

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 6/19-20/2023 *Daniel 11:36-12:4*

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OPENING PRAYER

Review: DANIEL CHAPTER 11:36-12:4 – FULFILLED PROPHECIES (VS. 1-35) Primarily during Israel's Malachi-Matthew. *Four important kings of Medo-Persia; Alexander the Great; Ptolemy I Soter and Seleucus I and descendants; The rise of Antiochus IV Epiphanes - Vile, Evil, Schemer, type of AntiChrist*

THIS WEEK: DANIEL CHAPTER (11:36-12:4) - UNFULFILLED PROPHECIES

- **Between verse 35 and 36, we leap forward over 2,000 years, from the end of Antiochus Epiphanes (reign ended 164 B.C.) through the church age to the coming Great Tribulation!**

(VS. 11:36-45) - *The king of the end time (11:36); The final world religion (11:37–39); The final world war erupts (11:40–43); The final battles (11:44–45) – Seventieth week of Daniel with AntiChrist/Great Tribulation*

(VS. 12:1-4) The Time of the End – Prophecy of the End Time

Seventieth Week of Daniel:

- **Dan 9:27** *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

Vs. 36-45 - The King (AntiChrist) of the End Time!

"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. [37] He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. [38] But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. [39] Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. [40] "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. [41] He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. [42] He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. [43] He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. [44] But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. [45] And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."

Dan 11:36 *Then the king (AntiChrist) shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods (Elohim; any god, God in general, applying both to the true God and to false gods), and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.*

- **Verses 1-35 have already been fulfilled with spectacular accuracy! Verses 36-45 are a direct reference to the future and the AntiChrist that is coming. We should be absolutely assured that what has been prophesied from vs. 36-45 will also be exactly fulfilled! What hope and help that is and will be! (Joh 16:4a) *But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.***
- ***Then the king*** (the AntiChrist, world ruler) ***shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself against the God of gods*** (every god). Paul tells us in (2Th 2:3-4) *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, [4] who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*
- **In (Rev 13:15) He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.** So the world will be required to worship this man as God. (Rev 13:5a-6) *And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies., [6] Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.* The descriptions of the **AntiChrist** in the Bible usually make mention of **his speaking great swelling words, speaking against the God of heaven, speaking blasphemies!** There are many titles for him, Son of Perdition, The Beast. One good title for him would be **Big Mouth!**
- **He will come in with flattery. He will actually be given the powers and authority of Satan.** He will reign and rule over the earth, being hailed in the beginning as the Savior, as the Messiah. Many Jews will be deceived by this man, acclaiming him as their Messiah. He will make a covenant with the nation of Israel, likely including the conditions whereby they can rebuild their temple, which is the desire of many Jews. The scriptures indicate that a temple will be rebuilt. In Revelation, chapter

eleven, John is given a ruler, *a reed*, and told to measure the temple during this tribulation period. So, as a part of the covenant that the **AntiChrist** makes with Israel will probably include the privilege, the opportunity, and the means to rebuild their temple (not the temple which Jesus will build.)

- **Today the Jews will tell you that they do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah**, because He claimed to be the Son of God. That is the big thing that they have against Jesus today, which is why the rabbis say, “no, He cannot be the Messiah, because He claimed to be the Son of God. We do not believe that the Messiah will be the Son of God, but that He will be a man like Moses. For Moses said, (*Deu 18:15*) *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.* So, they reject Jesus, because of His claim of being the Son of God.
- **However, in Jesus' day, the Jews did believe that the Messiah would be the Son of God**, because God said concerning the Messiah, (*Psa 2:7*) *"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.* Also in (*Isa 9:6*) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* That is why when Jesus was being questioned by the High priest, (*Mat 26:63b-64a*) *The high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"* [64a] *Jesus said to him, "It is as you said.* So that they believed that the Messiah would be the Son of God.
- **And shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished** (for 7 years, 84 months); **for what has been determined shall be done.** Here we see that God will actually prosper the AntiChrist for the period of seven years, that the decrees and purposes of God shall be accomplished. (*Rev 11:2b*) *And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.* (*Rev 13:5b*) *And he was given authority (exousia) to continue for forty-two months).*

Dan 11:37 He shall regard neither the God (or gods - elohim) of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

- **Now in describing him it says, He shall regard neither the God of his fathers.** Some take this to mean that he will be a Jew. It is very possibly so, but not necessarily, as this is a Jewish context and a Jewish perspective. “*elohim*” can be gods as well as God. However, it seems likely for the Jews to enter into a treaty with a Jewish, rather than a Gentile AntiChrist.
- **Nor the desire of women. Of women, not for women.** Some interpret that as meaning the AntiChrist will be a homosexual. He may be, but it does not say that here. More likely, this may relate to the desire of every Jewish women in those days, that she would be the one chosen of God to bear the Messiah. We know that the AntiChrist would not regard the true Messiah or Jesus.
- **Nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.** Satan said in (*Isa 14:14*) *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.* So here is the AntiChrist, not honoring any god, but magnifying himself above all the gods. (*2Th 2:4*) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Dan 11:38 But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses (not a person, but power to make war); and a god (any god) which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

Dan 11:39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses (the power to make war) with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

- **But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses....Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god.** This seems to be identified with the Roman world ruler. Examining other passages relating to the end time, it becomes evident that the final world ruler's sole confidence is in military power. personified as a *god of fortresses*. The AntiChrist is a complete materialist in contrast to all previous religions and all previous men who claimed divine qualities. This is blasphemy

to the ultimate, the exaltation of human power and attainment! He is Satan's masterpiece, a human being who is Satan's substitute for Jesus Christ, hence properly identified as the AntiChrist.

- ***Divide the land for gain.*** In keeping with his complete materialism, his activities are characterized by warfare and honoring, offering financial and political gain to those who honor him. Those cooperating are given subsidiary rule: He shall make them rulers over many and shall *divide the land for gain*. That is, he will reapportion territories in keeping with his desire for conquest.
- **Taking *Daniel 11:36–39* as a whole, we see a portrayal and an analysis** of the characteristics of the final world ruler. Looking at the present world, this portion of Daniel, becomes an illuminating prophetic commentary on the ultimate end of these present forces in the world that will unite the worldly forces of our day in one Satanically empowered man, the AntiChrist. This will be reached in the last half of Daniel's seventieth week, the three and a half years of the Great Tribulation, immediately preceding the second advent of Jesus Christ. However, the AntiChrist's world government will be assailed by catastrophic judgments from God (*Rev chapters 6–18*), and the inherent difficulties of ruling the entire globe come to fruition in a final world war, described in the closing portion of Daniel 11. Just think today with all of the turmoil and godlessness going on, we are actual living whereby the evil one is being restrained! (*2Th 2:7*) *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*
- **We are so close to these things coming to pass that it is exciting us believers**, really on one hand, and frightening on the other if you are a sinner. Beware unbeliever! What a strange, deceptively wicked, and evil world that will be!

Dan 11:40 "At the time of the end the king of the South (likely not Egypt alone, but as an African army) ***shall attack him; and the king of the North*** (not only Syria, but all forces to the north of Israel) ***shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots*** (tanks), ***horsemen, and with many ships; and he*** (world ruler, the AntiChrist) ***shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.***

- **There will be an insurrection from the area of Egypt**, and he will come with great power and his forces.
- **The "time of the end" introduced in verse 35 is again mentioned to make clear** that the military struggle here is that which will characterize the end of the age. The general nature and location of the warfare is also specified. The king mentioned in *verses 36–39* is now attacked by kings from the South and the North. Earlier in this chapter, the king of the South uniformly referred to Egypt and to the warfare of the third and second centuries B.C. that has already been fulfilled. Here the king of the South is clearly the leader of a political and military force that comes from south of the Holy Land, but probably involves much more than only Egypt, better identified as an African army.

Dan 11:41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land (Israel), ***and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon*** (Jordan).

- **God gives to Israel the wings of an eagle to bear her to the wilderness place** where she will be taken care of for three and a half years. From (*Isa 16:3-4a*) *"Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes. [4] Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler.* The Lord tells Moab to receive His people. It appears that the rock city of Petra could be the place where God will preserve that remnant of Jews during this Great Tribulation period. When God sends those Jews down to the wilderness area, the AntiChrist will send out an army to destroy them, but the earth will open up and swallow up the army. So ***Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon*** (Jordan) will not be brought under the control or the power of the Antichrist.

Dan 11:42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

- **That is as he begins his invasion, he takes Egypt**, being right on the borders of Ethiopia and Libya.

Dan 11:43 *He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.*

- **What is pictured in these verses is an extended military campaign** that begins with the AntiChrist's forces invading Israel and then moving south into Egypt and northern Africa.

Dan 11:44 *But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.*

- **This may refer to the invasion described in Rev 16:12** where the Euphrates river dries up "to prepare the way for the kings from the east," perhaps China, Pakistan, and India. Great armies, multitudes, millions, perhaps hundreds of millions will come to put down the western powers.
- **Whatever the disturbing news is, it forces the AntiChrist to "go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many."** It is possible that the final destruction of Babylon takes place during this part of the AntiChrist's final campaign.

Dan 11:45 *And he (the AntiChrist) shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.*

- **He, the AntiChrist, will come back to Israel.** There in the battle of Armageddon during the fierce slaughter at the end of the Great Tribulation period, Jesus Christ shall come again with His saints! He will set His foot in that day on the Mount of Olives! It will split in two, between the north and the south forming a new great valley which goes down to the area of the Jordan Valley. He, Our Lord Jesus, will destroy the AntiChrist with the sword that goes forth out of His mouth! (**Rev 19:15**) *Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. That is with His Word, He will destroy him!*
- **The AntiChrist will be so powerful. He will have such a tremendous power of forces** that people will be saying, "who can make war against him?" But I like that song of Martin Luther that says, "*The prince of darkness grim; we tremble not for him. One little word shall fell him.*" Who can make war against him? Just the word of Jesus and he is through!
- **Taken as a whole, Daniel 11:36–45 is a description of the closing days** of the times of the Gentiles, specifically, the Great Tribulation with its world ruler, world religion, and materialistic philosophy. In spite of its satanic support, the world government fragments into sectional disputes and a great world war that climaxes with the second advent of Christ! This brings the times of the Gentiles to a close with the destruction of the wicked rulers who led it! Further details are added, continuing in chapter twelve.

The Time of the End

Dan 12:1-4 *"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. [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."*

Dan 12:1 *"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people (nation of Israel); And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book.*

- **At that time** ("time" used four times in this verse): This does not necessarily infer that this is subsequent to the happenings of Dan 11:36-45, but that it happens in the same portion of the Gentile era.
- **Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people** (Israel); The chief prince among the angels seemingly is Michael. That is the title that was given to him. Here he is

called the *great prince*, which stands for the children of your people. *Michael* is referred to in the Bible with spiritual battles in (*Dan 10:13, 21; Jud 1:9*); and in (*Rev 12:7, 8*) *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, [8] but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.* Since Michael is called the archangel (*Jud 1:9*), many believe he is the only archangel. *Michael* is Satan's true opposite, but not the opposite of Jesus! Satan is the opposite of *Michael*, this high-ranking angel.

- **The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people:** Additionally to Michael's role as a spiritual warrior, he has been appointed by God to be a "spiritual guardian" over Israel.
- **And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation.** God has a seven-year period in which He is going to be dealing with the nation of Israel. It is the seventieth seven-year span of Daniel 9. God is again going to pour His spirit out on the nation of Israel and will be dealing with them as He did in the past.
- **At the present time the scripture declares, (Rom 11:25b) that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** The spirit of God is working among the Gentile nations, as He draws out a bride for Jesus Christ. The Jew really doesn't have any advantage over the Gentile as far as salvation is concerned. Paul said, (*Rom 3:22-23*) *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* All of us must be redeemed from our sins by Jesus Christ.
- **There shall be a time of trouble:** This refers to the time of persecution for Israel and world calamity known as the Great Tribulation. In (*Jer 30:7*) *Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.* This period is also called *the time of Jacob's trouble*.
- **Such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time:** The Jewish people have known many a **time of trouble** throughout their history. From the horrors at the fall of Samaria and Jerusalem, to the terrors wrought by Antiochus Epiphanes, to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, to the persecutions from the church during the Dark Ages, to the violent attacks of Europe, to the Twentieth Century Holocaust! It often seems that all Israel's history has been a **time of trouble**. But this **time of trouble** will be different. It will be a *worse time of trouble* than Israel has ever seen before!
- **Jesus quoted this passage in (Mat 24:21, 29, 30) For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.** [29] *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [30] Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*
- **With great sadness, we must say that the Bible teaches that the worst has yet to come for Israel and the Jewish people.** (*Zec 13:8-9*) *And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: [9] I will bring the one-third through the fire. Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say,*
- **We see this terrible time, described in part, in (Rev 12:13-17) Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.** [14] *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. [15] So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. [16] But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. [17] And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rom 11:26-27) And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UN GODLINESS FROM JACOB; [27] FOR THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."*
- **Also seen are the trumpets, seals, and bowls of Revelation all describing the horrific conditions of the world in general during this time.** The Jewish people will be targets of the full fury of the devil and

