

Series: Daniel – Life For Eternity

Text: Daniel 11:2-12:4

Main Idea: Though evil seems to prevail, everlasting life is a sure promise.

Title/Hook: The Master Calendar

Date: 3/19/23

Purpose: To encourage God's people that He is in control of the world, all those in power, and that even in the face of future evil and oppression, His promise of everlasting life through Christ is secure, therefore His people can stand firm and take action, because they know their God.

FCF/COR: Evil and death seem to prevail, is there a promise of deliverance and life?

Christ Trajectory: John 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 15, Rev. 20:11-15 – Christ is the resurrection and the life, our promised Deliverer, the triumphant and eternal king. Is your name in the book?

Apologetic: Fulfilled prophecy confirmed in history.

Structure: Inductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): The final vision given to Daniel of what is going to happen to God's people and the surrounding nations.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Wars and trials will abound for the appointed time, but ultimately God will defeat evil and bring His people everlasting life.

Exegetical Main Idea: The final vision given to Daniel of what is going to happen to God's people and the surrounding nations was that wars and trials will abound for the appointed time, but ultimately God will defeat evil and bring His people everlasting life.

Theological Main Idea: God has revealed that evil rulers, wars, and trials will come, but He is sovereign over it all and will bring about ultimate deliverance and everlasting life to His people.

Homiletical Main Idea: Though evil seems to prevail, everlasting life is a sure promise.

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Outline:

1. The frailty of human kings seeking ultimate power (vv. 2-20)

Read vv. 2-20

Read v. 14 and Read v. 16 again.

Quote – Iain Duguid – “The kingdoms of this world often seem overwhelming in their power to accomplish great things... Yet at the end of the story, and for all their vaunted power, the kingdoms of this world can neither destroy God’s work nor establish it. They are merely tools in the hand of a sovereign God who is able to declare the end from the beginning because he alone ultimately controls the affairs of men and nations.”

Quote – Iain Duguid – “On one level, it is the continual story of wars and rumors of wars, as one human ruler and empire after another seeks to gain power by cunning or force. Yet though the tide in the affairs of men comes in and goes out, in the end it accomplishes precisely nothing. The balance of power in earthly politics may shift but it never comes to a permanent rest. On the one hand, therefore, Daniel 11 shows us the fallen world pursuing the wind and finding it elusive. What do power and politics gain for all their toil?”

^^^ (Not sure which quote, if any, I’ll be using.)

2. The finality of the true King’s ultimate plan (vv. 21-45)

Read vv. 21-27

Read vv. 28-35

v. 24 – “but only for a time”

v. 27 – “for the end is yet to be at the time appointed”

v. 29 – “At the time appointed”

v. 35 – “until the time of the end, for still awaits the appointed time”

v. 36 – “for what is decreed shall be done”

Ephesians 1:11 - ...him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

Read v. 32 again

Read vv. 36-45

Quote – Dale Ralph Davis – “In Antiochus one sees a foreshadowing, a scale model, of the final opponent of God’s people. This final scourge will be like Antiochus Epiphanes – only more and worse.”

Quote – Iain Duguid – “History will not come to a conclusion, it appears, until the coming of another Antiochus-like king.”

3. The fixed reality of everlasting life for God’s people (vv. 12:1-4)

Revelation 20:11-15 - ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

John 11:23-27 - ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-24 - Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. . . ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

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