

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

"The End Of Days"
Daniel 12:4-13

Introduction

1. Angelic information was given to Daniel (10:14). That source continues to provide a summary of events in the last days.

2. Details are often omitted, but God has given sufficient in His Word so that the saints need not sit in darkness.

3. Observe, then, the description of the days of the end as given in the text:

1. THEIR SPIRIT v. 4.

Two dominant notes are struck here:

a. Investigation.

The verb "run to and fro" suggests the idea of intense earnestness in looking for something. Seems to convey the idea of "ruddering about" or circumnavigating in order to make discovery of something. Cf. Amos 8:12; 2 Chron. 16:9.

b. Information.

Knowledge which is preceded by a definite article probably refers to some specific knowledge, namely, that related to this prophecy. Hence, the intense searching will issue in knowledge of the prophecy of Daniel!

2. THEIR LENGTH vv. 7, 11, 12.

Within the compass of three verses, three specific numeric situations are revealed. Check them out.

a. 1260 days. v. 7. This is according to the standard of the prophetic year. 30 days per month and a time standing for a year.

b. 1290 days. v. 11. The time allotted by our Lord for the transition into the kingdom.

- c. 1335 days. v. 12. Possibly points to the date of the first Feast of Tabernacles within the kingdom period.

NOTE: All these dates are literal time periods and bring the program of the Lord out of the Tribulation period and into the Millennium. The solid establishment of the kingdom is accomplished.

3. THEIR ACTIVITY. vv. 7, 10, 11.

Several matters of interest are mentioned:

- a. With the nation. Within the last days, the nation Israel will be fully scattered. This speaks of the fulfillment of His purpose for the days of Tribulation.
- b. With the sacrifices. These will be taken away by the Antichrist (7:25; 9:27). In their place will be raised up the abomination spoken of by our Lord (Matt. 24:15).
- c. With the people. The two general classes of humanity which have existed from the beginning will be seen unto the end: believers and unbelievers.

4. THEIR ISSUE vv. 12, 13.

The final and closing issues of the end days are given:

a. Generally. v. 12.

All are blessed who come into the kingdom blessing of the Messiah!

b. Personally. v. 13.

Thrice blessed witness concerning His servant Daniel. See how the Lord speaks of him:

- 1) His demise - - - - - rest.
- 2) His resurrection - - - stand.
- 3) His reward - - - - - lot.
- 4) His reign - - - - - end.

Conclusion.

The prophecy concludes with the word about Daniel which has taken him from Babylon (Chap. 1) all the way through the years to the millennial reign of his Messiah. How goes it with your life history?

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