his AntiChrist during this time, living in a world that is in total upheaval because of the judgment of God. Indeed a time of great trouble and great tribulation such as the world has never seen before or will ever see again!

- ***Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book. God is going to preserve and deliver everyone who is found written in the book.*** God keeps books. He keeps books on you. We are told in Revelation 20, that when the dead, small and great, come out of their graves, death and hell will give up the dead, which are in them, and they shall stand before God that the books (plural) will be opened. People will be judged by the things that are written in the books, the record of your life, a record of your misdeeds, of your sins. But the glorious thing is, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses our record! It obliterates the sins that were once against us and through Jesus Christ, there is therefore now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus! He's wiped the slate clean! They open up the book to my page and it is clean! It has been washed. Oh, how glorious!
- **And another book will be opened which is the Book of Life and whoever's name is not found written** in the Book of Life will be consigned to the eternal judgment of God in a place that the scripture calls Gehenna, also referred to as the lake of fire, or outer darkness.
- **Moses spoke of the book that God had written.** At the time that God was saying to Moses, "Look, I am going to destroy these people. I will raise up another people for you." Moses interceded and said, "Lord, forgive them and if not, then I pray that you will blot my name out of the book." God said, "I will blot out those that I will. You are not going to give me instructions on this one, Moses." In (*Psa 69:28*) *Let them be blotted out of the book of the living (probably the Book of Life) And not be written with the righteous.*
- **When the disciples came back to Jesus rejoicing that the devils were subject** unto them in the name of Jesus, He said in (*Luk 10:20*) *Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*
- **Eight times in the Bible the Book of Life is mentioned.** For example in (*Mal 3:16-17*) *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. [17] "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."*
- **So, here the angel speaks to Daniel again of those whose names are found written in that book.** They are the ones who will be delivered on that day.

Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

- **We see three truths given very clearly:** 1) There is going to be a **final judgment of every single human** being. 2) In the future in human history, **the righteous are going to be rewarded with everlasting life** and 3) **The wicked will be judged with everlasting judgment.**
- ***And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.*** Here he tells him that there is going to be a resurrection. At the second coming of Jesus not every Jew is going to be spiritually prepared for His return as Ezekiel 20:30-38 makes clear. They will then be separated from the righteous at Jesus' second coming.
- ***Some to everlasting life. Jesus is the first fruits of those who rise from the dead.*** We are living in the period of the first resurrection. It would seem that the first resurrection is over a period of time, beginning with Jesus and His resurrection from the dead being the first fruits. (*1Co 15:20*) *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* There would be indications that when Jesus rose from the dead that many of the Old Testament saints also rose from the dead, because in Matthew 27 it says that many of the graves of the saints were opened, and they were seen walking through the streets of Jerusalem after Jesus was resurrected from the dead.
- **The first resurrection began with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** It will end after the period in the tribulation that those martyred saints, martyred for Christ during the tribulation, rise join and take their part with the saints in heaven, and that will conclude the first resurrection. Thus, it is

referred to in (**Rev 20:5-6**) *But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

- **Some to shame and everlasting contempt.** Now, the wicked that are dead will not rise until the end of the thousand-year period. There will be another resurrection referred to in (**Rev 20:13-15**) *The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. [14] Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.* This is the second death. There has to be a second resurrection to have this second death. Blessed is he who has part in the first resurrection. The second death will have no power over him!

