

DANIEL SUMMARY PART 3

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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 of that day. Even impressive “testimonies” from kings such as Nebuchadnezzar and Darius.

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

Daniel 9:27

27 Then he (the prince who is to come) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; (7 year period)

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.

Daniel 9:27 (NIV)

27 **He 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.

There's another couple of references to this event in Daniel Chapters 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.

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.**

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 9 ... 11 and 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 is a 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 was fasting for 3 weeks.

Daniel 10:10-14

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

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 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! The message was delayed for 21 days!

A reminder that there is an unseen realm. Probably a lot happening there!

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

Chapter 11 is 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 11 tells the story of 2,500 years of the fighting and opposition between the King of the South and the King of the North. Right up to our time!

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

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) shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; 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 shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

33 "And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; 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.

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 Saints shall be martyred!?

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 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 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.

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 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 who stops the sacrifices — sets up the Abomination of Desolation — including latter-day Antichrist.

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 12:1-2

1 "**At that time Michael shall stand up,**
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
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,**
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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

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. So ... previous explanations are unlikely to be accurate?

Daniel 12:5-9

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, 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.**

This ties in with the 7 year treaty ... broken by the Abomination of Desolation at the mid-point.

Daniel 7:25-27

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.

Then the saints shall be given into his hand

For a time and times and half a time.

26 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.

27 **Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.**

His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

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 3rd time we have mention of sacrifices being stopped and the Abomination of Desolation being set up.

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

We'll 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.

The Middle East is in the news almost every day — especially Iran ... increasingly Turkey — and with Saudi Arabia not far behind (probably the Great Harlot of Revelation 17).

WE NEED TO WATCH THE EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST!