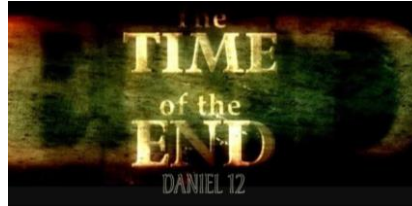


Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Daniel 12:1-13 – Daniel is told to seal up the book until the time of the end!

Today’s Message:
 “The Time of the End”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned how Bible critics have attacked Daniel 11 saying it is impossible for it to be written before the historical events. And we thanked them for proving how awesome our God is! Today, we have arrived at the end of this incredible book of prophecy! Daniel will be instructed by God to seal the great book until “the time of the END.” God will then say, “Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.” My friends, we are LIVING in the time of the end! The important question is... What will you DO with all you have learned? This is God’s message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Daniel 12:1-13

#1. A Time of Trouble – Daniel was told there shall be a time of TROUBLE!

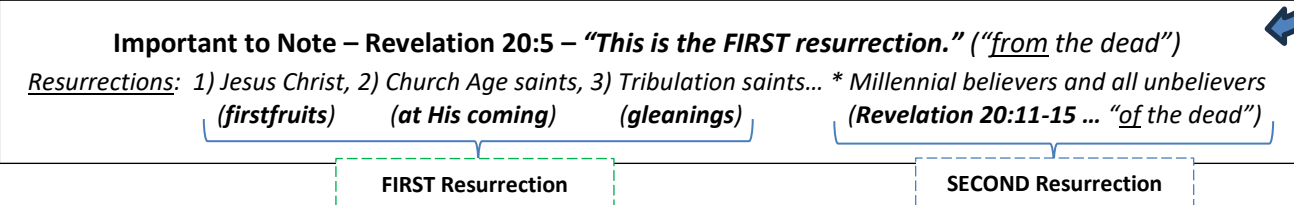
AT THAT TIME... AND THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE

Revelation 12:7
 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Matthew 24:21
 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Important to Note
 The book of Revelation is like a KEY that opens up the book of Daniel!

- ✓ The final chapter begins with a continuation of chapter 11... at THAT time...
 - In **12:1**, the time is the time previously noted in **11:36-45** of ANTICHRIST.
- ✓ Michael is the angel that stands up for the children of Daniel’s people – the JEWS!
 - Michael is referred to 3 times in Daniel – **10:13**, **10:21**, and **12:1**.
 - In **Jude 1:9**, he is called the ARCHANGEL (**1Ths 4:16**) contending with the devil.
 - In **Rev 12:7**, he is at war in heaven with his angels against Satan and his angels.
- ✓ There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation...
 - In **Mt 24:21**, **Mk 13:19**, **Lk 21:23-24**, Jesus Christ called it GREAT tribulation.
 - In **Isa 26:20-21**, it is to “punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.”
 - In **Jer 30:7**, it is “the time of Jacob’s trouble” when “he shall be saved out of it.”
 - In **Rev 16:17-21**, it is “the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his (God’s) wrath.”
- ✓ And MANY... shall awake – SOME to everlasting life, SOME to everlasting contempt.
 - Note how the Bible says MANY ... not ALL people... **1Cor 15:20-24**; **Rev 20:5, 11-15**
- ✓ There is a reward for Jews who are wise and choose to turn others to righteousness!



#2. The Time of the End – the book was to be SEALED until the time of the end.

SHUT UP THE WORDS, AND SEAL THE BOOK... EVEN TO THE TIME OF THE END

- ✓ In **12:4**, Daniel is told to SHUT UP THE WORDS and SEAL THE BOOK.
 - There is an interesting truth in the Bible about people and *the truth*.
 - In **Mt 13:1-3, 10-17**, Jesus began to speak in PARABLES.
 - People who WANT TO KNOW AND OBEY *the truth* in sincerity shall FIND it.
 - People who DO NOT CARE ABOUT *the truth* are UNABLE to find it (blind).
 - In **2 Cor 3:14-16**, Paul said the Jews' minds are BLINDED by a VEIL (UNBELIEF).
- ✓ Consider the prophecy of what is called, "*The TIME of the END.*"
 - There are TWO distinct characteristics:

Matthew 13:10
And the disciples came,
and said unto him,
Why speakest thou
unto them in parables?

Travel Speed & Frequency
Have travel advancements
impacted your life?
Has it made the world better?

1) Many shall run to and fro...

- The SPEED and FREQUENCY of *travel* has advanced exponentially!
- A few key inventions that escalated travel speed and frequency:
 - **15th to 17th centuries** – the **Age of Exploration** – advancing long-distance travel
 - **Late 19th century** – the **Automobile** – personalized; greater distances quickly
 - **20th century** – the **Airplane** – transformed long-distance travel; hours vs. months!

2) Knowledge shall be increased...

- The INFORMATION AGE is given a timeframe of (Mid 1900s to the Present)
- A few key inventions that escalated "*knowledge*" and information:
 - **1947 – Transistor** – semiconductor device to amplify/switch electrical power
 - **1957 – Optical Amplifier** – part of fiberoptic cables for world's telecommunications
 - **1970 – Unix Time** – January 1, 1970 – straight time; computers avoid leap year.
- **Computer Microminiaturization** led to information systems & internet communications.
- ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (a.k.a. "**AI**") – **Joshua 7** – Consider pages 3-4 today ...

Increased Knowledge
How has the Information
Age impacted your life?
Has it made the world better?

What do we learn of AI in OT?
God's people underestimated it!

#3. The Final Words – Daniel did not understand all the DETAILS ... *comforting!*

THEN I DANIEL LOOKED, AND BEHOLD... THE MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN

- ✓ The Lord Jesus Christ is seen again as Daniel is in the same place by the river (Tigris).
 - In **12:5-7**, Daniel saw two others and Jesus Christ upon the waters!
 - In **Daniel 10:4-9**, the *man clothed in linen* was clearly the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - In **Revelation 10:1-7**, the *mighty Angel is* this *man clothed in linen* – *same words!*
- ✓ **How long??** The *great tribulation* timeframe is: **3 ½ years... 42 months ... 1260 days!**
- ✓ In **12:8**, Daniel said, "*O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?*"
 - MANY will be made white... *the wicked do wickedly... the wise shall UNDERSTAND!*

The words of an old preacher...

Daniel was over ninety years of age... In his last Vision, he had the blessed privilege of seeing and hearing the voice of his Lord... The time for rest had come. So, he was told to "go his way," depart to his home, and rest there until the summons came for him to make his "Exodus" from Babylon to the Heavenly Land. Then when the "Times of the Gentiles" have run their course, Daniel was to stand in HIS LOT. What that "Lot" is to be we are not told. But if the Apostles are to be raised and sit on "Twelve Thrones," judging the "Twelve Tribes" of Israel (**Mt 19:28**), what may Daniel's lot be, who participated in the affairs of Empires, and was the trusted adviser of kings.

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.

What are the most significant advancements to speed and frequency of travel over the last 4000 years?

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Over the last 4000 years, there have been significant advancements in the speed and frequency of travel, with each era bringing its own innovations and breakthroughs. Here are some of the most notable advancements:

