

***Session 14 Seven Key End-Time Events and Trends (Dan. 12:1-10)***

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**I. THE LORD'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE (DAN. 12:1-10)**

- A. Daniel 12 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible on the end times. A mighty angel gave Daniel an unusual amount of detail about what will happen in the generation of Jesus' return. This angel assured Daniel of the ultimate triumph of God's people related to the Great Tribulation. It will be the most unique, powerful, glorious, violent, difficult, important generation in history.

Well Daniel 12 is a unique passage because there is so much valuable information that is very precise and it is all in one vision. I have Paragraph A., we will not go through all the notes but I like to give you the notes so you have the key points to take away to look up later.

Paragraph A., Daniel 12 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible on the end times, I just want you to register that. What I mean the end times, I mean the generation the Lord returns. Because in that generation a lot of really exciting dynamic powerful Holy Spirit things are going to happen. On the other extreme some really dark demonic things are going to happen.

So in that generation it will be the most glorious and powerful but it will be the darkest and most challenging. Because the two of them the light and the darkness they will come to fullness at the same time across the earth. It is actually a very glorious hour to live in because it is a time where the Body of Christ, the people of God will see the power of God even beyond what was witnessed in the book of Acts.

Now it is interesting, we will get to this point later, Daniel 12 actually is the only vision that Jesus with His own mouth, Matthew 24, we will look at it later, the information is in the notes, it is the only vision that Jesus actually directed people to understand. He told us, understand what Daniel said, and He directs us to this passage right here.

So it has that unique place of importance because Jesus, I mean Jesus obviously believes in all the Prophets what they said about the end times, He was the one that inspired them. He only highlighted one and it happens to be this vision right here. So I want to take, pay special attention to it.

A mighty angel gave Daniel unusual amount of precise and valuable information. Now this information is rare. The part that makes me sad although it is not going to be sad for long, so much of the Body of Christ is not taking hold of this rare and valuable lifesaving, life giving information.

The reason I say I am only sad for a while because this very vision itself makes it clear that multitudes of God's people are going to take hold of this vision. So I know we are at a time where the Lord is going to highlight it so why not highlight now and begin to get in the conversation the Lord about this vision knowing the Lord is going to breathe on this vision on the days to come.

Now the key point I want you to take here is that the mighty angel he assured Daniel of great and ultimate victory in this vision but it is in context to the Great Tribulation. Do not lose sight that the point he emphasizes is that the greatness of the victory that is coming. This will be the most unique generation in history, it will be the most powerful generation in history, it will be the most glorious, the most violent, the most difficult, the most important, I mean put a bunch of other words there. I mean all of history is pointing to that generation.

Now I believe, this is my personal opinion, it is not a prophecy, I believe we are in the early days of that generation. I might be wrong but I think I am right but many people around the world think we are in the early days of that generation. Some think we are further along and maybe it is a little bit further down the road then I think, again it is only an opinion, it is not a prophecy. I am getting stronger in my conviction about that as I watch what is happening across the earth and compare it to what the Bible said would happen in the earth in that time.

- B. The greatest victory for God's people will come in the context of their greatest persecution. There is coming a time of unprecedented trouble that will result in an unprecedented victory for God's people. A great revival and harvest of new souls will occur at the same time as the falling away.

Paragraph B., the greatest victory for God's people will happen in context to the greatest persecution and the greatest trouble. So I mean we all want to see the power of God and we want to see multitudes saved and breakthrough in lives and people walking in love and filled with peace. Well that is the victory this chapter is talking about but it will be in context to pressures, persecutions.

Now the reason we want to understand this vision because the enemy wants us afraid, the enemy wants to twist the information so we only get part of it and we become afraid and go, oh no the end times. The Lord would say, no it is opposite, it is, oh yes. The most powerful hour of victory in human history leading up to the coming of the Lord.

- C. Daniel 12 emphasizes God's sovereign power over all—that history is heading towards a glorious future in which His people will prevail in victory. Our God knows the end from the beginning. Jesus is leading history and the nations into a time that will result in God's glory filling the earth. It will be the greatest hour in history and will be a great privilege for believers living at that time.

Paragraph C., this vision emphasizes God is sovereign, He has all the power, He has all the information, He has all the love. I mean the One that is all loving, all powerful, that has all the knowledge is the one leading this generation. Some people look at the headlines of the news and they think, history is like a train that has got off the tracks and it is going out of control. It is not, there is a Man who is fully God and fully Man, He is leading human history, He is the King. He has all the power and all the knowledge. He is love incarnate, He has all the right motives in His leadership. It is a great hour to be alive in that hour.

Again I am not, I am not prophesying we are in that generation but I think we are, I think we are in the early days of it. I might not see it in my day but I think there are people alive on the earth that well might see it in their day. What a privilege of believers to be alive, it is not a time when you read it to be afraid. Again the enemy wants to twist it.

- D. The truths of Daniel 12 will give God's people confidence and courage to stand for truth and to live godly, instead of yielding to fear, offense, confusion, deception, and compromise. Details of God's end-time plan were shown to Daniel so that God's people would prepare themselves spiritually.

Paragraph D., if you understand it right you have confidence and courage, you have peace. The enemy twist it so the people are filled with fear, they are offended at God, they are confused, they take hold of deception, they yield to compromise. The enemy wants the exact opposite response from confidence and courage and peace.

- E. The wheat and the tares will mature together at the end of the age. (Mt. 13:30).

***3“Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say...‘First gather the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt. 13:30)***

- F. We must resolve to be faithful *long before* the intensity of temptation and persecution escalates.
- G. ***Optimum environment:*** We must see the big picture—the negative and positive aspects—knowing that God is establishing the optimum environment for His people to walk in love, power, and purity. What the devil means for evil, God will use for good, to train His people and cause them to mature. God uses the least severe means to bring the greatest number of people to the deepest level of love.

