

Daniel Chapter 12

On today's program I want to take a close look at chapter 12 of Daniel, the great Old Testament prophet. Chapter 12 is about the End Times, especially the Millennium. Daniel writes about the four groups who will survive into the Millennium. These four groups are also mentioned in Revelation. First, let's take a look at Saint John's book.

In Revelation, chapter 11, verse 18, John writes, 'God will render reward to His servants, the prophets, saints and those who fear God's name. That is not one group; those are the four groups who will reign into the Millennium. The 'servants' are the converted Jews, the 'prophets' refer to the raptured Protestants, the 'saints' are the protected Catholics and 'those who fear God's name' are the Holy Martyrs.

When God renders reward, that phrase 'renders reward' refers to the thousand year reign of peace. Now, let's look at how Daniel refers to the same four groups of people. In verse 1, he writes, 'but at that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince, who stands for the children of your people'; 'your people' refers to Daniel's people, and that is the Jews; but not all will be saved. Daniel continues, 'and a time shall come such as never was, from the time nations began, until that time.' Daniel is talking about the Great Tribulation, the last three and one half years of the reign of the Antichrist. Daniel continues, 'and at that time shall your people be saved, every one that shall be found written in the book.' In other words, not all of the nation of Israel will be saved, only the 144,000 converted by Enoch and Elijah.

Let's look at verse number 2 of Daniel 12, where we meet a second group who will reign during the Millennium, the Holy Martyrs. 'And many of those asleep in the dust of the earth shall awake'. Those who sleep in the dust of the earth are those who will be resurrected at the time of Jesus' third coming. Remember, there is no resurrection at his second coming at the rapture, unlike what the false prophets tell you.

Let's look at verse number 3 of Daniel 12, where we meet a third group, who will reign in the Millennium, and that is the raptured Protestants. 'But they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. This group of wise individuals are the remnant Protestants, who will go to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. In other words, they will be called, they will be purchased, they will be favored by God and they will survive the Millennium by escaping through the rapture.

Next, let's look at verse number 4 where Daniel describes the End Times. 'But you Daniel shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.' The advances in transportation and communication have been extensive in these End Times and that is what Daniel is referring to in this verse.

Now, let's look at verse number 5 in Daniel chapter 12, where we meet the two great prophets, also spoken of by Saint John in Revelation, Enoch and Elijah. 'And I Daniel looked and behold as it were two others stood, one on this side of the bank of the river and another on that side of the bank of the river.' The prophet standing on this side of the bank of the river refers to Elijah, because he ministers to the Jews, in other words, he is near Jerusalem. The prophet who ministers on the far side of the river is Enoch, because his mission is to preach repentance to the far off Gentiles.

And in the next verse, Daniel asks Enoch about the timing of the end. 'And I said to the man who was clothed in linen that stood up on the waters of the river, how long shall it be to the end of these wonders'. The waters refers to the Gentiles. Enoch gives an answer very similar to the answer he gives in Revelation, chapter 10, verse 6, where he says 'there shall be no more delay'. In verse number 7 of Daniel, he says it will be until a time, times and half a time. 'And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished'.

Now we meet the fourth group who will survive into the Millennium, the holy people. This refers specifically to the remnant Catholics, who flee into the desert on the two wings of a great eagle, and escape with Mary into her place of protection away from the Antichrist. The two wings of a great eagle refer to the rosary and the scapular. Those will be the means of protection for the remnant Catholics in the End Times.

Daniel continues in verse 8, 'and I heard but I understood not, then I said O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things.' And he continues in verse 9, 'and he said, go your way Daniel for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. We are in the time of the end right now. These words are being unsealed on this program. That is my mission as the Third Eagle of the Apocalypse, so that you will understand exactly what Daniel is talking about in chapter number 12.

Let's look at the next verse. 'Many shall be chosen and made white, and shall be tried with fire, and the wickedly shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.' The wise refers to you and me. We will know what Daniel is talking about in this chapter 12. He is talking about the Millennium, and the four groups who will reign with Jesus during the thousand year reign of peace, the raptured Protestants, the protected Catholics, the converted Jews and the Holy Martyrs.

Let's look at verse number 11: 'And from the time when the daily sacrifice shall be taken away and the abomination unto desolation set up there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. The abomination of desolation refers to taking away of the Lord's Supper in both Catholic and Protestant churches. That will be the last great activity of the Antichrist. That is what is referred to by the abomination of desolation. Our Lord referred to it also in the Olivet Discourse. This will be the greatest catastrophe of the Great Tribulation.

That number of thousand two hundred and ninety days does not quite match with the three and one half years timeframe in the book of Revelation. That's because this is a symbolic number. Notice that the numbers add up to 12. $1 + 2 + 9 = 12$, the same as in the next verse. 'Blessed is he that waits unto the thousand three hundred thirty five days'. $1 + 3 + 3 + 5$ also equals 12. Therefore these are both symbolic numbers. Daniel is simply saying, 'Blessed is he that survives into the Millennium'.

The word 'blessed' is very important. That's the same term that Saint John uses in the book of Revelation. Let's look at the four 'blesseds' in Revelation, because they are the same four groups we have been talking about. In chapter 14, verse 13, Saint John writes, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'; that's the Holy Martyrs.

In our next quote, Saint John writes in chapter 16, verse 15, 'Blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments.' Those are the protected Catholics who flee into the desert. That's why they have to watch. They will live through the Tribulation on this earth.

Let's look at the next quotation from Revelation, chapter 19, verse 9, 'Blessed are they who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' Those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, represent our third group that reign in the Millennium, the raptured Protestants.

And now, let's look at the last group. In chapter 20 verse 6, 'Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection. The first resurrection is the Millennium. This last group refers to the converted Jews.

To sum up this chapter 12, Daniel is writing about the Millennium and the four groups who will survive with Jesus into the Millennium. There are only 144,000 of these groups, the raptured Protestants, the protected Catholics (1), the Holy Martyrs and the converted Jews. Let's pray that you and I will be graced to belong to one of these four groups. 9/16/2008.

(1) Correction: there will be many more than 144,000 protected Catholics (Revelation 7:9)