufficiency and their dependence upon Gentile power to save them.

They will be reduced to the extremity of poverty, weakness, fear, and woe. Never will the world have seen such horrors or such helplessness. They will have no influence, no allies, no hope, and no power. They will be brought to an end of themselves. Everything they have trusted in the past will prove useless. – **John Phillips**

That really is a picture of salvation. God brings us to the end of ourselves that we might trust in Him alone. Isn't that Paul's testimony...

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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;

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Numbers 23:9 (NKJV)

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him; There! A people dwelling alone, Not reckoning itself among the nations.

In the end it really will be Israel against the world with no one to help them or stand with them. They will be shattered and find their only HOPE will be God.

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Zechariah 14:2 (NKJV)

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

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.

When the Jews are totally helpless and then look up to Jesus, their Messiah, then all these things will be finished and their deliverer will come!

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Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)

10 “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.

Zechariah 13:1 (NKJV)

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.**

The angel’s question about “How long” has been answered. But Daniel was still fuzzy about some things.

8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”

Daniel was still puzzled: His question essentially was this: ***What is going to be the outcome of this for his people, Israel?***

Daniel does not ask the question, “How long?” as the angel did (12:6), but rather, “What will finally happen to my people?”

– ***Dr. John Whitcomb***

Daniel wanted to know how this is going to end for Israel. Note verse 7 has just addressed the shattering of the holy people – meaning Israel. So Daniel wants to know – what then? What does this mean for Israel? What happens beyond this? He desired more information – more details – for it to be more clear in his own mind.

“My lord” was a term of respect comparable to “Sir”. It did not necessarily denote deity.

It is all right to ask questions – in a reverent way - in a non-challenging – non-demanding sort of way. The angel asked a question – Daniel asked a question. However, we are always dependent upon God’s good pleasure as to whether He answers or not. In this case, God basically says to Daniel – “That’s essentially all for now.”

9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Go your way in effect means “Be satisfied with what I have shown you.” You don’t need to know all at this point. It will be understood more fully at the appropriate time for those who will need to know at that time.

This was not a rebuke but rather instruction.

The words being closed up and sealed till the time of the end is the very same emphasis we saw in verse 4.

This means that they would not be fully recognized until their fulfillment at the end of days. – ***The Moody Bible Commentary***

It is clear, then, that Daniel wanted to know more information than God saw necessary; in this he was like many Christians today: they also want to know more about last things than God has revealed.

They, like Daniel, should rest content with what has been set forth.

– ***Leon Wood***

Daniel was told that this message was to be a closed and sealed book and it was in the Old Testament. Those in the OT, including Daniel, did not understand very much of it.

However, as history began to unfold... it was easy to see many of the prophecies of Daniel literally being fulfilled. As prophesied, Babylon was followed by the Medo-Persian Empire, which was followed by Greece, which in turn was followed by Rome. This is now history, but it was first prophecy as seen in Daniel.

The terrible man – the type of Antichrist prophesied in Dan. 8 and 11 is now history as seen in the person of Antiochus Epiphanes.

Daniel, written in about 530 B.C. was written before the book of Zechariah which was written in about 480 B.C. which provided more detail and more insight to the broad outline of Daniel.

Jesus added to it in the Olivet Discourse of Matt. 24-25.

However, the biggest factor in opening up our understanding of Daniel is the book of Revelation.

Whereas Daniel was a closed and sealed book related to the distant future, the book of Revelation says the time is near, and it, as the capstone of Scripture, is declared to be a book that is not to be sealed.

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Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 22:6 (NKJV)

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

Revelation 22:10 (NKJV)

10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

Revelation, building on Daniel, OPENS up our understanding in a way that was unknown in OT times.

No more is the book closed for us. No more is the distant future stressed in regard to us. Rather, we are those in close proximity to the end. It has been hovering over us for the duration of the entire church age.

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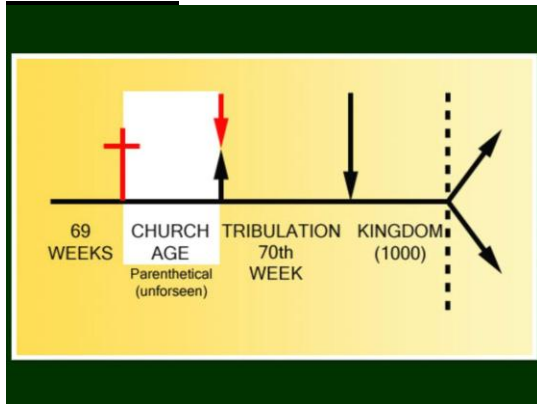
1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV)

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Note we are **speaking prophetically**. Prophecy often speaks thematically to the next related event to what is in view. In other words, in the OT from Daniel's viewpoint, a large GAP (unknown to him) stood between him and the Tribulation period. We call this THE CHURCH AGE! There was a whole parenthetical dispensation that he never saw. This awaited further revelation.

