

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Daniel – week 12



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member what Daniel chapter 11:36 – 12:13 explains about the end times?
2. What does v.36 tell us about the Antichrist? (**He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak against the God of gods.**)
3. What does Daniel 9:27 Amplified tell us about the Antichrist? [**He will enter into a binding and irrevocable covenant with many for one week (7 years).**].
4. What does v.45b in the Amplified bible tell us about the Antichrist? (**He will come to his end with no one to help him in his final battle with God.**)



Let's go deeper

5. What will happen immediately after the tribulation in Matt.24:30? (**Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man...**).
6. What does Daniel 12:2 tell us? (**Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to contempt.**)
7. What does v.11 tell us? (**From the time that the regular sacrifice that is the daily burnt offering is taken away and the abomination of desolation is set up ruining the temple for worship of the true God.**)
8. What was Daniel told to do in v.13? (**But as for your Daniel, go your way until the end of your life, for you will rest and rise again...**)



Let's apply this

- 9. Daniel 12:2; 13;** Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. v.13; But as for you Daniel, go your way until the end of your life, for you will rest and rise again for your allotted inheritance at the end of the age.
- Only Jesus Christ gives everlasting life; will you trust Him?
 - Believers should look forward to the end times because that means the return of Jesus, and the resurrection of the dead.
 - The angel told Daniel, go your way till the end of your life.

SUMMARY:

Daniel: Week 12 – The end times

Read: Daniel 11:36 – 12:13

vv.36 – 39; The rise of the Antichrist. The Antichrist will begin his rise in power as the “little horn” that emerges from the ten horns (Daniel 7:7–8), he begins as a man of peace who solves the middle east problem and proves himself as a world leader.

Daniel 12:1; The time of the tribulation. The tribulation will start when the Anti-Christ signs his covenant with Israel, see Daniel 9:27. The reason for the covenant seems to be the guarantee of his protection for Israel while the Jews rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. Daniel 9:27b tells us that the Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel, take control of the temple, and set himself up as world leader and god. This is also referred to as the mid-tribulation. Both Daniel and Jesus (Matt.24), call this the “abomination of desolation,” and a time of terrible suffering (Matt.24:21).

vv.40 – 43; War and invasions. When Antichrist moves into the land of Israel and sets up his image in the Jewish temple and declares himself the ruler and god of the world, not everybody will bow down to him. The kings of the north and the south will oppose him and bring their armies to Palestine. One argument for making this the battle described in Ezekiel 38–39 is that it occurs at a time when Israel is at peace because of the protection of the Antichrist, see Ezekiel 38:11. Note also that both invasions are like a storm or a whirlwind (Ezekiel 38:9; Daniel 11:40).

vv.44 – 45; The battle of Armageddon. Throughout the last three and a half years of the tribulation period, nations will submit to the rule of Antichrist, but there will be growing opposition. v.44 refers to the growing army from the east that will meet the forces of Antichrist to fight what is called “the battle of Armageddon” (Rev. 9:13–21; 16:12–16; Joel 3:1–2, 12–14; Zech. 14:1–3). The battle of Armageddon will be at the end of the tribulation period.

v.45; The return of Christ. As the huge army from the east prepares to attack the forces of Antichrist in Israel, the sign of the returning Son of Man will appear in the heavens, see Matthew 24:29–30. The Lord will descend from heaven with His armies to defeat and take captive Satan, Antichrist, and the false prophets and cast them into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:11–21; see also Zech. 12:1–9; 14:1–3). “He, the Antichrist shall come to his end, and no one shall help him” see Daniel 11:45.

vv.2 – 3; Resurrection of the dead. Believers will awake to enjoy eternal life with God and unbelievers will awake to enter everlasting condemnation. Then death and Hades the realm of the dead were thrown into the lake of fire, the second death, see Revelation 20:14. v.3. tells us that Jesus will give rewards to His children.

vv.4 – 13; Final instructions to Daniel. Go your way until the end of your life, for you will rest, and rise again at the end of the age.