Dan 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

- **Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament.** The wisdom that is from above, those that live their lives forever with eternal values. They will shine with *the brightness of the firmament*. This is talking about Jews who will come to know Jesus as their Savior, during the Great Tribulation period. They will trust in Him. They will face death at the hands of the AntiChrist in order to stay true to their commitment to Christ.
- **The reward of the righteous that will come to them is glowingly spoken of here. Those are wise** because they put their faith in Jesus Christ, better late than never, but they do so during the Great Tribulation period. Then they clearly begin to speak to others about following Jesus as their Messiah and Savior, as well. So, here you have this this encouragement, that even if it requires martyrdom in order to stand with Christ during the tribulation period, that all of that horror of the Great Tribulation will be washed away in a moment and replaced with the eternal glory of God that comes to the righteous and to the *wise*, as they are described here.
- **The Jews and the Gentiles, during the Great Tribulation period, once they realize** that the Antichrist is not the Messiah, they will begin to search the scriptures, including the book of Daniel. They will begin to recognize, Wow! This is what is happening and unfolding! This is the description of the ruler that would take place, coming to reign at the end of the age. Verse three would then stand out to them as an encouragement, that yes, this is as messy, as you can get! Yet, it would be a great encouragement to stay faithful, even to the point of death in the midst of that persecution and that faithfulness would be richly rewarded!
- **And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.** A lot of people aspire to shine as stars now. But, how quickly the worldly stars fade from view. The glamour girls from the past, those that were the pin-ups in earlier days, to see them now is pitiful. How quickly the stars fall. But the ones leading many to righteousness will shine as the stars for ever and ever!

Dan 12:4 "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."

- **Not to be sealed forever, but until the time of the end.** That is why the book of Daniel has become extremely fascinating to us. Living in *the time of the end*, it is no longer a sealed book. Now that most of the prophecies of Daniel have been fulfilled and the rest are on the verge of being fulfilled, we can put much more of the picture together. Daniel now becomes an extremely exciting book, because we have the understanding of it more clearly, because for the most part it has now been fulfilled!
- **The idea is this is not going to change. You can shut it up and seal it! This is an official heavenly document. It is not subject to change!** It will never change! Shut it up and seal it, Daniel! He says that many are going to run to and fro. The context of that and the language seems to be running *to and fro* to search things out, to understand signs! This perspective is going to be true. (**Jer 5:1**) "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; And seek in her open places If you can find a man, If there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth, And I will pardon her. (Amo

8:12) They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it. (Zec 4:10) For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.

- **Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.** This knowledge that is increased is not really a prophecy of this age of information in which we live. However it has happened. All of the accumulated knowledge of mankind from the time of Adam up until the time of 1960 doubled in the ten years from 1960 to 1970. In ten years' time, there has been such a vast accumulation of knowledge. With this information age with the computers and the ability of the computers, knowledge is increasing at an exponential rate. Things that we thought were impossible are now realities. Sending pictures through the air in color from other parts of the world where some happening could be taking place in Baghdad and you can sit there in your living room, watching it as it is happening, because of this tremendous increase in knowledge.
- **Here it clearly says that all these different scholars in the end are going to be searching back and forth over the prophecies looking at the world around us.** Because of that, knowledge of prophecy will increase and that's where we are. This in front of us. It is all around us! We, like no generation that's ever had our view of world problems of confrontation around the world of technology, have had the potential to completely eradicate itself with nuclear weapons.
- **I believe we're right where the Lord speaking to Daniel, says to shut up the words. Seal the book even to the time of the end, where we are, many running to and fro searching these things out as the idea and knowledge shall be increased.** We are now seeing more clearly, than ever before, not only the fulfillment, but the potential for those things that have not yet transpired!

SUMMARY:

- **God's Prophecy – Our hope and help for now and the coming days!** Today (vs. 1-35) are fulfilled prophecy, having already been fulfilled! **Verses 36-45** are a direct reference to the future and the AntiChrist that is coming. We should know the exact details of Daniel's prophecy that have already been fulfilled (vs. 1-35). Therefore, we should be absolutely assured that what has been prophesied from (vs. 36-45) will also be exactly fulfilled!
- **What hope and help that is and will be!** Be aware of our awesome God, who in His word, tells us things that will happen in our future that have not yet been fulfilled so when these are fulfilled we will know that God is God! How well do we truly know Him? His word? His greatness?
- **We know one of the greatest and most joyful things we can do for our Father,** is just to be His and to open our mouth, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the dark and dying world!
- **We can say, Oh LORD, How great Thou art!**

CLOSING SONG:

HOW GREAT THOU ART – Stuart Hine, Shea (2.51-2:54)

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings
my soul my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study Chapter Twelve!