Let's go to Paragraph G., the optimum environment meaning the Lord has planned a timeframe in history, He will use intense negatives and intense positives. He is creating the optimum environment for the people of God for the largest number of people to say yes to the Lord and to say it at the deepest level of love. He says, I am going to create an environment, I am going to let the freewill of man be exercised even the dark side. I am going to allow the freewill man responding to the grace of God. I am going to create an environment where love, the most, the greatest number of people will say yes at the deepest level of love and I am going to create that environment.

Now because people have a freewill He is going to allow them to exercise it. Men will, people will use their freewill to promote evil, I mean great evil. The Lord says, I am so powerful what the devil intends for evil I am going to turn it around and use it to train my people in love. I am going to cause it to backfire on the kingdom of darkness. I am going to show that I am superior in power and knowledge and love. My plan will win the day.

- H. Jesus called His people “to see” the *abomination of desolation* and pointed us to the book of Daniel to gain understanding of it (Mt. 24:15). Paul and John elaborated on it (2 Thes. 2; Rev. 13). The abomination of desolation is the central event that helps us see Jesus’ view of the end times. This is the only political and religious event that Jesus identified to let His people know that they were in the generation of His return and that the Great Tribulation had started.

***15“When you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand)...<sup>21</sup>then there will be great tribulation.” (Mt. 24:15, 21)***

Paragraph H., now here is the verse I mentioned earlier that Jesus talks about Daniel. He is actually if you read it carefully He is talking about Daniel 12, the vision of Daniel 12. He says a phrase, it seems a little cryptic at first but it is pretty simple actually. I will break it down for you. He says, when you see the abomination of desolation, now that is a little cryptic. The abomination of desolation, what is that? He goes, it is that reality, it is that series of events that Daniel talked about. Well when does Daniel talk about this the most? In the vision of Daniel 11-12.

Because the Daniel 12 vision actually starts in Daniel 11, it is one long vision. I am focusing on Daniel 12 to just sum up the key points right there in Daniel 12. Let's read this again in verse 15. Now remember we are talking about the King of kings, our beloved Bridegroom God, the Bridegroom King. Here is what He says, He is talking to His people, when you see the abomination of desolation, when you see it standing in the holy place in the temple in Jerusalem then I want you to know this, I want you to take time and understand what this

means, is what Matthew adds. Matthew puts a parenthesis, he goes, take time to understand what Daniel was talking about.

Because Jesus points to the abomination of desolation as the central event to understand. Because if you understand the abomination of desolation you will understand a lot of the major themes of end-time prophecy from Jesus' point of view. You will also know you are in the generation of the coming of the Lord when that thing, when that takes place.

Now what is the abomination of desolation? Well it is actually pretty simple. It is a, an abomination means something real evil, okay? The abomination is the great evil. Desolation means trouble. So it is the great evil, the abomination that leads to great desolation or great trouble. So it is the great evil that leads to great trouble. What the great evil, the abomination that leads to great trouble? Because it is going to happen. It is when the Antichrist goes into the temple in Jerusalem, declares himself to be God and demands at the threat of death that everybody in the world worship him as God; that is the abomination of desolation in the most simplified definition that I can give.

Now in this series on here in Daniel, we are on session fourteen for those that have been here Friday after Friday. Our Bible school is away for the summer but I am staying on the series and a number are tracking from home and we are just continuing with it. Because I think Daniel is such an important book because Jesus pointed to Daniel as a book to understand right here in this verse.

In session four and I have all the notes on the internet I break down the abomination of desolation I think in real simple terms. Again abomination is what? It is something really evil and desolation is something really troublesome. It is the big evil that causes the big trouble, I mean that is as simple as I can get so you are not confused by that term.

Again it is when the Antichrist, it is related to the mark of the beast and the image of the beast. It is when the Antichrist goes into the temple and then puts a statue or an image of himself in the temple. He says, I am God and if you do not worship me I will kill you. I mean there are a lot of implications to it. That is a little simplistic but that in session four I have got the notes, you can read it if you want to know more about it. I think you do want to know more about it.

Here is the point I want to make tonight that in Daniel 12 this glorious vision, the abomination of desolation is mentioned twice. So Jesus says, go study, go understand in essence, the implication is go study and understand what this is. Well the vision in which this is mentioned twice to Daniel is the Daniel 12 vision. Again I have the notes for it here. It is the most evil event that has the most horrific consequences. It is the central event that lets us know when the Great Tribulation is beginning, it is the central event that gives us insight into the negative side of God's end-time plan.

Though it is the devil doing it God is allowing it and using it to produce an environment to cause the Body of Christ to have a great revival and come to red hot commitment to Jesus. I mean to love God with all their heart, He is going to create an environment. Now He is going to pour out His Spirit at a time second to none in history but this intensity in the society with the outpouring of the Spirit together with the knowledge of God's plans in the prophets.

When we know the plan we encounter the Spirit and we have the resistance in society, the combination of this will cause many people to touch God in a depth they have never done before. It will cause them to walk in great levels of the power of God and of liberty and in the love of God and in righteousness.

- I. Two components of the abomination are the *image* and the *mark* of the Beast (Rev. 13:15-18). The abomination will include the Antichrist claiming to be God and forcing the nations, by law and with state resources, to worship him as God, under penalty of death.
- J. Daniel 11-12 describes a vision in which an angel continued in one long conversation with Daniel about the end times, speaking of the Antichrist's activities related to the *abomination of desolation* (Dan. 11:31; 12:11). *See more on the abomination of desolation in session 4 of this series.*

Top of page two, Paragraph J., I am kind of taking a little time to introduce it. The seven points are pretty self-explanatory so maybe we will only spend a minute on each of them. I want us, I want to convince you as to value of this Daniel 12 vision. Again chapter, Paragraph G., top of page two it is really one long vision, Daniel 11-12. The reason I am emphasizing Daniel 12, the end of the vision because it is when it gets real precise and kind of like one, two, three, four, five, it just lays it out real clear the glorious dynamics are going to happen as well as the real negative dynamics. They are just so precise and laid out one, two, three, four.

