

The Wise WILL Understand

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The book of Daniel is an amazing piece of prophetic literature. It stands out in God's Word as being extremely accurate. Because of this accuracy, the authenticity of the actual prophet Daniel as the human author often comes under complete denial by so-called "higher critics." They argue that it is *too* accurate and because of that, it had to have been written by someone *after* the majority of events occurred throughout the book. In that case, then pseudo-Daniel author simply looked back at what had occurred and wrote what essentially turns out to be an embellished history book.

Orthodox Jews and authentic Christians know better. The **book of Daniel** is a future roadmap that God has graciously provided to humanity that shows what God said would occur *before* it ever happened. Of course, those who denigrate God and the supernatural must come up with an alternative explanation, hence the pseudo-Daniel author.

As far as I'm concerned, the actual Daniel existed and lived during the time of Israel's captivity in Babylon. During that time, both he and King Nebuchadnezzar received dreams and visions that were explained by Daniel *prior* to their happening. In fact, numerous chapters in **Daniel** have yet to be fulfilled. They remain in front of us.

I'd like to focus on part of one particular chapter in **Daniel**, which happens to be the final chapter, **Daniel 12**. It is in this chapter that God wraps things up for the prophet Daniel. As we will see, it leaves Daniel a bit perplexed and even overwhelmed. The previous chapter, **Daniel 11** highlights numerous things including the fact that things come to a head between God and His servants and Satan and his.

Daniel 12 begins with Archangel Michael "standing up."

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.
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.

This folks, is essentially the beginning of the very end of God's judgment that began with the start of the 70th week of **Daniel 9**, otherwise known as the Tribulation/Great Tribulation. Then Daniel is given a command about the scroll (the **book of Daniel**).

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.

The essential part of the **book of Daniel** that has not yet been fulfilled is for the time of the end. It is the belief of many (myself included), that the specific time of the end is upon us now and starting to come to pass. In the next few verses someone asks how long before the fulfillment of the wonders noted in the book will be? The answer given is "*...that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished,*" (**Daniel 12:7b**). This means that the length of time from its start to finish is "a time, times and half a time," which is generally accepted to mean three and a half years, or the final portion of the coming seven year Tribulation (which our Lord refers to as *great tribulation* in **Matthew 24**).

Obviously, things will come to a severe climax when the holy people (Israel, *not* the Church; this was written to Daniel and *his* people), will be shattered. This means that their penchant for relying on themselves instead of submitting to God at every turn will be finally eradicated. It will happen just prior to the physical return of our Lord to this earth.

Daniel 12:8 shows the perplexity of Daniel.

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

Daniel is confused as any of us would be in his position. He's trying to understand things from his perspective that will occur a few thousand years into the future. He has little way to understand them even after explanations are given. Ultimately, Daniel is told to "not worry about it" because it really is not for his day.

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, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.'

So here Daniel is told that the words of the scroll are to be closed up and sealed until "the time of the end." It would be at that point that a number of things will happen.

- many will be purified, made white and refined
- the wicked shall do wickedly
- none of the wicked shall understand
- the wise shall understand

If we consider what is happening in our world today, it certainly seems as though things are going fully crazy. We have people who believe that gender is fluid; that a person who is a male today can be a

female tomorrow. People believe that little children should be encouraged to explore their sexuality and gender and decide if the way they were born is the way they should remain. This is lunacy and the fact that people actually see the lunacy and have to put up with it is maddening. Those who advocate gender fluidity do so without seemingly caring about the fact that it could well be a mental illness. They don't care though because at all costs, the "chains" of God's inherent moral code must be thrown off society.

We also have a world that is succumbing to the treasonous effects of illegal immigration, the increase of warmongering, and inflation. On top of that, this insane desire to destroy farming throughout the world, to navigate everything down to "net zero" ostensibly so that life on earth can survive. They keep barreling ahead with their ludicrous plan in spite of the fact that they seem to have no real clue as to what they're unleashing.

Recently, Tucker Carlson sat down with atheist Bret Weinstein, who essentially stated that the people we are dealing with are not evil *brilliant* minds. They are ego-driven evil maniacs drunk with power and fully believe that what they are pushing for will turn out well. Weinstein states they have no real clue as to what they are going to bring about. They have no real wisdom leading to actual understanding. They just play god poorly.

