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DANIEL THE PROPHET – LESSON 12

GOD'S "END GAME" REVEALED

We recall from Chapter ten of the Book of Daniel that a mighty messenger angel was sent by God to reveal future history of the nations as it would impact God's people, the Jews, and Christians. It stretched from Daniel's time to the end times of the Great Tribulation and resurrection as described in Chapters eleven and twelve of the Book of Daniel.

These last two chapters are very detailed historically and carry future prophetic (eschatological) significance. They can be quite difficult to understand and not all prophecy teachers agree. They must also be studied in accord with the Book of The Revelation written by John. Zechariah is also useful.

That constitutes a very deep study as these books are combined. It would take far more time and effort than we can do by this newsletter. Helen's Revelation Bible Study (available by [clicking here](#)) would need to be incorporated with Daniel, Zechariah and a couple other "minor prophets" to fully grasp chapters 11 and 12. However for the benefit of your reading of these two chapters, I will try to give you a little bit of background.

The Persian empire of Daniel's day would have four different kings arise (11:2). The fourth is the strongest and he shall fight against Greece and lose his empire. A mighty king (v. 3) shall take over the empire; this is Alexander the Great who establishes the empire of Greece. However, when Alexander dies of a fever while invading India at the young age of 32 (323-322 B.C.), his four generals divide the Grecian empire among themselves.

The angel speaks of the two generals who impacted Judea, the kings of the North and South. The King of the South, Ptolemy established his empire around Egypt which also included Arabia, Libya, Ethiopia, and Phoenicia. The king of the North was Seleucus of Syria. Ptolemy invaded Judea and took Jerusalem. Seleucus also made raids into Judea. The Seleucids became the stronger of the two.

It was also a Seleucid, Antiochus Epiphanes, who would commit the "abomination of desolation" in Jerusalem (168 B.C.) by sacrificing a sow (female pig) upon the Temple altar. This act foreshadows a comparable act of desecration to be done by the Anti-Christ during the Great Tribulation.

Chapter 11 continues on (Daniel 11:35) to talk almost exclusively of, **"...the time of the end,"** which for Daniel was a distant future **"because it is yet for a time appointed."**

Chapter 12, verse 1 speaks of the Tribulation. Verse 2 speaks of the resurrection (catching away) that occurs at the end of the tribulation, and verse 3 speaks of the reward (brightness) of "wise" faithful believers.

In chapter 12:4 Daniel is told to not write everything he saw, essentially saying “shut it up, seal it, and leave it sealed until the end” of these things. Verses 7-12 give some “periods of time” at the end which has engaged discussions by many scholars without a consensus of opinion. This article need not go there as it is a deep study on its own.

The main thing to remember is that God has scripted the main events of human history already. We simply “live it out” and stand on our hope and faith on Him. We study so that we can better understand what is happening as it happens.

Keep your eyes of faith upon Him. He has a plan in the end to make you (12:3) “***...shine as the brightness of the firmament (the heavens).***”

This concludes our “look” at Daniel.