

## DAY 6: THE BOOK OF DANIEL

### I. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The prophet Daniel is the only prophet that Jesus calls by name and frequently advises his disciples to reference for answers to their questions about the End of the Age. The book of Daniel is structured in two parts: the historical testimony of Daniel the man ([Daniel 1-6](#)) and the prophecies of Daniel ([Daniel 7-12](#)).

- A. Jeremiah prophesies the destruction of the temple and exile of the Jewish people
- B. Daniel grows up in exile, under Babylonian rule
- C. Daniel has a vision about the end of exile and the rebuilding of the temple
- D. Ezra and Nehemiah rebuild the temple, which Jesus later ministers in ([Matthew 23-24](#))

### II. DANIEL 8: THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION & THE RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE

Jesus directly quotes [Daniel 8:11-13](#) in [Matthew 24:15](#), referring to the abomination of desolation, and says that it is a sign of the end of the age. This confirms that the events in Daniel's vision are end times events, not historical events.

- A. The emergence of the man of sin
- B. The transgression he commits in the holy place (abomination of desolation)
- C. The triggering of the great tribulation
- D. The second coming
- E. There will be exactly 2,300 days from the time the sacrifices begin, the abomination of desolation is set up, to when the sanctuary will be restored to its rightful state. ([Daniel 8:14](#))

### III. DANIEL 9: SEVENTY WEEKS

We are given very specific dates and times about God's people, in God's holy city, that are confirmed by Jesus in [Matthew 24](#), telling of the events of the end times. ([Daniel 9:24-27](#))

- A. 7 sets of 7 for the decree to go out ([v. 25](#))
- B. 62 sets of 7 for the temple to be rebuilt ([v. 25](#))
- C. After 69 weeks (7+62), the anointed one (Messiah) shall be cut off ([v. 26](#))
- D. Then the antichrist will destroy the city and the sanctuary ([v. 26](#))
- E. The antichrist will confirm a covenant, affirming Israel's right to the land ([v. 27](#))
- F. The confirmation of the covenant sets in motion the restoration of temple sacrifices, which marks the start of the 2,300 days and nights ([Daniel 8:14](#))



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- G. The abomination of desolation will take place in the middle of the final 7 years

**IV. DANIEL 11: THE SEVENTIETH WEEK**

[Daniel 11:21](#) through [Daniel 12](#), is speaking about the generation of the Lord's return, and more specifically about the final seventieth week of the seventy-seven weeks. He provides explicit detail about the antichrist and what will happen before the abomination of desolation, in the first three and a half years, and what will happen afterwards in the final three and a half years.

- A. From non-royal background ([v. 21](#))
- B. Will become strong with a small people
- C. Will lead a military campaign
- D. Will devise plans against strongholds for a time
- E. Will stir up his power against the king of the south- Egypt ([Isaiah 19](#))
- F. Egypt will fall to the antichrist ([v. 25](#))
- G. Betrayal within the ranks ([v. 26](#))
- H. Massive impact of this military ([v. 26](#))
- I. A weak alliance ([v. 27](#))
- J. The antichrist will return to his land with wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, the Jewish people, and the land of Israel ([v. 28](#))
- K. The antichrist will return to the south but now be unsuccessful ([v. 29](#))
- L. Antichrist will be afraid and withdraw
- M. Out of rage, he takes action against the holy covenant
- N. Will take away the burnt offering and set up the abomination of desolation ([v. 31](#))
- O. He will convince people to join his cause with flattery
- P. The people who know their God will stand firm and take action
  - 1. The global body of Christ
  - 2. Describes a season of suffering and stumbling for the saints ([v. 33-35](#))
  - 3. Direct connection to [Matthew 24](#)
- Q. Tens of thousands will fall ([v. 41](#))
- R. Pocket of safety for Jewish refugees ([v. 41](#))
- S. Jerusalem is under captivity ([v. 45](#))
- T. But then he will come to his end, the angel leaves the "how" for later ([v. 45](#))

**V. DANIEL 12: THE TIME OF THE END**

Jesus directly quotes [Daniel 12](#) in [Matthew 24:21](#), further confirming that Daniel's vision is describing end times events, not historical events. In [Daniel 12](#), we are given further explicit detail regarding the timing of these events to come.

- A. The abomination of desolation will culminate in the salvation and deliverance of the Jewish people and the resurrection of the dead
- B. There will be 1290 days from the abomination of desolation to the end



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- C. There are 45 days from the 1290<sup>th</sup> day to the 1335<sup>th</sup> day
- D. These 45 days could be a time of preparation for the coronation day
- E. There will be great blessing on the 1290<sup>th</sup> day and on the 1335<sup>th</sup> day