If we judge what's happening through the lens of Scripture, it becomes exceedingly clear that this push by controlbalists will result in horrifying effects throughout this world. But they don't seem to care because they will have everything they believe they'll need. This all ties into **Daniel 12:9**. The wicked will not understand. No matter how society refuses to go along with them and pushes back, they will recklessly push on, causing themselves and others to reap the whirlwind of real destruction they are creating.

I'm becoming more convinced (though I will readily admit I could be wrong), that many of the 21 judgments we read about throughout the **book of Revelation**, will result in what humanity is doing right now. We are causing our own future problems that God will simply use as methods of our own judgment.

There is no evidence of "climate change." None. There is no evidence that farming or cow flatulence is destroying the world's ozone or any layer. It's a total hoax/scam by those in power continue to push for greater control over global society because they have the power. They can dutifully ignore any and all rational questions and comments that tend to weaken and destroy their narrative because they have bought and paid for so many to work with them.

But let's look at this rationally as well. God is *for* us therefore who can be truly against us? His purposes *will* prevail. God has told us ahead of time that the *wise will understand*. What *will* we understand? We will understand what is happening and because of that, push ourselves increasingly onto the Lord for His care and guidance. I do not believe we can overwhelm the system and somehow take it back. I know some do but I'm not convinced of that.

During the days when Israel had such corrupt leaders who even brought prophets of Baal into the palace and were made welcome in the Temple, average Israelites who were not corrupt were afraid. Most true prophets ran to hide from kings who could kill them. The remnant within Israel who trusted the Lord

were generally kept safe with their needs met. I believe the same thing applies to Christ's Bride now. In the midst of danger, God protects His own who strive to trust Him.

Consider the reality of Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 19**). These cities were terribly evil and it was not just homosexuality either. It had to do with people's attitude toward others. It truly was "live as thou wilt." It ultimately got to the point where all manner of sexual deviations became the norm, but through it all, the people of those areas were so violent either in actions toward others or in the way they deliberately avoided helping other people, that the cries and blood of the victims reached God's ears and He could not ignore it anymore. (By the way, I'm *not* saying that we need to have open borders to prove our concern for foreigners. This is an artificial construct designed specifically to overthrow the rule of law in America.)

God sent His angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. But they had to ensure that Lot and his family got away safely *first*. This is an example of the "Rapture." Lot and his family were literally moved out of the way *before* God's judgment *could* rain down. But just how bad did things get before God sent His judgment that wiped out those two cities? Pretty bad. Yet, for the most part, Lot and his family were kept safe and they were sadly, not even fully committed to following the Lord! Yes, Peter calls Lot "righteous" (**2 Peter 2:7-8**), but Lot was seriously compromised with the "values" of Sodom. Yet, because there was some measure of actual faith exercised by Lot toward God previously, his faith was counted as righteousness and Lot became God's.

Know this though. If you choose to live like Lot, compromising your testimony with the world, you will not have as much understanding as you *should* have during these days. The world is coming to a point where it is growing very discontent with and even antagonistic toward authentic Christians. The world's patience toward Christians is growing thin and that will likely become more prominent during 2024 and following. They want us out of the way. Their hatred toward us is growing. They act like unreasoning animals, like bulls who can only see red.

The more Christians try to compromise with this world, the further those Christians will sink into the world's abyss. The dividing line is *now*. We must emotionally separate ourselves from the things (and people), who hate God. We should be a witness to them, not be concerned about whether or not they "like" us and want to get along with us.

Want proof? Compare Samson (**Judges 13-16**), to the prophet **Daniel**. Certainly, God used Samson for His purposes but consider how short Samson fell too often, even ending his life in blindness because he treated God's Word so callously. Daniel was the exact opposite. His approach was complete humility and gained a deep sense of God's Presence and direction through it. Who had more wisdom and discernment, Samson or Daniel?

The more we become aware of what is happening in this world, the more we should turn to Him in humility and surrender. The result is the greater our wisdom, discernment and understanding will become. Our daily goal is to separate from this world's attitude, lifestyle and demeanor. It is imperative that Christians understand our purpose here and it is not for our own enjoyment. It is for His glory. Whom do you serve?