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Session 9

- Watch the sermon titled: “The End of Days” on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel;
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 1207-1212 (on [YouTube/podcast](#)) and share them with the one you are discipling.
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon expositors Daniel 11:2-12:13

Devotions 1207-1212 provide in-depth review and further application of these final chapters of Daniel. Join us in Revelation next!

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Context

It is put-up or shut-up time with your belief in the Word of God. It is easy to believe the practical Proverbs. It makes Christians seem crazy to believe apocalyptic prophecy. One comes with the other. The Bible is to be believed holistically, or we just abuse it by believing it selectively - picking the parts we like as true and discarding the rest. So, what's it going to be?

Here is God's message through Daniel about the end. The words "a time, times, and half a time" represent three and a half years. "A time" is one year. "Times" means two years. Add "half a time" to these and the sum is three and a half years ($1 + 2 + .5 = 3.5$). This is the second half of the seven years of tribulation ($3.5 + 3.5 = 7$) called "the Great Tribulation" in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Revelation 7. So, we have seven years of tribulation, but then the Antichrist will break his treaty of peace with Israel and usher in the greatest suffering known in the history of the planet. That will be the Great Tribulation - the time, times, and half a time first prophesied in this text.

3.5 years is 1,260 days using the Babylonian and ancient Jewish 360-day year, so 1,290 days gives 30 extra days for the judgments prophesied in Matthew 24:29-31 and 25:31-46. The 1,335-day period allows time for the establishment of God's kingdom as prophesied in Daniel 7:13-27.

The Big Idea of the Text

In the absolute final days before glory forever breaks through, there will be historically immense suffering, deliverance for those in Christ, resurrection, and reward.

Biblical Text (CSB) - Daniel 12:1-13

At that time

Michael, the great prince
who stands watch over your people, will rise up.

There will be a time of distress
such as never has occurred
since nations came into being until that time.

But at that time all your people
who are found written in the book will escape.

2 Many who sleep in the dust
of the earth will awake,
some to eternal life,
and some to disgrace and eternal contempt.

3 Those who have insight will shine
like the bright expanse of the heavens,
and those who lead many to righteousness,
like the stars forever and ever.

4 "But you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will roam about, and knowledge will increase."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others were standing there, one on this bank of the river and one on the other. 6 One of them said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river, "How long until the end of these wondrous things?" 7 Then I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river. He raised both his hands toward heaven and swore by him who lives eternally that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the power of the holy people is shattered, all these things will be completed.

8 I heard but did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?"

9 He said, "Go on your way, Daniel, for the words are secret and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. 11 From the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. 12 Happy is the one who waits for and reaches 1,335 days. 13 But as for you, go on your way to the end; you will rest, and then you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance at the end of the days."

Applying Our Lives to the Text

- Verse 1 describes the greatest suffering ever known, but there are glimpses of hope. For context, Michael the “great prince” is the archangel and he is pulling overtime to guard God’s people in the last days. What is the other glimpse of hope in verse 1?
- Verse 2 describes resurrection. What follows that resurrection and *why*?
- To what two godly endeavors does verse 3 inspire you? Explain.
- In what way is this current Bible study a partial fulfillment of verse 4?
- Look back at verses 5–7. For clarity on what “a time, times, and half a time” means, see our Context portion at the beginning of this session. Verse 7 describes a profound concoction of devastation and hope. What is the devastation and what is the hope?
- Review verse 10. Does it describe our present reality? Is it actionable, or merely descriptive? Explain.
- The Antichrist will allow worship in Israel, but then change his mind drastically (v.11). He will do what Antiochus Epiphanes did, but on a larger scale, proclaiming himself god in the temple. Is this the abomination of desolation? (See Matt 24:15-28.)

The Takeaway: So What Church?

There is hope on the other side of the suffering prophesied in this text. Because of what God has patently prophesied, we as Christians are to absolutely expect to suffer. In fact, the greatest deliverance in the history of the universe is immediately preceded by the most intense suffering in the history of nations.

We will hope in Christ through every ounce of suffering and we will hope side-by-side, TOGETHER as a group within His Church!

For Parents:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

At the end of days, right before Jesus makes everything new, there is good news and bad news. The good news is that Jesus is making absolutely everything that was wrong in the full history of humanity forever RIGHT. The bad news is that, right before all of that, the people alive at the time will go through the hardest stuff ever.

That is a big deal because there has already been a lot of suffering.

God's Word tells us about all of this ahead of time so that we will know that He is Lord. People will pick up the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation and know what to expect and how to find hope. Before these storms come, we will share the news of the peace that comes through the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone we can! Ready, GO!

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