



The End Of All Things

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1 Several weeks ago, when we studied Daniel chapter 10, we were told of a vision Daniel
2 would receive. It was one continuous vision that culminated in our present chapter 12.

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Daniel 10:14

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

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5 If a reader studying chapter 12 did not know Jesus as Lord and Savior, the study would be
6 terrifying! But knowing Christ, these truths are a sure foundation for knowing that
7 everything is under God's control!

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9 Here are principles you need to know from this chapter:

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- 11 • The phrase in verse 1, "thy people," refers to the nation Israel after the Rapture of
12 the church.
- 13 • These horrifying developments take place during a period called the Great
14 Tribulation and correspond to the 70th week of Daniel that we studied in Session 9
15 back on March 14 (refer to your previous notes).
- 16 • When Daniel received this dream, God told him it would not happen for "many
17 days." 2500 years have now passed. When this will begin, no one knows. Any
18 person or writer or preacher who tries to set a date for the Rapture is trying to add
19 to Scripture for the actual date cannot be found in the Word of God. But one thing
20 is for sure: THESE THINGS WILL HAPPEN!

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24 Daniel 12:1

25 **And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the**
26 **children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since**

1 **there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be**
2 **delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**

4 WHO IS MICHAEL?

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6 He is an archangel. *The term archangel occurs but twice in Scripture:*

7 ▶ 1 Thes. 4:16

8 **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the**
9 **archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

10 ▶ Jude 1:9

11 **Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the**
12 **body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord**
13 **rebuke thee.**

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15 *Michael is the only one called an archangel. He is represented as having his own*
16 *angels:*

17 ▶ Rev. 12:7

18 **And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;**
19 **and the dragon fought and his angels,**

20 *He is said to be the prince of the people of Israel:*

21 ▶ Daniel 10:13

22 **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but,**
23 **lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the**
24 **kings of Persia.**

25 ▶ Daniel 10:21

26 **But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none**
27 **that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.**

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29 The archangels appear to have the responsibility of protecting and prospering Israel.

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31 THE WORDS IN ITALICS ARE BASED ON INFORMATION FROM LECTURES IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY BY DR.
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34 Daniel receives this vision in which he sees his nation of Israel in profound trouble,
35 urgently needing divine assistance from archangels. When is this time? It is the time of
36 the Great Tribulation, the last 3 ½ years of the reign of Satan, Antichrist and the False
37 Prophet on earth, following the Rapture. Indeed, Jesus foretold of this awful time:

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39 Matthew 24:15-26

40 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel**
41 **the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) [16] Then**

1 **let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: [17] Let him which is on the**
2 **housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: [18] Neither let him**
3 **which is in the field return back to take his clothes. [19] And woe unto them that are**
4 **with child, and to them that give suck in those days! [20] But pray ye that your flight**
5 **be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: [21] For then shall be great**
6 **tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor**
7 **ever shall be. [22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh**
8 **be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. [23] Then if any man**
9 **shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. [24] For there shall**
10 **arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders;**
11 **insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. [25] Behold, I**
12 **have told you before. [26] Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the**
13 **desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.**

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15 For those who declare the Church will go through this time of horror, it is clear they
16 eliminate many Scriptures that declare just the opposite.

17 18 THE RESURRECTIONS

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20 Daniel 12:2

21 **And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to**
22 **everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

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24 Everyone will die (short of that generation of Christ-followers who will be raptured to
25 Heaven. But all will be raised.

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27 There are some noted Biblical commentators who teach that Old Testament saints will not
28 be raptured along with New Testament believers, citing 1 Thes. 4:14: **For if we believe**
29 **that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring**
30 **with him.**

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32 These scholars may be right, although I must admit I have a rather hard time believing it.
33 But the line that is so vital to you and me is this: When the resurrection does occur, some
34 will be raised to EVERLASTING LIFE (those who are saved) and some to SHAME
35 AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT (the unsaved).

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37 Now, amazingly, Daniel assures us of the eternal value of missions: Daniel 12:3 **And**
38 **they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn**
39 **many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.** Soul winners will have eternal
40 rewards that are dazzling (“...as the stars forever and ever.”)

1 Daniel 12:4

2 **But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the**
3 **end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.**

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5 Note: “...even to the time of the end...” not “...to the end of time...” Big difference
6 there. You and I are living, I believe, in the time of the end. It is fascinating to me
7 that there has been a proliferation of prophetic study and preaching since I began ministry
8 some sixty years ago. I recall very little prophecy teaching and/or preaching when I was
9 a lad, but now it is found in many evangelical circles for which we praise the Lord.
10 People need to know the “real story” of what’s happening in today’s world and, thank the
11 Lord, His Word has provided us with that insight. We certainly don’t see all the picture,
12 but we can see a large part of it.

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14 Daniel 12:5-7

15 **Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of**
16 **the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. [6] And one**
17 **said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long**
18 **shall it be to the end of these wonders? [7] And I heard the man clothed in linen,**
19 **which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left**
20 **hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time,**
21 **times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the**
22 **holy people, all these things shall be finished.**

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24 Here Daniel takes us back a bit in his book to the start of his vision in Daniel chapter 10.
25 I believe that the MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN is Christ Himself, flanked by yet another
26 angel (perhaps Gabriel). Daniel learns in his vision that horrible things are going to
27 happen on earth and asks (verse 6), “For how long must this endure?” The MAN IN
28 LINEN answers. Jesus gives the response. “...it shall be for a time, times, and an
29 **half...**” In other words, 3 ½ years! That’s the last half of the 7-year tribulation period.
30 As horrendous as the first 3 ½ years

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32 **REASONS I AM CONVINCED THE CHURCH**
33 **WILL NOT GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION**

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35 1. The Tribulation will be a time of wrath, judgment, darkness, destruction and death.
36 Its very reason for happening precludes the Church from going through it. There are
37 many Scriptures to substantiate this:

38 **Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in**
39 **Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

40 Proponents of mid or post trib will counter: “But....saints have always had to suffer.”

1 True. However, the anguish has always been because of “man’s inhumanity to man,”
2 vis-a-vis Roman persecution, or China crimes under Chairman Mao. But the Tribulation
3 is NOT man’s wrath, but God’s. And that is an awesome difference!
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5 2. The purpose of the Tribulation is to punish those who have rejected God’s Son and
6 His salvation. That purpose is totally unrelated to the Church.
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8 3. Dr. Dwight Pentecost reminds us of a third reason: *When the Lord Jesus returns to*
9 *this earth to reign, there must be believers on the earth He can take into His kingdom. If*
10 *the Rapture occurs at the end of the Tribulation, immediately before the return to the*
11 *earth, and removes all believers, how would there be any believers on the earth at the*
12 *time of the Second Coming over whom the King could reign? There must be some*
13 *interval of time between the Rapture and the Second Coming.*
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16 4. Revelation chapter 4 has the raptured believers around the throne of God. It is not
17 until chapter 6 that Jesus tears the first seal off the scroll of judgment which releases
18 Antichrist on the earth: Rev. 6:1-2 **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the**
19 **seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying,**
20 **Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a**
21 **bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to**
22 **conquer.** The raptured Church has already been in God’s presence when Satan’s
23 counterfeit messiah is unleashed.
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25 DANIEL’S QUESTION 26

27 Daniel 12:8-9

28 **And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end**
29 **of these things? [9] And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and**
30 **sealed till the time of the end.**
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32 You can imagine the questions that must have raced through this Godly old man’s mind.
33 He wanted to know how all these things were going to be worked out - and when. He
34 learned that this would be the culmination time and the information temporarily sealed.
35 But today the unveiling of God’s plan becomes clearer to us because of the Written
36 Word!
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38 THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION 39

40 Daniel 12:10

1 **Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do**
2 **wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.**

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4 We are made righteous only because the righteousness of Jesus is imputed to us by God's
5 grace. It is never "our" good works that draws us closer to Christ, although we would
6 love for it to be that way. You know, "picking ourselves up by our own bootstraps."
7 But as far as God is concerned we don't have any bootstraps.

