

KEYS TO THE BOOK OF DANIEL — PART 4

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We have looked at Daniel Chapters 1 to 9 so far.

Daniel Chapters 2-7 we could consider to be “Aramaic Daniel”. The message was available to the whole world — at least the Middle East — of that day. Even impressive written “testimonies” from kings such as Nebuchadnezzar and Darius.

We also saw that these chapters seem to be in pairs? Chapters 4 and 5 ... Chapters 3 and 6 and Chapters 2 and 7.

Daniel Chapters 2 and 7 are of special interest because they include prophecy right up to the time of Jesus’ return —our time. Daniel Chapter 2 ... the great statue ... covers 2,500 years ... Daniel 7 appears to be entirely end-time.

All kingdoms mentioned in these prophecies are Islamic nations today ... Muslim. (Babylon — Iraq ... Persia — Iran ... Asia Minor/Turkey etc). That is a good clue that the Islamic Realm and Islamic Jihad will be key players in end-time prophecy.

Daniel Chapter 8 seems to be next in line for world fulfillment? The Ram and the He-goat — Iran and Turkey. A Major war in the Persian Gulf ... with economic chaos for the whole world.

We ended last time in **Daniel Chapter 9 — which contains the “70 Weeks Prophecy”.** It indicates a 490 year fulfillment till righteousness reigns ... with what looks like a **final 7 year period right at the end-time.**

It appears to relate to **a 7 year Covenant/Treaty ... to be broken at the half-way point (3½ years) when the daily sacrifices will be stopped and the Abomination of Desolation set up.**

The Great Tribulation commences immediately!
Daniel 9:27

27 **Then he** (the prince who is to come — end-time Islamic Antichrist) **shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;** (7 year period. Between the Jews and the Islamic Antichrist?)
But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate/desolater.

Daniel 9:27 (NIV)

27 **He** (the prince who is to come) **will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'** In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And **at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation,** until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

We may not see the treaty start — but we will certainly see the sacrificing stopping at the half-way point at 3½ years.

There's are 3 other references to this event in Daniel Chapters 8 ...11 and 12. **It's something Jesus warned us to watch out for.**

Matthew 24:15-22

15 "**Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place'** (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 "then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains.** (A time to *urgently flee*)

17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. (*Super urgent!*)

19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 "**For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.** (*Unparalleled*)

22 "**And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.**

So this prophecy of Daniel (chapters 8 ... 9 ... 11 ...12) is going to be very important. Jesus said so!

Chapters 10 ... 11 and 12 are all one long continuous passage ... dealing with prophecy from Daniel's day ... right up to the Resurrection of the Saints.

Chapter 10 tells the story of a powerful angel that God sent to Daniel with a major prophecy.

Daniel 10:2-3

2 **In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.**

3 **I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.**

Daniel 10:10-14

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. (*The Angel Gabriel*)

11 And he said to me, "**O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.**" While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "**Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.**

13 "**But the prince (Archon) of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.**

14 "**Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.**"

There was spiritual opposition! God had immediately heard and immediately sent His Angel — on Day 1. But — the message was delayed for 21 days!

A reminder that there is an unseen realm. The Archon — powerful spirit being — over Persia was holding God's Angel back. He is probably still there today. There is probably a lot happening in the spirit realm even today?

SUMMARY: The angel brings a prophetic message to Daniel as outlined in Chapters 11 and 12.

Chapters 11 and 12 are often referred to as the longest prophecy in the Bible. So detailed — and historically accurate — that many Bible critics say it was written long after Daniel's day.

Daniel Chapters 11 and 12 tell the story of 2,000+ years of the **fighting and opposition between the King of the South and the King of the North.** And will continue right up to our time and Jesus Christ's return! (See the graphic at the end of the notes)

King of South = Egypt and its allies (Libya and the Sudan?)
King of North = Turkey ... Iraq ... Syria ... Iran plus others

All are Islamic today.

Daniel 11 moves into our time around verse 21 (probably) ... but let's pick up the story at verse 31.

Daniel 11:31-35

31 "And forces (*armies of the King of the North — another title of the Antichrist*) shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress (*temple*); **then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.**

(The sacrifices stopped ... so they must start!!)

32 "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God (*the saints*) shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. ("**Great exploits**" — *preach ... teach ... warn*)

33 "And **those of the people who understand shall instruct many; (a lease of life for some of the saints) yet for many days they (the saints) shall fall by sword and flame,** by captivity and plundering.

34 "Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue. (*Tares!*)

35 "And **some of those of understanding shall fall,** to refine them, purify them, and make them white, **until the time of the end;** because it is still for the appointed time.