However, in the Church age the ushering in of the “time of the end” spoken of by Daniel is always but a **“SHOUT” away**. The church at some point will be instantly removed and the next thing on the calendar is the END TIMES Tribulation Period.

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So what was revealed to Daniel has **prophetic immediacy** and could be in place at any time, which was not true in Daniel’s day. That is why the angel in Rev. 22:10 said the time is AT HAND. Prophetically speaking that is true!

Although the book was closed and sealed for Daniel, God did give him the following consolation truth nuggets for his encouragement which served to show him that there will be a surviving remnant that will come through it and that he too in the end will share in kingdom glory.

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.

There will be a large remnant that will be saved in relation to the time of the end. MANY shall be purified, made, white, and refined. These are those who will be converted during that time.

This also speaks to the “WHY” God allows them to go through this terrible time of persecution and trouble. It is to humble them (v. 7) which produces a refined remnant that would come no other way. (cf. 11:35)

How were they purified and made white?

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Revelation 12:11 (KJV)

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

They come to Christ as Savior and Lord. They have a living – life changing faith that is willing to die for the truth.

Not only will they be purified and made white which relates to positional justification, but also refined which relates to practical sanctification.

But in contrast to them are the wicked who shall continue to “do wickedly”. No life change there! The purified have lives that are changed for God, but the wicked continue on in their rebellion.

Those unwilling to repent, the wicked, shall continue on in their wickedness. Not all Jews will be saved. Many will be rebels who follow Antichrist and will be purged out (Ezek. 20:38) so that in the end all Israel will be saved as seen in Romans 11:25-27.

The difference between the purified and the wicked will involve **understanding**. None of the wicked will understand- but the wise shall understand.

Understand what? Well, in the surrounding context, UNDERSTAND Daniel’s revelation about the Antichrist and the Christ and what is happening to the Jews.

That is why in Matthew Jesus said...

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Matthew 24:15–16 (NKJV)

15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

From Daniel they will understand what is happening and run for their lives. Running to and fro, MANY will come to see the truth and respond with saving faith, resulting in them being purified and made white with a refining reality in the fires of this time of trouble.

In contrast, the wicked will throw in with Antichrist. They will be deceived.

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2 Thessalonians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

The word that defines the lost here is wicked. It means “lawless”. It is used three times in this verse. The wicked will not repent. They shall continue to do wickedly and they will not understand.

The word “***understand***” is emphasized twice in this verse. It is the differentiation between the purified and the wicked.

Daniel consistently makes this emphasis. God’s people are those who understand while the wicked do not.

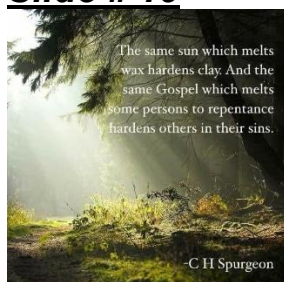
The ultimate truth concerning unbelief is that it is not [merely] a mental issue but a moral issue. It is not that people can’t believe; it is that they won’t believe. The truth is there, but they refuse to see it through a deliberate act of the will. – ***John Phillips***

2 Peter 3:5 speaks about the wicked who “willfully forget”. Hebrews 10:26 speaks to those who “sin willfully” in the face of God’s truth. There is none so blind as he who will not see!

The Bible talks about the obedience of faith and the disobedience of unbelief. Everyone is one of those two categories. The purified come to the obedience of faith, the wicked continue on in the disobedience of unbelief.

Those who willfully reject God’s truth in this way will never understand. They never will understand because they have rejected the source of truth – the Word of God.

