

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## TEACHING SERIES ON THE PROPHET DANIEL

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### PART 12: FINAL WORDS FROM THE ANGEL

Chapter twelve is a very interesting chapter which contains deep truths as the angel from God gave his final instructions to Daniel. As believers in Christ living in the year 2007 A.D., we must stop and realize the following: The book of Daniel was written around 550 years before Christ and the New Testament did not exist. The only teaching about God was found in the Old Testament books. The book of Ezekiel came into being during the same time period as the book of Daniel. The truths told by the angel were completely unknown to Daniel and the people living at this time.

#### **DANIEL 12:1**

*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

#### **GOD'S PEOPLE**

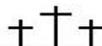
In verse one, Daniel was told about Michael (first introduced to Daniel in 10:13), a great angel prince, who is in charge of Daniel's people. John Darby, Cyrus Scofield and their dispensationalist followers teach that Michael is only in charge of the Jewish people, however, this is not true. According to the Bible, Michael is in charge of those people who worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

#### **GENTILES THAT WORSHIPED GOD**

- Job was not a Jew. **Job 1:1**
- Melchizedek was not a Jew. **Genesis 14:18-20**
- Ruth was not a Jewess. **Ruth 1:4; Matthew 1:5**
- What the Lord told Abraham. **Genesis 12:1-3; 22:16-18**
- The Apostle Paul gives a final clarification. **Romans 4:12-17, 9:4-8; Galatians 3:27-29**

#### **MORE ABOUT MICHAEL**

- It was not until some six hundred years later that God released more information about Michael and his position in the angelic realm. **Revelation 12:7-17**
- The angel reveals to Daniel about a coming time period that will be so troublesome that it cannot compare with anything previously on this earth.



Jesus sheds more light on this period and sets it in a time frame.  
**Matthew 24:1-22**

- ❑ Daniel is told about “the book,” and how only those written in “the book” will be delivered. The secret of “the book” was fully revealed later to the Apostle John. **Revelation 13:8, 20:10-15, 21:27**

### **DANIEL 12:2-3**

*And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

- ❑ Daniel is told about the resurrection of the dead, both those who are saved and those who are not. The concept of a resurrection was known to Job, who was also alive at the same time as Abraham. **Job 19:23-27**
- ❑ It is not until the New Testament that we learn more about this subject. **Matthew 13:36-43, 49-51, 25:31-46**
- ❑ It is important to understand that there will be a bodily resurrection of all people who have ever lived on this earth. Everyone will receive a new body; those who have trusted in Jesus as their Saviour will receive glorified bodies, and those who rejected Jesus will have bodies of shame that are indestructible and filled with sensors registering pain beyond human comprehension. **Revelation 20:10-15**

### **DANIEL 12:4-10**

*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

*Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.*

*And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?*

*And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*

*And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?*

*And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

*Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Daniel is given additional information:

1. The book will be sealed spiritually until the end times. When did the end times begin? According to the New Testament, they started when Jesus came to earth. **Hebrews 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:25-28**
2. Daniel tried to figure out the time frame when all this would take place but the angel refused to set a time understandable to man and only told him in spiritual terms.
3. Daniel wanted to know more details but was told this prophecy was sealed up till the end times when Jesus was born in the flesh at Bethlehem.
4. Many were to be saved in the future and have an understanding but the wicked would continue to be clueless.

### ***DANIEL 12:11-12***

*And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.*

## **GOD'S TIMETABLE**

- The times given in these verses are a complete mystery to me. After Daniel met the angel, the temple in Jerusalem was desecrated twice, first under the reign of Antiochus IV, and secondly in 70 A.D. when the temple was totally destroyed. We know from history, that from the time of Daniel's prophecy (548 B.C.) until the death of Antiochus IV (163 B.C.), the time period was 385 years. From this time till the destruction of the temple was a time period of 233 years.
- Daniel was never given a conversion table and I am therefore at a loss as to what these numbers mean. If we use the days in a Jewish year (360 days) and divide that by the two numbers given by the angel, I end up with 3.58 years and 3.71 years. Dispensationalists are using these numbers to prove that the tribulation period is going to be seven years and divided into two halves. What they have done is pure speculation.
- In the book of **Revelation 17:12-13**, we are told that the Antichrist will reign for one hour. Using the conversion rate found in **2 Peter 3:8**, one hour in God's time frame is 41.67 years human time. ( $1000 / 24 = 41.67$ )
- My conclusion is that we know for sure that these events will take place but the time and the length of each segment is a mystery to me. It will be what God has willed it to be regardless of what you and I think. Our emphasis

should not be on the time but getting ready for it. What is important to God is that we have made our peace with Him and been born again through Jesus Christ who died to take away our sins!

**DANIEL 12:13**

*But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.*

**THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

- ❑ Daniel was told to go his way because the teaching from the angel was over and in time Daniel would die. But we now learn a very interesting tidbit about the end times; people are going to be gathered into some lots or groups, most likely according to the time period they lived on the earth, and then each lot will be judged, separated, those destined for an eternal life with God and those destined for the Lake of Fire.
- ❑ The most important question for each human being: ***“Is your name written in the Book of Life?”***

**ARE YOU HEADED FOR HEAVEN OR THE LAKE OF FIRE?**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**