When the Abomination of Desolation is set up ... it appears the Saints shall be martyred!? (*The 5th Seal*)

Jesus warned us of this in Matthew Chapter 24.

Daniel 11:40-45

40 "**At the time of the end the king of the South** (*Egypt ... Libya ... Sudan —[the Ptolemy Empire] — in the main*) **shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.**

41 "**He** (*the King of the North*) **shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown;** but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. (*Ammon = Jordan*)

42 "**He** (*the King of the North*) **shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.**

43 "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; **also the Libyans and Ethiopians** (*Cush = Modern-day Sudan*) **shall follow at his heels.**

44 "**But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.**

45 "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; **yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.**

The King of the North is victorious.

The King of the North stops the sacrifices — sets up the Abomination of Desolation — the Antichrist — empowered by the devil.

SUMMARY: Historic and future wars between the King of the North and the King of the South.

Chapter 12 then continues the prophecy to its conclusion.

Daniel 12:1-3

1 "**At that time Michael shall stand up,** (*when the King of the North and the King of the South are "having a go" at each other!*) The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; **And there shall be a time of trouble, (The Great Tribulation) Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time.**

And at that time your people shall be delivered.

Every one who is found written in the book.

2 **And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,** *(the Resurrection of the saints)*

Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

Crisis at the close! Compare Jesus' description of the Great Tribulation in Matthew 24:21-22. Time of Resurrection.

Daniel 12:4, 9

4 **"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end;** many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

9 And he said, **"Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.** *(Not understandable before that time)*

Sealed till the time of the end. Conclusion: So ... "historic" explanations are unlikely to be accurate?

Daniel 12:5-10

5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and **there stood two others,** one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

6 And **one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river,** "How long shall the fulfilment of these wonders be?"

7 **Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river,** when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that **it shall be for a time,** *(MOED/MOEDIM —appointed times of the Eternal —not just any old starting day — perhaps starting on a particular Holy Day — Passover?)* **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.

8 **Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"**

9 And he said, **"Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**

10 **Many shall be purified, made white, and refined**, (*being martyred*) but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

This ties in with the 7 year treaty ... broken by the Abomination of Desolation at the mid-point. Some Bible scholars think that the 7 year treaty was signed last weekend (September 22/23 2024). It's known as ... "THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE". It gives the United Nations extra powers and has been signed by many (nearly all nations of the earth). It may allow the UN to take action to enforce "peace" in any country. Some suspect they will interfere in Israel and enforce a Two—State Solution with the Palestinians. If so ... expect fireworks!

Daniel 12:11-13

11 **"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.**

12 **"Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.**

13 **"But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."**

This is the 4th time we have mention of sacrifices being stopped and the Abomination of Desolation being set up. (Daniel Chapters 8 ... 9...11 and 12)

Remember Jesus' warning — "when you see ..."

We may be able to even count down the days ... though there is some uncertainty how 1335 ... 1290 ... 1260 all fit together. It will probably be much clearer nearer the time!

SUMMARY: Daniel Chapter 12 concludes the lengthy prophecy from Daniel 10. The prophecy is sealed till the time of the end but gives us a countdown from the Abomination of Desolation to Jesus' return.

There is a good chance that many of the events in Daniel will take place very shortly.

Before leaving Daniel Chapter 12 ...some further SPECULATION (🤔) about verse 1.

It mentions that the Archangel Michael “stands up” — HEBREW means: “will take a stand” for the Jewish people — he’s going to go into action!

Possible explanation of:

Revelation 12:7-9

7 And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon**; **and the dragon and his angels fought,**

8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 **So the great dragon was cast out**, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

Michael goes into battle. He stands up for the people of Judah. (Daniel 12:1) — and defeats the Devil.

Revelation 12:12

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath**, because he knows that he has a short time.”

The Devil has great wrath. He knows he has a very short time left.

Revelation 12:17

17 And **the dragon was enraged with the woman**, and **he went to make war with the rest of her offspring**, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

He makes war with the saints (end-time ... 5th Seal?)

Revelation 13:7

7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

The Book of Revelation is a book full of allusions and references to the Book of Daniel. **It seems very likely that Michael's war here in Revelation Chapter 12 is what is mentioned in Daniel 12:1?**

So — it hasn't happened yet? The Devil has yet to be thrown down.

Well — that's the third or fourth time I've been through the Book of Daniel.

Our guide to the end-times.

Hopefully ... the key aspects are slowly falling into place — though with prophecy we always see through a glass darkly!

