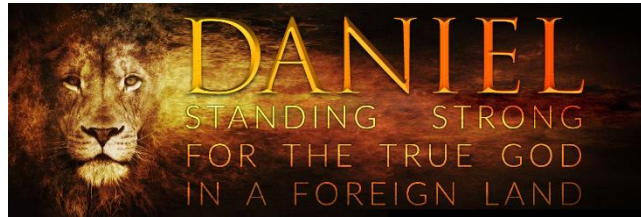


Daniel 12.5-13

Until He Comes...!



Taken us 19 weeks to Travel thru Book of DANIEL / Daniel > 70+ Years Live It
Some MEMORABLE Moments – Not often you SLEEP WITH LIONS!

Many Days MUNDANE – Working as BUREAUCRAT in BABYLON

Read HEROIC DEEDS of Daniel & Friends > HARD to Understand DREAMS

Pray WE in OUR DAY have Learned from the NOBLE, ANCIENT EXAMPLE

“Standing Strong for the True God in a Foreign Land”

Many STORIES: HAPPILY-EVER-AFTER Ending / All Questions Answered

FINAL Verses > FOG hovers over ENDING / MORE Questions RAISED!

As STEP into LAST Verses of Daniel – Certainties to HOLD ON to thru LIFE...

1. You will Know when you Get There

a. Angels Asking?

vs. 5,6 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?”

FINAL Scene @ RIVER where Last Great REVELATION to Daniel is Given

Not CLEAR how MANY are There > Camera Zooms on 2 Angels and MAN

2 ANGELS – MOSES Commanded everything ESTABLISHED by 2 Witnesses

Even ANGEL Wonders about WONDERS > ASTONISHING Things

Know GOT PROBLEMS when ANGELS ask – HOW Long Gonna Take?

Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1.12

BEASTS – Battles – BETRAYAL > Wars & Rumors of WARS > SUFFERING

Not IDLE CURIOSITY > Legitimate Question – even ANGEL NOT Know!

b. Times are Troubling

v. 7 swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.

TERRIBLE Days – God’s People SHATTERED > Dark Days for DISCIPLES

God Himself must SHORTEN Them for the SURVIVAL of His ELECT

We will come to the point in history where it appears that darkness has really won the day. It will seem as if Antichrist is going to continue for ever. It will seem as if the church as been entirely obliterated, for there will no longer be any sign of it.

Stuart Olyott

vs. 11,12 And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days.

POINTS Forward down CORRIDORS of CENTURIES – Not Just ONE Event

TERRIBLE Sacrilege of ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES – 160 BC > BEYOND!

Statue of ZEUS in Temple – Sacrificing PIG on Altar of God called UNCLEAN

Century or So LATER – Jesus stood in Temple – Preached Similar SERMON

Warning about END of DAYS, Another ABOMINATION worse than Antiochus

SHADOW of Cross will STRETCH Across the ENTIRE History of His Church

DARK Clouds hovering over Reign CZAR NICOLAS 2

Got TELEGRAM: RUSSIAN Fleet Annihilated at TSUSHIMA, Sea of JAPAN

STUFFED Telegram in POCKET and CONTINUED his TENNIS Game

Maybe DANIEL's Warnings > Rolling Off Like Water on Duck's Back

Final 6 Chapters of DANIEL Warnings of WOE > Sermons about Suffering

“Is he done?” – Gotta go Lunch, Lab, Frisbee, Movies, Have Fun, Be Happy!

For the believer, living in the world will always be tough and end of one Exile will not mean the end of difficulties. Bob Fyall

c. End is Established

v. 8 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?”

Although Daniel was not induced by any foolish curiosity, he inquires of the angel the issue of these wonderful events, yet he did not obtain his request. God wished some of his predictions to be partially understood, and the rest to remain concealed until the full period of the complete revelation should arrive.

John Calvin

v. 13 But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

Is END of DANIEL's Life? End Antiochus Purge? End of TIME Itself? YES!

