

Your Daily Appointments With God

MONDAY: *Tough times may come, but God will rescue His people.*
Read Daniel 12:1 and Matthew 24:9-31, 42. How is the Matthew passage similar to the “short version” in Daniel 12:1? What is the main point for your life? What does it mean to live an “alert” lifestyle?

TUESDAY: *A final resurrection for believers is coming.*
Read Daniel 12:2-3 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. How do these two passages describe the future resurrection of believers’ bodies? How should this affect your view of death?

WEDNESDAY: *A final resurrection and judgment for unbelievers is coming.*
Read Daniel 12:2-3 and Revelation 20:11-15. What is the eternal destiny of those without salvation? How should this truth affect the way you live and love those around you? How should it affect your love and worship of God?

THURSDAY: *God will individually reward each of His followers.*
Read Daniel 12:3, 13 and 2 Corinthians 5:9-10. What gives God pleasure and joy? How will He judge and reward His followers? How does 2 Corinthians 5:9 simplify and focus life for each of us?

FRIDAY: *For now imitate Daniel as he imitates Christ.*
Read Daniel 12:13 and Hebrews 12:1-2. How would you summarize this final counsel? How does it describe death? How does it give you an eternal hope?

Prophecies and Promises: Exploring the Book of Daniel!

Part 18 – Daniel 12:1-13

Introduction: Daniel chapter 11 ends with the world facing its final round. Wars have been raging for centuries, and it looks as though the forces of evil are about to be declared the winner.

- The king of the South in Daniel 11 symbolizes historical and modern atheism. The king of the North represents the papal church-state.

I. We Studied Last Week The Intricate Prophecy Of Daniel Chapter 11- Today We Finish With Daniel Chapter 12

- A. Chapter 10 was a _____ to this last vision of Daniel.
- Chapter 12 is an _____, the conclusion. A summary in which the principal subject of the matter of the book is reviewed, emphasizing its importance.
 - Three chapters 10, 11 & 12 with _____ vision from God.

➤ “But then news from the east and the north will alarm him,
Daniel 11:44a NLT

- B. News is coming from the eastern sky. Christ is coming out of the _____. The north is the site of God’s throne—the site of God’s tabernacle, the site of God’s law.

➤ “At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued.” Daniel 12:1 (NLT)

- C. Daniel 12:1 (NLT) says, “At that time Michael, . . . who stands guard
- Revelation 12:7 (NKJV) says, “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; . . .”
 - Jude 9 (NKJV) says, “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses . . .”

- D. The name *Michael* means, “_____.”
- Michael is one of the names for Jesus Christ.
 - Michael is the Commander-in-Chief of the angels, the head of the angels.
 - Michael, the Archangel (1 Thessalonians 4:16), stands over and above, and distinct from, the angels.
 - He’s not an angel; He’s not a created being, He’s _____ in the form/personhood of Jesus Christ.

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- E. In the last days of earth's history, the Bible says that at that time, Michael shall stand up. Was there ever a time that Michael sat down? (Read Daniel 7:9-10; 12:1)
- Here we see Michael sits at the beginning of the _____.
- F. Have you ever wondered why some people suffer as they do?
- Have you ever wondered why at times righteousness (Christian lifestyle) seems to be dragged in the dust, and evil seems to triumph?
 - In the _____, God will set all things right.
 - In the judgment, before a waiting world and a watching universe, the destinies of the entire human race will be settled.
- G. There will be a time of trouble. Yet Jesus _____ His people during this time of trouble. (Read Revelation 16:2-4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
- H. If Jesus is coming as a thief after six plagues, could He have come before the plagues ever began? Just as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego went through the fiery furnace; just as Daniel went through the lion's den; in the last days, God's people will be _____ after living through the plagues.
- I. God will have a people who—when all around them there is natural disaster and catastrophe, when their very lives are threatened, when every earthly support is cut off—will look to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- *“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.”*
Daniel 12:1b (NKJV)
- J. Jesus _____ over His people and deliverance is on its way. (Read Matthew 24:30; 16:27; Revelation 6:14-17)
- K. Even those who pierced Jesus will see Him come. Those wicked Romans who nailed Him to the cross will see Him come.
- Why? Because *“many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting _____, and some to everlasting _____ (death).”*
- *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air . . . ”*
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV)
- *“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. vs.12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. vs. 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.”*
Daniel 12:10, 12-13 (NKJV)
- L. Long ago the prophet Hosea lamented, *“My people are destroyed for lack of _____”* (Hosea 4:6 - NKJV).
- M. The book of wisdom – Proverbs 1:7 says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”*
- First, our _____ toward the Bible determines everything about how we live the Christian life in these last days of earth's history.
 - Secondly, a right understanding of the prophecies of God's Word includes studying, praying, meditating and _____ Christ-like lives, based on the instruction and wisdom of God's WORD!
- N. Daniel 12 is the climax of the book. Its main emphasis is on deliverance resurrection and a final _____.
- From a historicist perspective, we've noticed a few key themes.
 - #1. A time of _____ such as never was.
 - #2. The _____ of resurrection, where some awake to everlasting life.
 - #3. The sealing of the prophecy and those specific time periods.
- O. We close with some powerful promises in Daniel chapter 12.
- Verse 1, God's people will be _____.
- Verse 2, the _____ of the resurrection.
- Verse 3, eternal reward for the _____.
- Verse 7, the end of oppression.
- Verse 10, spiritual understanding for the faithful.
- Verse 12, blessing for those who _____.
- Verse 13 holds a promise for God's people. We will _____, and then _____ to our inheritance, which is a beautiful close to a faithful life.
- P. *“Pleasure will end; therefore live for higher interests. Sorrow will end; therefore be patient and hopeful. Temptations will end; therefore be brave. The opportunity for work will end; therefore be diligent now. This life will end; therefore be prepared for the life beyond.”*
(Adeny, The Pulpit Commentary)
- Q. In our spiritual journey through the **Prophecies and Promises of Daniel** - we get **HOPE for TODAY** and **COURAGE for TOMORROW!**