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9 **Daniel 12:11**

10 **And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the**
11 **abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and**
12 **ninety days.**

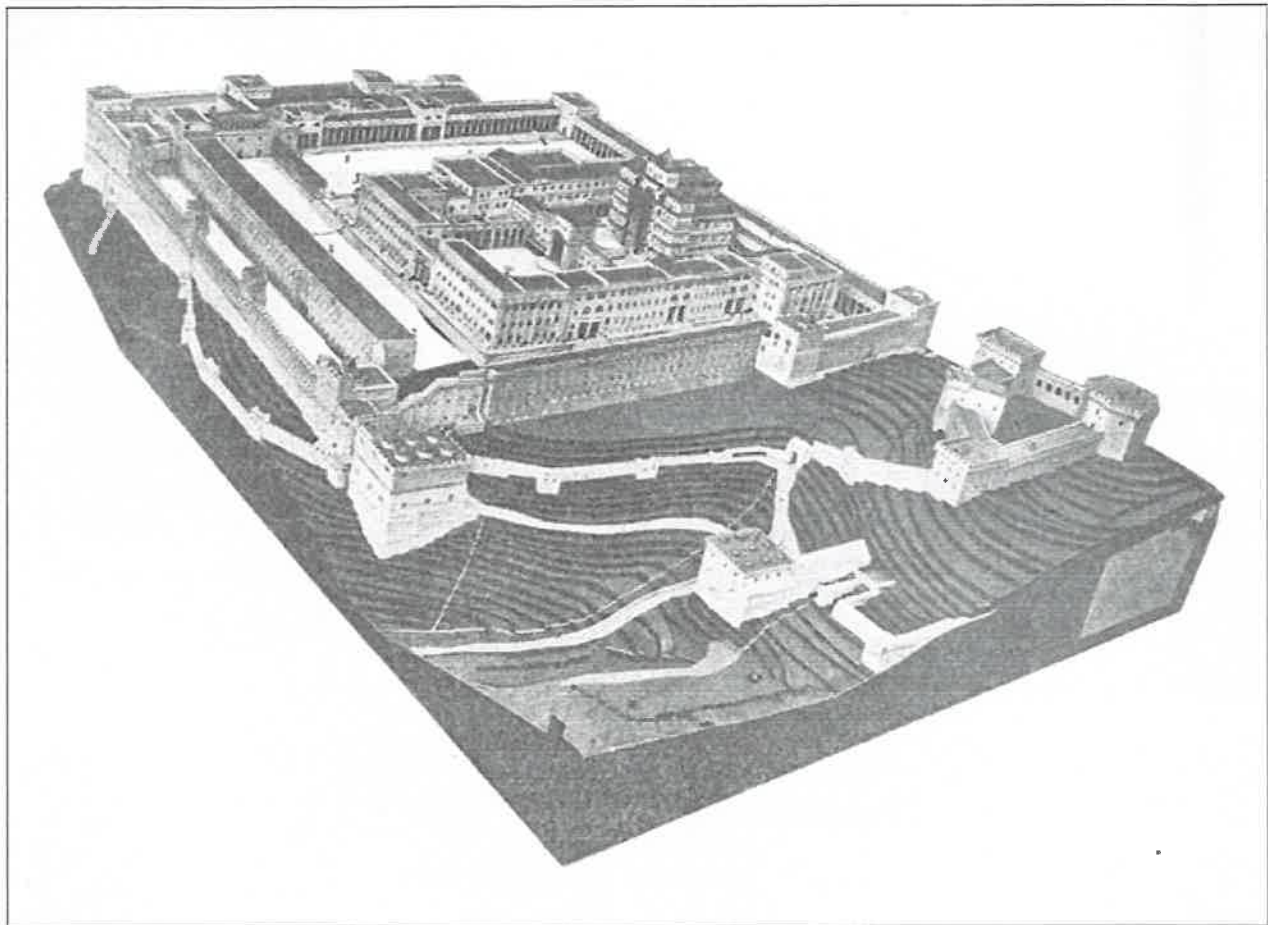
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14 Jesus referred to this as well in Matthew 24:15