Do not lose sight of the fact it is one vision. Because in Daniel 11 the angel did not pause and say, hey would you put a chapter in here? Daniel 11 there is no break between Daniel 11 and 12, it is one conversation and it is one vision between Daniel and the angel. The angel is telling Daniel about the end times.

- K. Daniel 11:31-35 connects the *abomination of desolation* (v. 31) to what happens to God's people. Notice seven themes—knowing God (11:32a), doing miracles (11:32b), receiving understanding (11:33a), reaching “many” in the harvest (11:33b), facing martyrdom (11:34a), receiving God's help in persecution (11:34), and being brought to spiritual maturity with purity (11:35).

<sup>31</sup>*“They shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation...*

<sup>32</sup>*But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits [miracles].*

<sup>33</sup>*And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...<sup>34</sup>*When they fall [martyrdom], they shall be aided with a little help...<sup>35</sup>*Some of those of understanding shall fall [martyrdom], to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end.” (Dan. 11:31-35)***

Okay Paragraph K., well it starts off in Daniel 11. Now remember this phrase, the abomination of desolation, the great evil event, the abomination that leads to desolation, tremendous trouble. Desolation trouble, and again that is a real simplistic definition. Look what it starts here in Paragraph K., Daniel 11, we are jumping right in the middle of this long vision, Daniel 11-12 though we are only focusing on the back end of the vision, Daniel 12.

I want you to notice, it starts in verse 31, a mighty angel because he is described in great power, I mean an angel of unusual stature. That gives us an insight as to the unusual importance of the vision as well. Many times in Scripture the stature of the angel that is sent to give the vision gives insight as to the importance of the vision. So this is one of the mighty angels and the idea is this is a very very important vision of highest importance, again the only one that Jesus points to.

Now notice it says in verse 31, this angel says, and they will take away the sacrifices and they will place there, right in the temple in Jerusalem, the abomination of desolation. There is the phrase right there, note that phrase because Jesus said, that is the vision you want to pay attention to, the one that unpacks the abomination of desolation. No place in Scripture unpacks it like Daniel 11-12.

Notice when this horrific event, this horrific event of the abomination, this great evil. Oh no, I mean the nations like, oh no what is going on? The angel says, but, I like this look at verse 32, but do not go there, do not give up, do not give in, do not go, oh no it is over. Yes it is horrific but the people that know God, the people that are close to Jesus they will be strong, their spirit will be strong. Because the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the revelation of the glory and the beauty of Jesus will be released in a, at a greater level then any time in history. They will do great miracles, this is the hour of history, they will do great exploits.

He goes verse 33, and there will be a group. I think this group is millions. Notice because put your name on this verse 33, those of the people who understand there will be a company of people on the earth I believe all over the nations, I believe it will be millions and millions they are called by this angel the people who understand what is going on.

Meaning right now today many in the nations as things are heating up they are pretty confused what is going on. The Lord would say, I have written many of these things in the Word. Be a person who understands what I am doing in this generation or in that final generation. Again it is my opinion we are in the early days of that generation.

Now the people who understand are very different from the people who are filled with fear, who are confused, filled with deception, seduced into compromise, offended. The people of understanding are very very different. These people instead of hiding in a cave and giving up and giving in and filled with fear, they go on the proactive and they are teaching many. They are sharing their ideas from the Word of God with many.

Now you say, well I am not going to teach many. My question would be, how do you know? Well I am not a Bible teacher. In this hour of technology you may do something on social media, you may have something that goes viral that a million people read that has fresh insight and fresh understanding. You do not know, you do not have to have a big church congregation and a big regular Bible study to be one of these people.

You may be you know alone at home and get a, the Lord give you a dream or a vision or just even your understanding of the Word. You write something out, you post something and it goes viral and multitudes gain insight around the world. You do not know if you are not one of these people.

The Lord opens it wide open to whoever wants to be one of the people of understanding. Again it is not an elite little group on a hill somewhere, I believe it is millions in the Body of Christ, all over the Body of Christ. Many people, many other millions will not be people of understanding. They will be very confused, they will be offended, they will be troubled.

Now he goes on to say verse 34, he says, that when they fall, that is talking of martyrdom, there will be martyrdom in the Church, they will be aided with a little help. We will look at that a little bit later. He goes, but even some of the people with great prophetic understanding they will be martyred. Sometimes God says, I will even use one of My vessel that I have used to teach many and they will be martyred.

By their courage and by their testimony in the martyrdom multitudes in the Body of Christ will be inspired by it and they will be encouraged by it. They will say, if that guy or gal is not afraid of death neither am I. If they believe in the resurrection, if they believe this thing about Jesus is that real so do I. This will have a purifying effect all throughout the Body of Christ around the world.

- L. Daniel 12:1-10 describes the full and final deliverance of God's people (v. 2) with the release of God's glory and righteousness (v. 3, 10) in the context of the *abomination of desolation* (v. 11).

*<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael shall stand up...and there shall be a time of trouble [Great Tribulation]... at that time your people shall be delivered..."<sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth*

***shall awake [resurrection]...”<sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like...brightness...and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever...<sup>10</sup>Many shall be purified...<sup>11</sup>And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days [1,290 days]. (Dan. 12:1-11)***

Let's go to paragraph, the next paragraph, Paragraph L. Now Daniel 10, now this is only a moment or two later in the vision. I mean Daniel is still in the same conversation with the angel. The angel is going to develop these same ideas. He is going to say them again but in a, sometimes in a different language and sometimes he is going to use the exact same language.

