

DANIEL 12:1-13 NOTES (3-21-24)

The Lords Prayer and the End Time

Introduction: The Good News is that unlike the previous chapter, this one has only thirteen verses. The Bad news is that it is just as difficult. However, there is a sense of relief, it's the last chapter. However, even though it is difficult, we cannot get consumed figuring out the details, we must focus on the big picture. God's People Win in the End. Hold Fast. Do Good. Help Others. Glorify God.

1. Our Father in Heaven, Hallow Be Your Name: The Angels: Daniel 12:1, 5-6

"At that time shall arise **Michael**, the great prince **who has charge of your people**."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, **two others stood**, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream.

6 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?"

a. Michael is the Closer

- **The Heavy Lifter.** Fights the Prince of Persia and Greece (Daniel 10: 20). *Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.*
- **Michael casts Satan out of heaven.** **Revelation 12:7-** *Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him*

b. The Angels and the Final Judgment

- **Confusion: How Long will it Be to the end of these wonders (Daniel 1:6).**
- **They long to Understand:** 1 Peter 1:12- 10 *Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.*

12 *It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, **things into which angels long to look.***

c. How We View Angels

- **Under Realized View:** Believers who give no thought to angels and the spiritual realm.
- **Over Realized View: Angel Worship** - Colossians 2:18-19, Revelation 22:8): *18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.*
- **To Help God's People: Proclaim the Gospel. Revelation 14:6-7** - *Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

2. Thy Kingdom Come, thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Intense Persecution for a Time: Daniel 1, 7

And there shall be **a time of trouble, such as never has been** since there was a nation till that time.

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 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.

a. **Times of Trouble:** There will be Times of Great Trouble for God's Holy People? Some Suggest the church will be raptured, that is, will never experience this period of intense affliction. They see, the Holy People as mostly converted Jews, and maybe unbelieving Gentiles they have led to Christ. The main problem is that this would require Jesus to come three times.

1. **His First Coming (John 1:14). Jesus comes as baby, in the flesh.**

2. **His Secret Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).** Jesus descends from heaven and gathers the church to join him in him in heaven for seven years, until the end of the great tribulation.

3. **His Second (Really, third) Coming / Day of the Lord.** This is when Jesus returns for His holy People and Judges the righteous and the wicked. God's people get resurrected bodies.

b. **Revisiting 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18: Is this Really a Secret Rapture of the Church?**

*For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that **we who are alive** who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*

*For **the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.***

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- Honestly, this does NOT describe a Secret Rapture, but a very public and loud event. One that the world will see. One that Jesus describes in Matthew 24:29-31).
- The Term, "Meet the Lord" in the air is a military term to meet and accompany back.

c. **How does this relate to our Passage.** The Bible never teaches that he will remove the church from the tribulation. The Holy People of God are those that believe in God, through Christ. Here, the people of God will be given over to the most intense period of persecution for God's people. The shattering of the Holy People of God will last a time, times, and a half time (1+2+.5 = 3.5).

d. **What does that mean?** 3 1/2 of what? Three and a half days? Three and a half years? We are not told; we are left to guess. Most scholars choose to use years. Three and a Half Years, representing the last part of the great tribulation. Some see this as just half of God's perfect number, seven, which indicates this time period is shortened.

3. Give Us our Daily Bread. Forgive our Debts as We Forgive our Debtors: The Great Separation: Daniel 1c – 3, 10

But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life** and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**

3 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.

10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but **the wicked shall act wickedly.** And **none of the wicked shall understand**, but those who are wise shall understand.

- a. **The Book of Life:**
- b. **The Resurrection of the Dead**
 - Path One – Everlasting Life
 - Path Two – Everlasting Contempt

- c. **The Sky and the Stars**
 - Those who are Wise
 - Those Who Turn Many to Righteousness

d. **The Wise and the Wicked: Revelation 22:10-11**

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

4. Lead Us Not into Temptation but Deliver Us from Evil. Sealing of the Book: Daniel 12:4, 8-9

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."

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

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

a. **In search of Knowledge**

- We have More Knowledge today than we Ever Had, yet we are Still lost. We don't Know who we are. One Reason is we Search for Knowledge in the wrong Places. Reason and Experience.
- During this Time, We Need to Pray that we are not lead into Temptation and that we are delivered from the evil one. .

b. **Daniel's Lack of Understanding: What Should be the Outcome of these Things....**

- Thank Goodness. I thought it was just me. Now I feel connected to Daniel and the angels.
- The Words are Sealed Up: Not Hidden Away, but rather not yet executed. This happens in Revelation 5, when the lamb opens the scroll, the seals. Only he is worthy.

5. For thine is the Power and the Glory, Forever, Amen: Go Your Way till the End. Daniel 12:11-13

11 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. 12 Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days.

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."**

a. **Oh No! Not More Days**

- 1290 and 1355 Days.

b. **Go your way to the end. You Shall rest and stand in your allotted place**

- What that Means for Daniel
- What that Means for Us: Martin Luther: Go Plant a Tree
- Heaven Awaits Us. Whether We Die Before the End or Make it to His Second Coming.