1. **Domestication of Horses (Around 2000 BCE):** The domestication of horses revolutionized land travel, allowing humans to cover greater distances at faster speeds. This led to the development of chariots and horse-drawn carts, significantly improving over earlier forms of travel on foot.
2. **The Silk Road (c. 2nd century BCE):** The establishment of the Silk Road facilitated long-distance trade and cultural exchange between Europe and Asia. It connected the East and West and allowed for the movement of goods and ideas over vast distances.
3. **Invention of the Wheel (c. 3500 BCE):** The wheel, one of the most fundamental inventions in human history, greatly improved the efficiency of travel, especially when combined with animals like horses and oxen. Wheeled vehicles such as wagons and carts made transportation of goods and people more efficient.
4. **Age of Exploration (15th to 17th centuries):** The Age of Exploration marked a significant advancement in long-distance travel. Explorers like Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, and Vasco da Gama discovered new trade routes, leading to increased intercontinental travel and trade.
5. **Industrial Revolution (18th to 19th centuries):** The Industrial Revolution brought about innovations in transportation, including the steam engine and the locomotive. This led to the expansion of railways and steamships, significantly increasing the speed and efficiency of travel and trade.
6. **Invention of the Automobile (late 19th century):** The invention of the automobile, pioneered by figures like Karl Benz and Henry Ford, revolutionized personal travel. It allowed individuals to travel greater distances quickly and comfortably.
7. **Aviation (20th century):** The development of the airplane in the early 20th century by figures like the Wright brothers transformed long-distance travel. Commercial aviation made it possible for people to travel across continents and oceans in a matter of hours rather than weeks or months.
8. **Space Exploration (mid-20th century onwards):** The exploration of space, beginning with the launch of Sputnik in 1957, represents a monumental advancement in travel beyond Earth. Human space travel, exemplified by the Apollo missions to the Moon and the ongoing exploration of Mars, has expanded our understanding of the universe.
9. **High-Speed Rail and Supersonic Travel (late 20th century):** High-speed rail networks, particularly in countries like Japan and France, have revolutionized ground travel by allowing passengers to reach their destinations quickly and efficiently. Additionally, supersonic passenger aircraft, like the Concorde, briefly offered faster-than-sound travel across the Atlantic.
10. **Digital and Telecommunication Advancements (late 20th century onwards):** The development of the internet, telecommunication networks, and video conferencing technologies has reduced the need for physical travel for communication and business purposes, making information more accessible and travel planning more efficient.

These advancements in the speed and frequency of travel over the past 4000 years have had profound impacts on human society, enabling greater connectivity, trade, and cultural exchange across the globe.

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What are the most significant advancements in knowledge over the last 4000 years?

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Over the last 4000 years, human knowledge has advanced significantly across various fields. Here are some of the most significant advancements in knowledge during this period:

1. **Agriculture and Domestication (c. 10,000 BCE):** The Neolithic Revolution marked the transition from hunting and gathering to settled agriculture. This knowledge revolutionized food production, leading to the development of civilizations and urban centers.
2. **Writing Systems (c. 3000 BCE):** The development of writing systems, such as cuneiform in Mesopotamia and hieroglyphics in Egypt, allowed for the recording and preservation of knowledge, including laws, literature, and scientific observations.
3. **Mathematics in Ancient Greece (6th to 4th centuries BCE):** Greek mathematicians like Pythagoras, Euclid, and Archimedes made significant contributions to geometry and number theory, laying the foundation for modern mathematics.
4. **Scientific Revolution (16th to 18th centuries):** The Scientific Revolution marked a period of significant advancements in various fields of science. Figures like Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, and Johannes Kepler revolutionized physics, astronomy, and the scientific method.
5. **Industrial Revolution (18th to 19th centuries):** The Industrial Revolution transformed society with innovations in machinery, manufacturing, and transportation. This era saw the development of steam engines, leading to advancements in engineering and industrialization.
6. **Darwin's Theory of Evolution (19th century):** Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection revolutionized biology and our understanding of the diversity of life on Earth.
7. **Theory of Relativity (early 20th century):** Albert Einstein's theories of special and general relativity reshaped our understanding of space, time, and gravity, leading to advancements in theoretical physics.
8. **Quantum Mechanics (early 20th century):** Quantum mechanics, developed by physicists like Max Planck and Werner Heisenberg, revolutionized our understanding of the behavior of particles at the atomic and subatomic levels.
9. **Information and Computer Technology (20th century onwards):** The development of digital computers and the internet revolutionized the way information is processed, stored, and communicated, leading to the Information Age.
10. **Genetics and DNA (20th century onwards):** The discovery of the structure of DNA by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953 and subsequent advancements in genetics have transformed our understanding of inheritance, genetics, and biotechnology.
11. **Space Exploration (20th century onwards):** Human knowledge of the cosmos has expanded significantly through space exploration missions, including the moon landings, the Mars rovers, and the study of distant galaxies through space telescopes.
12. **Environmental Sciences (20th century onwards):** Advances in environmental sciences have deepened our understanding of climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainability, leading to efforts to address global environmental challenges.

These significant advancements in knowledge have had far-reaching impacts on human society, technology, and our understanding of the natural world. They continue to shape the course of human history and drive further exploration and discovery in various fields.

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