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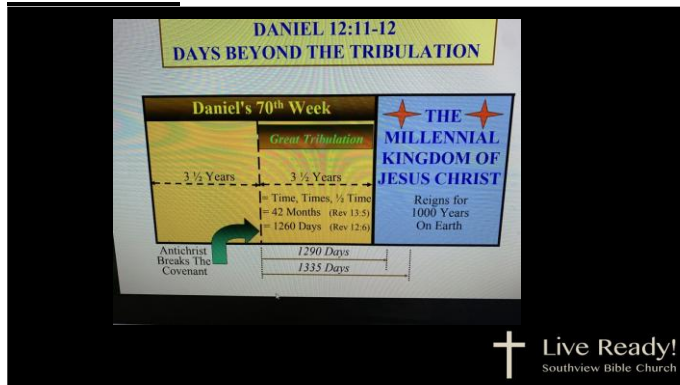
The fire of God's judgment will separate the wicked dross from the refined remnant.

And then Daniel was given two little footnotes before a personal word of encouragement that ends the book.

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.

As previously shown in Daniel 9:27, in the middle of the 7-year Tribulation Period, Antichrist will commit the abomination of desolation in the rebuilt Jewish Temple by having an idol of himself placed there that all the world will worship (cf. Rev. 13:14-15). At that same time, he will cause all Jewish sacrifices and offerings to cease. From that time, there shall be 1290 days. That is one month longer than the 2nd half of the Tribulation Period, which concludes with Christ's Second Coming exactly at 1260 day point (cf. Rev. 11:3; 12:6; 13:5). But here it mentions 1290 days. What should we make of these extra 30 days?

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We are not explicitly told the purpose of this 30-day period but there may be a HINT in the verse which ties it to abomination of desolation.

“The answer lies within the verse itself. The additional 30 days are somehow connected with Antichrist's setting up of “the abomination of desolation” and termination of “the regular sacrifice” in the Temple of God in Jerusalem in the middle of the 70th week. When our Lord returns to the earth exactly 1260 days after that event, He will presumably initiate a 30-day cleansing and purification of the Temple of God...” – **Dr. John Whitcomb**

Without being dogmatic, this is very possibly what is in view. The Maccabees went to great lengths to purify the Temple of abominations after Antiochus Epiphanes in 164 B.C.

When Christ returns, He will BUILD the Temple. This may very well involve a purification process, a renovation process, and a transition process of 30 days.

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Zechariah 6:12–13 (NKJV)

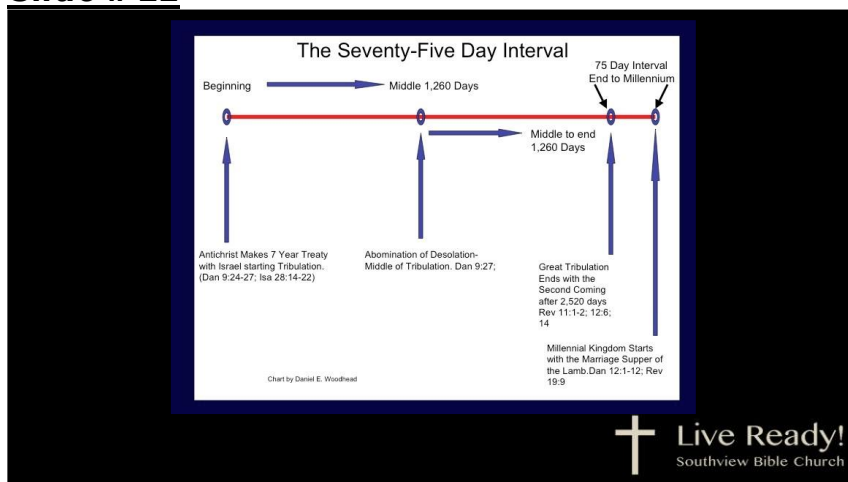
12 Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the **BRANCH**! From His place He shall branch out, And **He shall build the temple** of the LORD;

13 Yes, **He shall build the temple** of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’

But wait there is another extension... an additional 45 days on top of this.

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

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Once again there may be a HINT in the text itself indicating the purpose of this extra 45 days. That HINT is found in “**Blessed is he who waits, and comes**” to the end of this period. This would suggest that this is the time when Christ judges the nations and determines who will go into the kingdom. And when that is done the BLESSED shall enter into the kingdom in earnest.

Again, I don't want to be dogmatic, but this 45-day period may be where the judgment of the survivors of the nations takes place when Christ will separate the sheep from the goats, as seen in Matthew 25:31-46, (also see Isa. 4:3-4; Ezek. 20:33-44; Joel 3:1-17; Zech. 6:1-8; Mal. 3:1-6) along with transitional matters involving setting up Christ's kingdom reign.

