




Daniel Chapter 12 How Do We Prepare?

Message by Pastor Jeff 3-19-17
Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions



 **CONNECTING:** *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

What has been the best part of this Study for you? Why?

 **EXPLORING IT:** *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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What do you think is meant by “at the time” in verse one?

Verses two and three talks about a resurrection—Do you think this is physical or spiritual? Please explain.

What are some of the things that would be “finished” when the holy people were shattered?

What was the response that Daniel was given when he asked for an explanation? Why do you think that happened?

Why will the wicked not understand? Why do the righteous understand?

What words of comfort and assurance were given to Daniel?

When is a time that a “guardian angel” has come, and helped you? Explain.

Who are some of God's stars that come to you? How are you going to shine for Him?

Daniel was told to go on with his life even though he didn't fully understand all that he had been told. Describe a time when you had to trust God even though you didn't understand what he was doing in your life.

So how do we get ready? What are the things of love and faith and hope that we are busy with today?

How has this book and the studies influenced your priorities and pursuits? How has it helped you worship and trust God more?

How can we specifically pray for you today?



PRAY IT: *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

Dr. John F. Walvoord, who stated in his book *Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation: For Christians living in the age of grace and searching for understanding of these difficult days which may be bringing to a close God's purpose in His church, the book of Daniel, as never before, casts a broad light upon contemporary events foreshadowing the consummation which may not be far distant. If God is reviving His people Israel politically, allowing the church to drift into indifference and apostasy, and permitting the nations to move toward centralization of political power, it may not be long before the time of the end will overtake the world. Many who look for the coming of the Lord anticipate their removal from the earth's scene before the final days of the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled. When the plan of God has run its full course, it will be evident then with even more clarity than at present that God has not allowed a word to fall to the ground. As Christ said while on earth, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).*

Larry Wilson writes: *"The book of Daniel has taught me a sublime lesson: If I surrender my will to God, to go, to be and to do according to all that He has commanded (go-be-do), I have a place within His plans. Whether His plans mandate life or death for me in a temporal sense does not matter, for, with God, death is nothing. What really matters is that each of us finds our place within His plans. When Daniel went to the lion's den, he did not know ahead of time what the outcome would be. Yet, he willingly went to the lion's den because he knew he was within God's plans. This is total trust in God. May God grant within each of us total trust and complete peace! At the end of his last vision, Gabriel told Daniel that he was going to die and that at the end of Earth's history, he would live again. Daniel was told that he would "stand in his lot at the end of the days." This phrase means that Daniel will serve in his appointed place in God's kingdom when Jesus resurrects the saints at the Second Coming. Think about it. What greater honor is there than to serve in an appointed position throughout eternity? This outcome is possible if we live a life of faith in God. Daniel's visions and experiences are evidences of this truth: God rules. The good news is that God uses His incredible powers, omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence, not to secure His position on the throne of the universe, but to insure that the law of love is eternally exalted throughout His universe. No wonder He is called the King of Love, whose dwelling is on the sides of the north, and He will forever rule over His children with love. They will have peace and joy and endless happiness because ". . . The government will be on His shoulders." (Isaiah 9:6, insertion mine)*

Keep Pressing On!

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