15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel**
16 **the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)**

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18 Antichrist will come to power following the Rapture spouting a "peace, peace" platform.
19 Scripture makes that clear in Rev. 6:1-2: **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the**
20 **seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying,**
21 **Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a**
22 **bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to**
23 **conquer.** This "rider" is Antichrist. Note carefully that he carries a bow but no arrows.
24 The world so desperately seeks peace (for the most part) that anyone championing peace
25 at any cost will be wildly received. Israel will fall prey to this subterfuge.

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27 While Antichrist promises peace, and received by millions, he will quickly show his true
28 colors. For one thing, he will place an idol of himself in the temple in Jerusalem. This
29 is not hard to understand for those who have visited the Temple Mount there where once
30 stood the temple built by Solomon and then the temple built later by Herod the Great (a
31 building that took 50 years to construct and should have been one of the ancient wonders
32 of the world!).

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34 Today, instead of the Temple for Jews, there stands that gold-domed Mosque of Omar,
35 build in the 60's in "honor" of a Muslim warrior named Omar. While some think of the
36 structure as "beautiful," others of us consider it a monument dedicated to Satan. Indeed
37 the Arabic writing around the base of the dome speaks evil of sacred Scripture and
38 cherished Christian beliefs. It will one day fall, collapsed during the earthquake when
39 Jesus returned to earth the second time and His blessed feet rest on the Mount of Olives.
40 Until that happens, Antichrist will use the sacred mount (Moriah) where Abraham



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prepared to offer Isaac as a center for worship to himself. This was also done, in part, by the Greeks, under Antiochus Epiphanes several hundred years before Christ, when he sacrificed a pig on the sacred altar.

It is difficult for me to adequately describe the horrors of the coming Antichrist and the destruction he and his cohorts will bring about. I appreciate this description by Dwight David Pentecost:

The world is headed toward a unified political and a unified religious system that beggars description and defies imagination. The Word of God has so much to say about the warfare between God and Satan, between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness, between this world and the heavenlies. The Scriptures reveal that this conflict is going to come to its climax when Satan brings his great masterpiece, the man of sin, the lawless one, the Beast, on this world scene as the head of a great confederation of nations. This world is headed for a coming world-wide dictatorship, under whom all nations shall be consolidated into one great world empire that will center in the worship of Satan. This system will be characterized by lawlessness, godlessness, and absolute authoritarianism. It will be the aim of this dictator to exterminate every believer in Jesus Christ and to outlaw God from this universe.

1 Daniel 12:12-13

2 **Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and**
3 **thirty days. [13] But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in**
4 **thy lot at the end of the days.**

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6 Just as Jesus told Peter (at Mensi Cristi) after his resurrection that he (Peter) too would
7 die by crucifixion one day, so God now tells Daniel that he will live to see all these
8 prophecies come to pass.

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10 However.....we may. While no one knows exact dates of those things yet to come, we
11 can see events unfolding that make us believe the Rapture could happen soon, with all the
12 demonic horrors to follow those who miss that glorious advent.

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14 The bottom line is....Jesus is coming for His followers. We will meet the Lord in the air.
15 1 Thes. 4:13-18

16 **But I would not have you to be ignorant (uninformed), brethren, concerning them**
17 **which are asleep (those saints who have already died), that ye sorrow not, even as**
18 **others which have no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,**
19 **even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15] For this we say**
20 **unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the**
21 **coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. [16] For the**
22 **Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the**
23 **archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17]**
24 **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the**
25 **clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18]**
26 **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

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28 **STUDY YET TO COME**

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30 The Book of Daniel has ended, yet many, if not most, of the Jews are still in Babylon.
31 What happened to them? The Scriptures tell us in what we call the *post-captivity* books:
32 Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther. I want to take a few weeks to take us through a survey of
33 these powerful and helpful volumes, starting next week, in what I call:

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35 **DANIEL - THE REST OF THE STORY!**
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