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Matthew 25:32-34 (NKJV)

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:

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1260 days – Second Coming

1290 days – 30 days Cleansing/Renovating Temple

1335 days – Judgment of the Nations

Blessed is he who waits. Waiting on the Lord to come and fulfill His promises in the Bible is indicative of true faith.

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Hebrews 9:28 (NKJV)

28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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.

The book ends with a personal note for Daniel.

Daniel, in effect was told, “Don’t fret over wanting to know more. For now this is enough for you Daniel. However, in the end you will share in the kingdom.

“The end of days” here is a KEY emphasis throughout this whole context (cf. v. 4, 9, 13) which relates to the END of Gentile oppression in this unparalleled time of trouble called the Great Tribulation.

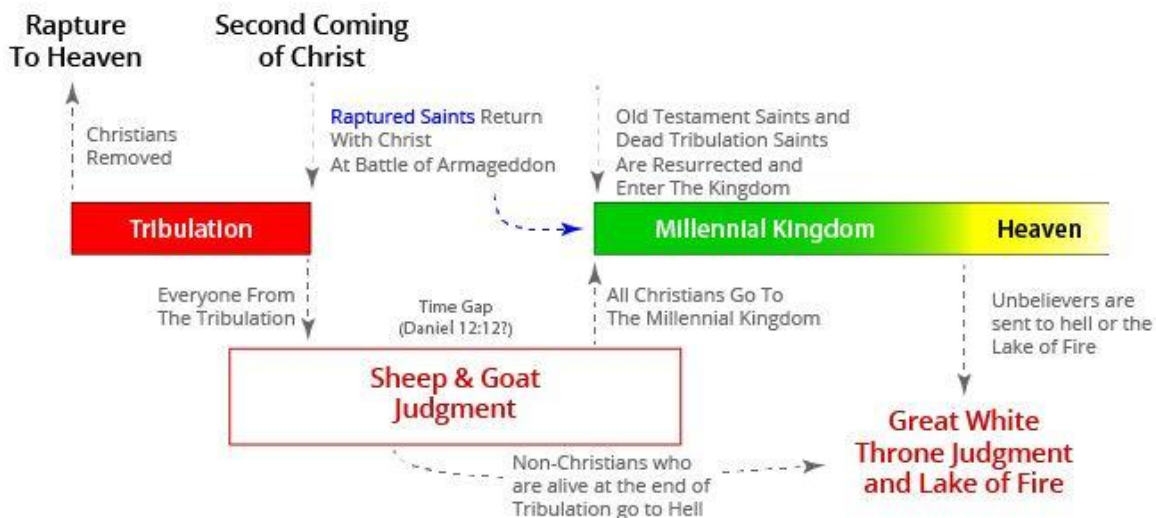
The word “rest” is often used in Scripture as a euphemism for physical death. Daniel probably died soon after this as he may well have been in his 90s at this point.

But he is promised that he will arise to his inheritance at the end of the days – which in this context means at the end of the Tribulation Period (cf. Dan. 12:2).

Daniel would receive his portion of inheritance “at the end of the days,” meaning at the end of the days dealt with in the context, the tribulation days. ...An important truth is implied in this statement. If Daniel is to be resurrected at this time, then other Old Testament saints will likely be resurrected at the same time, thus giving evidence regarding the probable time for the resurrection of Old Testament saints.” – **Leon Wood**

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When Old Testament Saints Are Resurrected



Daniel's inheritance refers to his lot or his portion. In other words, his part in the kingdom. He will partake in this – He will be there.

Will you be there?

This book [Daniel] forms an indispensable introduction to its New Testament counterpart, the book of Revelation, and (as frequently noted) the key to its interpretation. – ***Merrill Unger***

And that is where we will go next. Daniel is our introduction and background to the book of Revelation.

Daniel is a book about prophecy, Israel, the end, and God's Sovereignty.

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and,
Behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His Own.

- ***James Russell Lowell***

God is Sovereign: Behind the History of the World Stands God Sovereignly superintending it to a predicted END as found in the book of Daniel.

Even as Daniel was told to do – we can REST in this!

John MacArthur died a few days ago. His wife at one point said she had never see John get angry. Amazed a fellow co-worker asked John about it. John said, that his view of God's sovereignty was so strong that he saw no reason to ever get angry about anything.

If we truly believe that God is sovereign why be anxious about the future. God's got this. He is sovereign! Rest in Him!