GOD will Take Good Care of MY End AND Yours > End of World, Time, ALL

Daniel NO LONGER Cool HIPSTER, Been to MANY RODEOS

LEGACY Decades of Faithfulness > God FAITHFUL to him Every Single Day

Like MOSES > Vantage POINT on Mountain Top to SEE PROMISED LAND

OLD MAN but NOT Done – RETIRED just Meant a NEW SET of WHEELS

So he will KEEP GOING until HITS the TAPE at the FINISH LINE > END

Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

Isaiah 57.2

2. You can Know the One to Get you There

a. Power

v. 6 And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream

Man in LINEN NOT NAMED > Seen HIM in this Book Before

I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. Daniel 10.5

HOVERS Above Waters withOUT any HOVERCRAFT

Even ANGELS ask HIM the QUESTIONS – He HOLDS all the ANSWERS
MAN has NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES > NAME Set World Free > JESUS
NOT BEGIN at Bethlehem > BORN in Human FLESH > God became MAN

v. 7 for a time, times, and half a time

v. 11,12 ...1,290 days...1,335 days

All attempts to find an exact application of the literal numbers break down.

Joyce Baldwin

The numerals may baffle us but the way they are used here simply implies that Yahweh has a people who will make it in spite of everything thrown at them.

Dale Ralph Davis

b. Promise

v. 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever

RAISED Hands of COVENANT BLESSING

Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth" Genesis 14.22

GOD spoke to Moses saying...

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever...” Deuteronomy 32.39,40

And Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. Luke 24.50-53

v. 9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.”

NOT HIDDEN but CERTAIN – God has SWORN by SOLEMN OATH

Words to DANIEL – Written Down, Kept for Ages, Ours Now to Read Study

We must Entrust to RELIABLE People who will Teach Others Also

So, what if you, like Daniel, are not one of the heroic faithful near the end? What if you never live to encounter the final edition of the Antichrist?... Are you then deficient? Is yours a second-class experience? Rather, do you not have all you need? Your duty is clear and your future is settled. Is that not enough.

Dale Ralph Davis

3. You can Know Now

a. Understand Essentials

v. 10 And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

At no time in the history of the world have more things been known by more people. Education is a major industry. Yet millions do not even know who they are, let alone why they are or what they are doing. James Boice

NOT SURE what NUMBERS in our Text Mean > GOD Knows OUR TIMES
DEFINED – DETERMINED – DESIGNED by Him – Our Good / His Glory

vs. 3,4 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever...Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. And the wise among the people shall make many understand Daniel 11.32,33

This promise reveals the practical character of Holy Scripture. God in His infinite wisdom has revealed to us only that which is needful to know what He requires of us...Scripture is not a body of esoteric mystery given to satisfy idle curiosity.

E.J. Young

30 Minutes on SACRAMENTS in JTC – 2000 yrs of DEBATE!

BOTTOM Line – Remember, Receive, Rejoice in JESUS – Savior and Lord

What DANIEL SEALED, JOHN the Apostle was SHOWN...

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Revelation 1.1,2

JESUS CHRIST – Lamb was SLAIN – WORTHY to Open Seals Unroll Scroll

We have FULL BIBLE – Gen / Rev – words of Prophets made More CERTAIN

HOWs your BIBLE Reading going on this 13th Day of a NEW YEAR? Press On!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9.10

The problem is the inadequacy of the finite mind and language of man to comprehend and describe the infinite being of the Triune God...We must be content with the mystery - and indeed grateful for it - for if there were no mystery and all were comprehensible to us we should not be talking about God, but about a mere projection of ourselves. Philip E. Hughes

b. Embrace your Inability v. 7 the shattering of the power of the holy people

What PICTURE of the Man DANIEL will you Take-Away from this Study?

Do you see a GIANT who Stands Up to Godless TYRANNICAL Emperors?

A WISE Man who INTERPRETS Dreams and Administers EMPIRES?

A DEVOUT Believer who will PRAY & Serve God even when it is ILLEGAL?

You Should! It is TRUE, EXCITING > Should FOLLOW his NOBLE Example

And GIVE GLORY to God – GOD with Daniel then and with US NOW!

NOT told in NARRATIVES is what Our Generation thinks Most Important

How did DANIEL FEEL?? --- Reporter: How did you feel when house burned?

But PEPPERED thru Dreams / Visions HEAR Moaning & Groaning of Daniel

Man who Stood before Emperors and Lions IS JUST A MAN!

SUCCESS of Daniel only from STRENGTH of GOD ALONE!

In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. Daniel 10.2,3

saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength Daniel 10.8

I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground Daniel 10.9

a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees Daniel 10.10

I stood up trembling. Daniel 10.11

“no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.” Daniel 10.17

Corrie Ten Boom ONLY 5 yrs Old but FEARED Death > esp Death of Father
He said, “Corrie, when we ride train, when do I give you your ticket?”

JUST BEFORE we Get on the TRAIN

“That’s right, Corrie. And your heavenly Father will give you the strength and grace you need just at the moment you need it and not a moment sooner.”

Casper ten Boom

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12.9,10

The Lord will allow the persecution of his people to last as long as is necessary to break their self-sufficiency and make them rely on Christ as their rightful king. It is not the antichrist but the Lord who is setting the schedule. Tokunboh Adeyamo

The Lord said (to Moses), “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them... Exodus 3.7,8

c. Marvel in His Sustaining Mercies

vs. 9,10 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly.

WORD of God given > 2 - only 2 - Responses > RECEIVE or REJECT

WEAR WHITE or WALK IN WICKEDNESS

From CAIN and ABEL to Final Day before GREAT WHITE THRONE

We are SEED of Eve or of SERPENT – Follow SON of Man or SATAN

If you're DISCIPLE of Jesus who has Put HAND to Plow > Don't LOOK BACK
Keep on SLOGGING: Refusing to BOW Dow IDOLS MySELF or My Society

SINNERS will go about their USUAL ROUTINE > Getting Further from GOD
UNMOVED by God's WARNINGS, Unaware that Door of Opportunity Closing

The wicked will remain in their accustomed darkness, but the Lord's wise ones will discern the issues of the time, will perceive what they are called to do and what it will cost them.
Dale Ralph Davis

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." Revelation 22.10,11

Do not hinder the man who, in spite of all pleadings, admonitions, and exhortations has completely hardened himself in his wickedness; do not hinder him from continuing in his unrighteousness; neither hinder the filthy one from continuing in his filth. Similarly, do not hinder the righteous and holy person from continuing in the way of sanctification. William Hendriksen's Paraphrase

TIME COMING > Change will be IMPOSSIBLE > No SECOND CHANCE
Character determined by Lifetime Bad Habits

Quality of Person's Life > Ultimate Indication of what Person Really Believes

FINAL STATE > Directly Related to this PRESENT Life > Day of Judgment

Following Jesus is not a sprint; it is a long distance marathon.

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40.31

1st soaring, and then running, and finally walking – walking is the climax!

Sometimes in our Christian life we will soar on "eagle's wings" of faith.

Perhaps this wonderful joy accompanied your decision to become a believer.

Sometimes > Burst of God's energy to run and not get tired, perhaps during a period of testing or challenge.

God will give us what we need during such exceptional times.

But much of our life in Jesus is not that exciting.

Most of our life of faith is ordinary, daily walking with God;
long distance obedience in the same direction.

Walking is the climax – the highest point of faith.

It is great to have a wonderful spiritual “high” among the fellowship of believers on Sundays.

But the real test of our faith comes Monday through Saturday, in our homes, schools, and workplaces.

Do we walk with Christ every day of the week, every place we go?

May God grant us this long distance discipline to have a steady, dependable, reliable, and faithful walk with the Lord Jesus.

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise. Ephesians 5.15

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1.10

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” Galatians 5.25

“Grant, Almighty God, since you propose no other end to us than that of constant warfare during our whole lifetime, and subject us to many cares until we arrive at the goal of this temporary race-course: Grant, I pray thee, that we may never grow fatigued. May we ever be armed and equipped for battle, and whatever the trials by which you prove us, may we never be found deficient. May we always aspire toward heaven with upright souls, and strive with all our endeavors to attain that blessed rest which is laid up for us in heaven, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” Prayer of John Calvin at the end of his Commentary on Daniel, 1560

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