The point I want you to get is that it is the same angel with the same vision and the same conversation. It is this vision that highlighted, remember Daniel 11:31? The abomination of desolation, where we are going to find out in a moment the angel is going to mention the abomination of desolation again. Again the reason we care about that term because in Matthew 24 Jesus said, when you see that term, He goes, I mean the one that Daniel talked about. Then the verse says, go understand that vision that Daniel talked about, this is a very important vision. The very mention of the abomination of desolation on both ends of this vision gives us confidence this is the actual vision that Jesus is talking though it is not limited to this vision. I mean He says, go understand in essence what Daniel meant so when you see it you will get what is going on.

You will not be deceived, you will not be afraid, you will not be confused, you will be emboldened. You will say, My God is leading, we are in a place where things are going to escalate in the power of God, the Great Harvest is going to go to the whole next level. Those that know God will do great miracles, oh praise God, what an hour to be alive. That is what you will say when you see it.

Now notice the saints are on the earth to see the abomination of desolation. When Jesus said, when you see it know the Great Tribulation has started. In other words, the saints are here, it is the greatest hour of victory. The saints are not gone, they are not raptured before this time, they are here to see the event, interpret it, and make sense of it to others across the nation.

Well it says in verse 1, at that time, again we are in the same conversation, the angel is going to give a few more details but he is going to repeat a few of the same themes again. He goes, at that time, and the timing is talking about the end times. Because the verse before Daniel 12:1, go back one verse, Daniel 11:45, this one verse back if your Bible is open. It is talking about when the Antichrist has his headquarters in Jerusalem. So it is clearly talking about the end times, no question at all.

Michael the archangel shall stand up. Michael the archangel, now there are a lot of implications because when Michael stands up there is more in the Bible on this in the book of Revelation. When Michael stands up it is speaking of, there is going to be a tremendous increase of angelic activity even in the midst of the people of God. This is a big phrase, when Michael stands up, that is only an introduction, there is a whole dimension of the angelic realm more powerfully manifest and involved in the affairs of what is happening on the earth.

I mean we see the book, the angels in the book of Acts, there are quite a few examples of angels. I have got the verses there later in the notes you can read later. If the angels were involved in the book of Acts opening prison doors and all these kind of things I mean imagine when Michael the mighty archangel when he arises to stand it means he is going to action in the earthly realm, that is what that means. He is going to go to an unusual mode of activity in the earthly realm, that is the implication when you put all the verses together.

He goes on and says, yeah but it will be a time of trouble and you got Michael helping and the angel is manifesting but you have got trouble. Okay that is okay. The angel says, but you will be delivered. The people

of God will be delivered, the nation of Israel will be delivered with all of the hostility. God says, Iran is not, by the way I have got news for you, Iran is not going to destroy Israel and Russia is not going to destroy Israel and this group is not going and Islam is not. Israel is going to be supernaturally delivered from a Jewish Man coming from the sky to deliver them.

So I care what is going on in the nations but not because I think they are going to win. Because the greatest coalition of armies on the earth they are no match for this Man who is fully God, with a resurrected power. He is a Man, He is a King. He is coming back in the glory of the Father and Israel will be delivered. All the saints that were martyred will be delivered and get, they will, everything they lost will be fully returned to them far beyond anything they could imagine, the full return of everything lost in the crisis.

It goes on in verse 2, that is the point he makes now. This mighty angel says, by the way, those who fell asleep in death, in other words the martyrs, not only the martyrs but that is the theme of this chapter has been highlighted, I mean that is one of the themes is to highlight the martyrs. He says, do not worry when they sleep in the dust of the earth, when they die death is not the end of the story. Death is not the end of the story and everything they lost when they died is fully recovered, it is not the end of the story when the wicked take their stuff.

The Lord says, are you kidding? Do you have any idea how I am going to return everything that is good back to you beyond anything you could imagine. You will have it forever in perfection. So that is what the angel tells Daniel.

Then it goes on to say verse 3, those who are wise, the people who love God, who take a stand. I mean there is ridicule, there is persecution but they take a stand. They do not draw back, they do not go hide in a cave, they stand. They boldly proclaim what the Word of God says. The angel says, they will shine like the brightness of the stars. They will turn people to righteousness, they will convince people of the glory and the value of obeying Jesus, that is what righteousness is.

They are going to lead many to the Lord but they are going to lead many believers to wholehearted Christianity. They are going to see the glory of walking in love based obedience in righteousness. They are going to see the wisdom of it. God says, the angel says, this is what these messengers are going to do.

Now some messengers they will have a larger impact but many messengers they will speak in person to maybe a small number of people. Again through the internet you never know what might go viral and what might be an inspiration and a point of courage and strength, the multitudes. So you do not really quite know who is going to have that impact. The angel is like opening it up so to speak and saying, just be a person of wisdom or a person of understanding, those terms are used interchangeably.

That same group of people is called the people of wisdom or the people of understanding. They are the wise. It does not mean they know all the secrets of math and science, it means, wise means they agree with the Word of God and they stand boldly with the Word of God. That is what the definition of wisdom would be in this context.

They will turn many people to righteousness, I mean they are going to convince people to be wholehearted in their obedience to Jesus. You know if you convince people to be wholehearted in their obedience even in the Church right now you will be ridiculed. There will be voices in the Church, oh you do not need to obey God that way, the grace of God this and the grace of God that. There is a real distorted grace message that is emerging in the nations right now with all kinds of distortion in it. It is using the term grace but it is not meaning exactly what the Bible means when they use, when the Bible uses the word grace.

So a lot of folks because they say grace and love people, a lot of other believers go, wow it must be biblical they say grace. We are talking about a grace message where we experience the free love of God, the full forgiveness of God in our brokenness but it motivates us to say yes to righteousness. We still stumble but that grace produces such gratitude. We are not looking for ways for sin more, we are looking for ways to obey with greater elements of our strength, to love Him with all of our strength. God says through this angel, I am raising up messengers that will convince people about the glory and the beauty of righteousness, the true liberty of righteousness.

Look at verse 10, and there will be many that will be purified. I have good news for you, the Body of Christ is not going to kind of dwindle away to a little ragged remnant over in the corner holding on in a cave somewhere. Many will be purified, many will say yes to the leadership of Jesus. Many young people will live lives of purity and radical obedience.

You know I have heard over the last couple of years, well you do not really understand this generation. They do not really do the Bible real intense, they do not really go for God that way. They are in social media, they do not pay attention very well, all this, that, and the other stuff. I say, I have got a different source. My source tells me that many are going to say yes to righteousness and many are going to say yes to purity, many. The many are going to be young people.

The, I am believing God, I mean you hear this number a lot, I have heard it by many many people, we are believing God for a billion people to get saved in the Harvest, a billion people. I know many different ministries that talk like that, nobody knows the number.

Here is the point I want to make, in that billion, whatever that number is that comes to the Lord in that great final revival the vast majority will be young people, the vast majority just by the demographics, just by the sheer demographics of the earth. Because most of the earth is young people. It will be mostly young people coming to the Lord, that is the group that will turn to righteousness, that is the group that will say yes to purity. So I have great confidence in this generation and the generation coming after you. Because it may not come to fullness when you are in your youth, maybe it is your children and their children. You might be the old moms and dads that are shepherds in the Body of Christ raising up your children and their grandchildren.

I am telling you this, whatever generation they will be multitudes will say yes to righteousness. No matter what the statistics say they will go deep in God, they will understand righteousness, they will love righteousness, and they will see it is the glory of God. It is not some legalism that is against grace of God to live in that kind of radical obedience. It is our glory, it is an expression of our love.

Now look at verse 11, that angel there he goes again, from the time of the daily sacrifice is taken away the abomination is set up. So that angel bookends this vision. In the beginning part of the vision about the end times and the end part of the vision he uses the phrase the abomination of desolation. He bookends the vision with the phrase that Jesus said, go learn that phrase. Again it is talking right about this vision in Daniel 12.

## II. SEVEN KEY END-TIME EVENTS AND TRENDS (DAN. 12:1-10)

- A. **#1 Time of trouble:** This trouble is referred to by Jesus as a time of great tribulation (Mt. 24:21). The verse before Daniel 12:1 describes the Antichrist being established in Jerusalem (Dan. 11:45).

*1<sup>st</sup> "At that time...there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time"...<sup>7</sup>[an angel] swore...that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time [3½ years]...*

*and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. (Dan. 12:1, 7)*

1. **Great Tribulation:** Jesus referred to Daniel 12:1 when teaching on the end times (Mt. 24:21). He described it as being so violent that, if the time were not cut short, no one would survive.  
*<sup>15</sup>“When you see the ‘abomination of desolation’...<sup>21</sup>There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time...<sup>22</sup>And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [from physical death].” (Mt. 24:15-22)*
2. **Some shall fall in martyrdom (Dan. 11:33):** There will be an unprecedented number of martyrs in the end times. I do not believe the majority of believers will be martyred, but each will face the possibility and have to decide whether they will stand for Jesus. The martyrdom of believers will have a sanctifying, redemptive effect, causing other believers to be refined.  
*<sup>33</sup>“They shall fall by sword...<sup>35</sup>Some of those of understanding shall fall [martyrdom], to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end.” (Dan. 11:33-35)*
3. **Falling away:** The falling away from the faith and the revealing of the Antichrist on the world stage are two signs that Paul gave, which will alert the Church to the nearness of Jesus’ return.  
*<sup>3</sup>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 [Antichrist] is revealed, the son of perdition. (2 Thes. 2:3)*

Well let's look at the seven key events. I will take a minute at each one. Most of them are quite self-explanatory. Oh by the way after this we are going to have a question and answer time. So I am going to have Isaac come up from the ATC and Daniel is going to come up here. We are going to have a question and answer time. So be thinking of, yeah what about this? What about that? How does that work? So you got about ten more minutes, be thinking of your questions. Then we will just open it up.

We will have a microphone out on the floor. You will be able to ask and say, what now? How does this work? How does it work? What about this? So you get to do that, so get the hardest questions you can think for Daniel and Isaac and make it real easy for it, make the easy ones for me. Like will people love God? Like ask me stuff like that, okay?

Okay, let's look at the seven key end-time events in trends that are precisely laid out right here at the back end of this vision, it is the Daniel 12 end of this larger vision which is both Daniel 11 and 12. Okay number one, negative, it will be a time of trouble but it is the Great Tribulation; that is what this verse is talking about. Remember this, the King is in leadership, Jesus. He is going to use what the devil plans for evil to make it backfire on the kingdom of darkness, He is going to use it for good. The Lord says, I am going to use the outpouring of My Spirit, I am going to use the unique information that I gave My Prophets in the written Word of God, I am going to give insider information, I am going to give the anointing of the Holy Spirit. There is going to be conflict in the society. Between all of those components My people will say yes and go deep in God. It will be at a time, at that time, and again the verse before Daniel 12:1, go back on verse, Daniel 11:45, one verse back. It is describing the Antichrist and his headquarters in the city of Jerusalem. So the angel says, at that time, meaning right when the Antichrist is going strong it will be a time of trouble. The angel qualifies it, it will be such trouble that there has never been trouble like this before.

He goes on verse 7, he goes, the angel makes this this solemn vow, the angel really brings it up a notch. He goes, the trouble will be so intense that for time, times, and half a time, that is three and a half years. Because a time is one year, times is two years, half a time is half a year. For three and a half years the power of the holy people will be completely shattered.

The angels says, God is going to use this time to completely break the self-reliance of the people of God. They will not rely on their own strength, they will not rely on their agenda. Jesus will be their source and Jesus will be their agenda. I am going to break them from their self-reliance and their self agendas. I am going to shatter all of their false conceptions about a life outside of God's leadership as being superior. I am going to break that lie wide open and none of My people will believe in that lie. That is what he says here, that is pretty intense. He says, I am going to completely dismantle that lie to where they are not relying their strength or their own agenda.

Look at Paragraph one, Jesus actually is quoting this, I mean referencing this very verse. In Matthew 24 again, let's read it, we have looked at several times. When you see the abomination of desolation, when you see that Daniel 12 vision, all the stuff in that Daniel 12 vision, verse 21, there will be great tribulation. Now Daniel called it a time of trouble, Jesus made it a little stronger. He said, a time of great tribulation. Then Jesus uses the same phrase from Daniel 12, it will be a time like no other time in history.

So Jesus is saying, I am talking about the Daniel 12:1 statement. It is going to be more than a time of trouble, it is going to be the Great Tribulation. Jesus is going to go bring it up another notch. He said, if that time was not cut short to three and a half years is what it means when you read all the verses together, nobody would have survived it. He goes, it is going to be such a violent time in the earth. Jesus said, nobody would survive it. He goes, if you understand Daniel 12, if you understand this great abomination of desolation, you know it is going to get evil, you know it is going to get violent but you know I am going to deliver you. Whatever you lose in death I will give you back a hundred fold times a hundred fold in the resurrection and I am going to purify My Church in the midst. I am going to purify and save the nation of Israel in the midst of this conflict.

Well there is going to be martyrdom, number two but the martyrdom as we said it is going to have a sanctifying effect. When the people of understanding even some high profile leaders are martyred, their courage, their confidence will have a ripple effect. It will be an inspiration to many in the Body of Christ .

It will be a time where the trouble will make many people decide, am I in this thing for real or if I am in this Jesus thing for show? Though I do not believe most believers will be martyred, I do not believe it will be the majority. The number will be large enough to where every believer will ask the question. Am I following Jesus for show or am I following Jesus because I believe He is the King of kings and He is the One that loves me and I am His forever? Which is it?

The pressure and the persecution will make everybody make a serious decision. So a lot of folks are going to say, I do not want this Jesus thing and many will leave the church. Hundreds of millions will join the kingdom of God. Hundreds of millions will say, you know I was looking for something worthy to give everything to. This thing is so glorious, this thing is so real, this is worth my whole life. Many unbelievers will flock into the kingdom and though they will have lifestyles of addictions and all kinds of brokenness they will find the power of purity, they walk in the liberty of righteousness. I mean in the time of trouble will be the time of breakthrough even for the people of God.

- B. **#2 God's people delivered:** God's people will be fully delivered *physically* (from persecution) and *politically* (from oppressive governments) by Jesus' return. Some will be supernaturally delivered in times of persecution (Dan. 11:34), just as angels opened prison doors for Peter (Acts 5:19; 12:7-11).

<sup>1</sup>**"Your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book."** (Dan. 12:1)

<sup>34</sup>**"When they fall [martyrdom], they shall be aided with a little help."** (Dan. 11:34)

Top of page three, the second thing, Paragraph B., the people of God will be delivered, we already mentioned that. Israel will be surrounded by the nations. Zechariah 14 says, all the nations of the earth will surround Jerusalem to try to exterminate the Jewish people in the land of Israel. A King is coming back to deliver them. Even the Body of Christ will be in persecution and oppression and ridicule. The King is coming back. He says, I will fully deliver you, the pressure will only be there for a moment. I will remember every movement of your heart of obedience and I will honor you and I will show you how I feel about the way you loved Me. That is called eternal rewards, He is going to deliver His people.

- C. **#3 Eternal rewards:** The saints will be emboldened by the certainty of the resurrection, and eternal rewards (12:2-3). In the resurrection they will recover all that was lost in the persecution. Daniel was assured that the martyrs and the wise (who faithfully stand for the truth) would shine like stars forever. Jesus emphasized this promise (Mt. 13:43). It is worth choosing righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**"Those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake [resurrection]...to everlasting life..."**

<sup>3</sup>**"Those who are wise shall shine...those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever."** (Dan. 12:2-3)

Okay, Paragraph C., but He is not only going to deliver His people by His return, He is going to give rewards to everybody that stood true to Him. Those that are asleep in the dust that means they died in martyrdom but it also includes all the saints through history as well that were not martyred. They will awake in the resurrection.

Verse 3, but those that are wise, again the phrase the wise or the people of understanding, it is the same group, the people who stood for truth like right now. If there is ridicule, if you stand for what the Bible says about the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of sex, the truth about an obedience, I mean a love based obedience and the grace of God that calls us to wholeheartedness you will be ridiculed in the church right now if you take a stand in many places. You will be ridiculed in the society.

God is raising up many in the Church around the world that are taking a bold stand, I mean the numbers are increasing. I have got folks saying, it seems like everybody is joining the other side. I say, no I am tracking with leaders all around the world and I do not mean I know all of them but I know many and I know many who know many. I mean there are many men and women of God young and old that are taking a stand that are coming out of silence, they are kind of coming out of the sit in the background. They are going, I am taking a stand. I mean this is getting exciting.

Yeah it is getting darker but I have never seen, you know I just got the news today, I will let them give it later but another governor is going to call a solemn assembly. Already two governors from Texas and Louisiana they called a day of fasting and prayer and gathered people in the arena or the stadium, two governors have done that in the last couple of years. A third governor is doing it, this has never happened in history. More and more political leaders are taking a stand for Jesus when they were quiet. This hostility, this adversity is making them,

it is drawing out their boldness and their convictions. I am going, Lord this is getting negative but it is getting exciting.

I can see the sounds of an arising of the people of God of a victory of a revival that is around the corner. I mean men and women of God are taking a stand. Young people are taking a stand, they are, you know I am not going to live in immorality, I am not going to try to cut the corners. I want to live in radical wholehearted love for God. I love Him, He is worthy of my all. I mean it is happening all around the world right now.

Well the Lord is going, He says, I am not only raise everyone from the dead who lost anything. I am going to give them a resurrected body, I am also going to cause the resurrected bodies to shine in the brightness of the glory of God like stars forever. They will carry in their resurrected body, they will carry the glory of God that will shine forth in a way that declares the way they loved Me when they were on the earth in this age, it is called eternal rewards, that is a big subject.

- D. **#4 Supernatural ministry:** There will be great miracles (11:32), including much angelic activity by Michael and his angels (Rev. 12:7-9) and a global outpouring of the Spirit (Joel 2:28).

<sup>32</sup>***“But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits [miracles].” (Dan. 11:32)***

1. **Great exploits:** The people who know God shall be strong and do great exploits, or miracles.
2. **Michael shall stand up:** This indicates that an increase of angelic activity will be manifested in the end times. Michael and his angels will cast Satan and his demons out of heaven to earth (Rev. 12:7-9). I believe this will result in angelic ministry increasing on a global level. In this vision, Michael fought the demonic principality of Persia—Iran (Dan. 10:13, 21). This same spiritual and physical battle is reemerging from Iran today. Angels intervened to help the saints in the book of Acts (Acts 1:10; 5:19; 8:26; 10:3; 12:7-10, 23; 27:23).

***<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon...<sup>9</sup>The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil...he was cast to the earth and his angels were cast out...<sup>12</sup>“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth...the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” (Rev. 12:7-12)***

3. **Prophetic spirit:** The Lord will pour out His Spirit on “all flesh”—every believer. This would have been a radical idea to Israel, who saw the norm as the Spirit resting on male prophets, not women, children, or Gentiles. All prophetic insights must honor the written Word.

***<sup>28</sup>“...I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (Joel 2:28-29)***

Number four, there is going to be supernatural ministry, great miracles. The angel told, the mighty angel told Daniel, the people that know their God will be strong, they are not going to draw back in cave and go silent, they are going to get bold. They are not going to just fall into sin, they are going in the other direction. Not only that they are going to do great exploits, they are going to do miracles, they are going to do miracles.

Number two in this realm of miracles Michael the archangel is going to stand. Again when the Bible talks about Michael standing it is talking about him being, his activity in the earthly arena being manifest in a far greater way. John in the book of Revelation he elaborated on Michael standing. I will not read it but you can read it on your own here in Revelation 12. There is coming a time in the future when Michael will stand, he will challenge Satan himself in the heavenly realm. All the ranks of angels with Michael will fight against the Devil and all of his demons and they will defeat them.

Of course the defeat is because of Jesus' work on the cross but the defeat in the sense of they are going to be openly manifest as losing a place of advantage in their attack against the Church. They are going to be weakened, they are going to be filled with rage but they are going to be weakened in their position to stand against the Church. The angels are going to be far more involved, that is what I, how I interpret this passage. Well number three, beloved when it says the Spirit is going to be poured out on all flesh, do you know what all flesh means? I mean I know you know what it means? It means all flesh but you know what it means? It means every single born-again believer is going to operate in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We are talking about every believer operating, receiving dreams and visions and moving in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This pouring out upon all flesh it had a down-payment in the book of Acts 2,000 years ago with Peter. This has not been fulfilled yet, it has been a little bit fulfilled over the years, 2,000 years more and more. There is coming a time when every single born-again believer that has given their heart to Jesus is going to operate in the things of the Spirit, that is yet coming. When you read the passage in context, Joel 2, it is related to the return of the Lord in the clouds, at the time when the Lord returns. Now it began on the day of Pentecost, it has been increasing for 2,000 years but it is going to explode in that hour of history.

- E. **5 The wise:** The *people of understanding* will understand God's end-time plan (11:33; 12:10). The wise at the time of the end will understand, from God's perspective, what is happening in the nations. Those who are wise respond in a way that is very different from those who are deceived, offended, and overcome with fear. The wise in this passage are wise in matters related to Daniel's end-time vision (Dan. 11-12); having clarity from the Word about what is happening in the earth.

<sup>33</sup>***“And those of the people who understand shall instruct many.” (Dan. 11:33)***

<sup>3</sup>***“Those who are wise shall shine...those who turn many to righteousness like the stars...”***

<sup>10</sup>***“...and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” (Dan. 12:3, 10)***

1. The fact that they teach *many* indicates that *many* will be hungry to receive understanding. Someone without a public teaching ministry could teach many through social media.
2. **150 chapters:** There are over 150 chapters in the Bible focusing on end-times. We must not neglect these since they come from the same Bible, reveal the same Jesus, and are inspired by the same Spirit as the gospels. See [mikebickle.org](http://mikebickle.org) for a list of 150 chapters on the end times.
3. The *anger of the Lord* refers to His judgment of those who persist in rebellion at the time of the second coming of Christ. *Perfect* understanding speaks of *mature* understanding.

