

Daniel



Lesson 25-The Second Coming and God's Deliverance!

Focus: Daniel 12:1-3

❖ What events are described in Daniel 12:1-3 and how will they occur? (v.1-3)

- **“At that time Michael will stand up...”** (v.1).—At this last time of crisis for God's people—when the powers of the earth will be against God's people (Dan. 11:44). The Final crisis of Revelation 13 (that we saw in our last lesson will have been going on). **The Heavenly Judgment will finish “at that time” when Christ stands up from His work. Then Jesus will come for His people (See Daniel 7:21,22, 26,27; Rev. 22:11,12; Rev. 14:6,7, 14).** THE HARVEST of the earth will be Ripe. People will have already heard the truth of the three angels' messages and decided which side they would stand on.
 - **“Time of trouble such as never was...”** (v.1). **The LOUD CRY of the 4TH Angel (Rev. 18:1-5) will have gone over the whole earth and stirred every soul to accept God's holy truth** (contained in the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12—this is like a last-day “Day of Pentecost”; powerful preaching by Holy Spirit filled messengers of God will take place). **That will be the last message of Mercy this world will ever hear! Suddenly, probation will close** (Rev. 22:11), Jesus will declare he's coming! (Rev. 22:12). **THE ENEMIES OF GOD'S people will be enraged!** They will go out to attack the people of God, but they will be met by the Almighty Presence of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and all the Holy Angels with them (ref. Matthew 25:31). **As Jesus leaves the Heavenly Temple, the 7 Last Plagues (described in Revelation) will begin to fall upon the wicked** (ref. Revelation 15 and 16—during the 6th Plague Jesus says, “I'm coming as a thief, blessed is he who watches...” Rev. 16:15). **God's people are protected during the 7 last plagues** just like Ancient Israel was present, but protected during the plagues that fell on Egypt. “Only with your eyes shall you behold, and see the reward of the wicked...” (Psalm 91:7-11). **A GREAT EARTHQUAKE will happen, “...every mountain and island...” will flee out of their places** (Rev. 16:17,18,20; 6:12-17).
 - **“At that time shall your people be delivered...”** (v.1).—All those who were faithful in spite of the world's threats towards them. They remained in God's will, and their names stayed in the book of life (Rev. 14:12; 3:5). **“Behold, THIS IS OUR GOD, we have waited for him...”** (Isaiah 25:9).
 - **“Many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt...”** (v.2) (See how 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 describe this great event!!). Revelation 1:7 also tells us that some of the wicked who “pierced Jesus...” will rise just to see this event happen!
- ❖ **The Second Coming of Christ is probably the most prophesied event in the entire Bible!** Just about every prophesy in Daniel and every prophecy in Revelation ends with this event. **One in every 25 Bible texts in the New Testament has something to say about it! Jesus tells us to beware though about “false reports” and deceptions about His coming—the Devil will have some to claim that Jesus has already come back** (but if we know the signs, we cannot be fooled) (See Matthew 24:4,5, 23-27).

- *In the Real coming of Jesus Christ, **Jesus himself never touches the ground!! We go up to meet him “in the air...” (1 Thes. 4:16,17).** Even the dead in Christ rise to life at this time!*
 - ***EVERY ear will hear Him come** (ref. 1 Thes. 4:16,17). **“every Eye...” will see Him come** (Rev. 1:7). It is **NOT A SECRET! There is NO “secret Rapture” as some have claimed!***
 - ***No second chances once Jesus returns—that’s it! (See 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)** Both the wicked and the righteous will face the same day. The wicked will die. The righteous (both dead and living) will be caught up to meet the Lord, **“...and thus shall we ever be with the Lord”** (1 Thess. 4:17).*
 - ***Jesus will literally come back in the clouds of heaven “with power and great glory” just like He promised, and just as he had literally ascended into the clouds of Heaven during the first century** (Acts 1:9-11; John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:30). **“...A fire shall devour before Him and it shall be very tempestuous round about him”** (Psalm 50:3).*
 - ***Doesn’t Jesus come “as a Thief”?** Sure he does! It is a total surprise to the wicked when he comes so quickly and unexpectedly. He takes away their life and all that they seemed to possess. It’s not a secret occurrence though (in the window and out the back door). Everyone is aware of it. The Christians are not caught off guard as are the wicked (See 1 Thes. 5:1-4). Life does not continue on for anyone on earth after Jesus comes (**2 Peter 3:10**). **What about the verse that says, “One will be taken, and the other left...”** (Matthew 24:38-41; Luke 17:34-37)? One will be “taken away” in Judgment!! His life will be taken away! The other will be “left” alive to meet the Lord in peace (Rev. 6:17). Those who died in Noah’s day: **“...the flood came and took them all away...” (Matt. 24:39)**. The disciples asked Jesus **“Where Lord? [are they taken to].”** Jesus replied, **“wherever the bodies are, there will the vultures be gathered together”** (Luke 17:37).*
- ❖ ***How can we be ready for the coming of Jesus? (See Luke 21:34-36)** “Watch and pray...” Jesus tells us. Our hearts should be prepared. We can choose to be among the faithful saints who **“keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus Christ”** (Rev. 14:12). The Book of Revelation ends with the words of Jesus, **“Surely, I am coming quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”** (Rev.22:20). **“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen”** (Rev. 22:21).*

Question (s) for the Heart:

Will you choose to be ready for the soon return of Jesus Christ? _____ *Will you seek God daily in prayer and Bible study, watching diligently for the signs of His coming, faithfully striving to live by all of His word and commands, and sharing His message with others so that they also may be prepared to see Him come?* _____