



The Study of Daniel 12 • Part Two

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A. REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

What lies ahead for Israel?

1. A Suffering Lies Ahead.

Truth: Only those whose name is written in the 'Book of Life' will be rescued.

2. A Separation Lies Ahead.

Truth: There are two resurrections—one for the lost and one for the saved.

3. A Shining Lies Ahead.

Truth: The real 'stars' are only those who shine for Jesus.

4. A Sealing Lies Ahead.

Truth: In the end of time, "...traveling and education shall be vastly increased."

Question: Are you recognizing the signs of **The End** of the world?

Daniel, chapters 9-12, are very difficult periscopes (i.e., passage) to absorb. It would behoove us to ponder the *end of the book*—and its conclusions—to keep our hearts from being overwhelmed with all the theological intricacies. The ending is indeed clear: The Earth will be destroyed, the antichrist will be defeated, Israel will be delivered, the saints will be raised, and God's kingdom will be established—forever.

—Dr. S.B. Ferguson, *Daniel*, p. 224

B. STUDY SECTION FOR VV. 5 – 13

Living with Unanswered Questions

STUDY VERSE SECTION - Daniel 12:5–13, NLT -⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked and saw two others [angels] standing on opposite banks of the river [Euphrates].⁶ One of them asked the man dressed in linen, who was now standing above the river, "How long will it be until these shocking events are over?"⁷ The man dressed in linen, who was standing above the river, raised both his hands toward heaven and took a solemn oath by the One who lives forever i.e., God is a sovereign God], saying, "It will go on for a time, times, and half a time [three and one half years (based on a Babylonian calendar), cf., discussion on Dan. 7:12; this happens at the end of the Great Tribulation]. When the shattering [cf., Ezek. 20:33-38; 34:11-24] of the holy people [i.e., Israel] has finally come to an end, all these things [this phrase will be reference again this this passage] will have happened."⁸ I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, "How will all this finally end, my lord?"⁹ But he said, "Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of **the end**."¹⁰ Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined by these trials."¹¹ "But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are wise will know what it means."¹¹ From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration is set up to be worshiped [remember, that happens half way through the Tribulation], there will be 1,290 days [or, three and one-half years]."¹² "And blessed are those who wait and remain until the end of the 1,335 days!" [an extra 45 days—possibly to allow for the formal, literal 1,000 year reign of Christ to being on the earth; it may also be a reference to "all these things" mentioned in Dan. 12:1-4]¹³ "As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you."

For Daniel, the counsel, at the end of his life was this: 'Go your way!' (Don't worry about unanswered questions because your Great God is 'large and in charge!' He is a sovereign God!)

You will rest.

You will rise.

You will receive your reward.

C. LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

Answers from the Fig Tree (Matthew 24:32-35)

Biblical scholars have long understood Matthew 24 to offer information about the timing of **The End!** Christ's teaching centered on the "fig tree" that represents the rebirth of Israel in 1948. It's believed that this specific generation would "...by no means pass away till all these things take place."

1. The Answer (v. 3ff—all of Matthew 24))

2. The Analogy (v. 32)

3. The Application (vv. 32-34)

4. The Announcement (v. 35)

THE POINT: Christ will return soon so you must be ready now.