<sup>20</sup>***The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jer. 23:20)***

Paragraph E., there are going to be the people of understanding. Now the people of understanding, top of page four, this is not again they are wise in their economics. I believe in that, biblical wisdom in your economics, in your family life, in the way that you steward your life. The word wisdom is used in that regard many times in the Bible but in this vision the wise is talking specifically, they know what is going on in the nations in that hour of history, they get it. They are not deceived, they are not confused, they are not afraid, they get it. They get what the Lord is doing. They have studied the Word of God, the Spirit is confirming it. They go, we get what is going on. Those are called the wise or the people of understanding.

It says here, look again, I am going to read the same verse we looked at, they will teach many. In Daniel 11:33, the people of understanding or the wise, use which ever term you want, they will teach many. Look at Paragraph one, you know what it means, they are teaching many? It just does not mean you might impact many through the internet. Again you do not have to teach them in person but let's go to the other side of the word many, that means the hunger for this understanding will by many in the nations.

There are more and more people in the nations even in the last three months who are getting hungry to understand what Daniel is talking about, what the prophets mean. What is going on in the world? There is a new hunger that is going to get bigger and bigger and bigger this hunger. Many are going to want to know what this stuff means.

I want to encourage you do not make it the only thing you study, I mean our main subject we study is Jesus, the beauty of Jesus and who He is and how to walk in love with one another and bring the power of God to others. Part of our searching is to see what the Bible says about that hour of history. Because if you are not in that hour and I think you are in it, you are in the early days of it but if you are not I would say, your children or grandchildren certainly need to be equipped in this.

I think we are actually in the beginning of that. Again it may be twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty years from now, it may be a little bit longer, I do not know. Nobody knows the day or the hour but we know that things are escalating. This is an hour to be in that trajectory, that pathway where you are becoming a person of wisdom related to these vision, this vision God gave Daniel. Because wisdom here is connected to the vision of what is happening in that generation.

- F. **#6 Harvest:** Many will know God, receive salvation, and turn to righteousness (11:32; 12:3). John saw a great multitude coming to Jesus during the Great Tribulation (Rev. 7:9, 14).

*<sup>3</sup>“Those who are wise...those who turn many to righteousness...” (Dan. 12:3)*

*<sup>9</sup>“...a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne...<sup>14</sup>These...come out of the great tribulation.” (Rev. 7:9-14)*

Okay Paragraph six, the Harvest, it says, they will turn many to righteousness. Paragraph six, many will come to righteousness, the unsaved will come to Jesus and the saved will go to wholeheartedness. So there are two groups that are being called to righteousness unbelievers. Again I believe it is going to be a billion plus, many are going to come to Jesus, the unsaved. I think another dynamic is happening, I think that hundreds of millions of believers are going to shake off the compromise and embrace a life of consistent righteousness in their life. So I think there are two groups in focus here.

Revelation 7, look at this, I mean talking about exciting. John saw this, a great multitude, every tribe, every tongue. There are 7,000 tongues, 7,000 languages in the earth right now, about, 7,000. Every dialect of every

language will have a group of people that are operating in a spirit of revival that are staying strong even in the midst of persecution and difficulty. Every single place in the earth will have people radically committed enough where they will not back down in the pressure and they stay true to the end, every place in the earth, a great multitude, not a few. This is not a little revival that kind of eaks out a little bit and we hang on until the end. A number nobody can count, every tribe, every tongue coming to Jesus even before His return. Beloved what a glorious time to live.

- G. **#7 Righteousness:** The Lord's plan will succeed as multitudes know and love Him, proclaim His wisdom, and walk in purity in the midst of the pressures in the end times (Dan. 11:33; 12:3, 10).

<sup>32</sup>***"The people who know their God shall be strong...<sup>35</sup>Some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end."*** (Dan. 11:32-35)

<sup>3</sup>***"...turn many to righteousness..."*** ...<sup>10</sup>***"Many shall be purified, made white..."*** (Dan. 12:3, 10)

1. **Know God:** As people encounter the heart of the Father and the beauty of Jesus, they will call young people to a righteous lifestyle through a lens of love that sees the beauty, liberty, and excellence of "love-based" righteousness, which is obedience (Jn. 14:15, 21).
2. Many will turn when they see the compelling beauty, value, and liberty of obedient love. They will see purity as freedom that liberates the heart to walk in true love. Many will embrace godly lifestyles, and make the first commandment—to love God wholeheartedly—first in their lives. They will embrace deep purity in the face of the gross sexual immorality celebrated and promoted in the nations through the media, Internet pornography, and more.

In Paragraph seven, I am going to have Daniel come on up and Isaac and Dave Sliker, come on up. Matt do you want to join us? You got to slip away, okay good. Because he studies Daniel a lot, he is a Daniel guy. Well he is a Jesus guy therefore he is a Daniel guy.

Okay number seven. Dave Sliker. Number seven, people committed to righteousness. Beloved the people are going to turn to righteousness and they are going to say yes to purity. I am using that interchangeably because what is happening now is people hear righteousness. They go, oh that is kind of like the, that is kind of the negative side of being saved, we got to deny sin. Beloved righteousness is the place of liberty. We are going to, the way people are going to turn to righteousness they are going to see the compelling beauty and the liberty and freedom of righteousness.

Righteousness is where the heart is liberated on the inside. Living in compromise is not liberty, that is bondage at the heart level. I know a lot of folks they are out there just going wild out there doing their stuff but they have got such a heavy spirit. Their dark emotions are increasing in their life though they are showing the face of having a ball but when they are quiet and alone the dark emotions are stronger and stronger. Beloved liberty is under the leadership of Jesus, that is where love is discovered.

When we tell people about a love based life of obedience, an obedience that is motivated by encountering the love of God and the glory of loving God and people, that obedience is exciting. I have got good news, many are going to say yes to that, many all over the nations. Amen and amen.