

# The Parchment

Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ



## Pulling Together The Book Of Daniel

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DANIEL 11 & 12

### Using This Study

#### ① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

let your  
faith  
be bigger  
than your  
fear

This is the last week that we will spend in the book of Daniel. There are a number of themes and lessons that have appeared multiple times throughout the book. Daniel's unshakable faith drives him to be an example that we should all follow. The sovereignty of God and His faithfulness gives us a reassurance that He is working out His plan. As we look at the final two chapters that conclude with Daniel's vision of the final week, we will pull in the understanding that we have gained throughout Daniel empowering us to live faithfully.



## ❶ EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read Daniel 11 & 12 (NASB)

"In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.<sup>2</sup> And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.<sup>3</sup> And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.<sup>4</sup> But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

<sup>5</sup> "Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed.<sup>6</sup> After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in those times.<sup>7</sup> But one of the descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against their army and enter the fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display great strength.<sup>8</sup> Also their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years.<sup>9</sup> Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

<sup>10</sup> "His sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress.<sup>11</sup> The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.<sup>12</sup> When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will

cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.<sup>13</sup> For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.

<sup>14</sup> "Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down.<sup>15</sup> Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.<sup>16</sup> But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.<sup>17</sup> He will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be on his side.<sup>18</sup> Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.<sup>19</sup> So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.

<sup>20</sup> "Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle.<sup>21</sup> In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.<sup>22</sup> The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

<sup>23</sup> After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.<sup>24</sup> In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

<sup>25</sup> He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king

of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.<sup>26</sup> Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.<sup>27</sup> As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.<sup>28</sup> Then he will return to his land with much plunder; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and then return to his own land.

<sup>29</sup> “At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.<sup>30</sup> For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.<sup>31</sup> Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.<sup>32</sup> By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.<sup>33</sup> Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.<sup>34</sup> Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.<sup>35</sup> Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

<sup>36</sup> “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.<sup>37</sup> He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.

<sup>38</sup> But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.

<sup>39</sup> He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

<sup>40</sup> “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.<sup>41</sup> He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.<sup>42</sup> Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.<sup>43</sup> But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

<sup>44</sup> But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.<sup>45</sup> He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

### The Time of the End

<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>“Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.<sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.<sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

<sup>4</sup> But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

<sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river.<sup>6</sup> And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”<sup>7</sup> I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.<sup>8</sup> As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?”<sup>9</sup> He said, “Go

your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.<sup>10</sup> Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.<sup>11</sup> From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be

1,290 days.<sup>12</sup> How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!<sup>13</sup> But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of Scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?

## **② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)**

**What does God MEAN?**

1. What are some of the characteristics of Daniel that we see throughout the book?
2. What are some of the major characteristics of God that we see throughout the book of Daniel?
3. What are some of the major themes of Daniel?
4. According to 11:35 and 12:10, will all the people of God be blessed during their life time?
5. Daniel sees great tribulation ahead. He has received visions of many different kingdoms rising and falling. What are some of the securities that Daniel clings to?
6. What is the insight that is referred to in 12:3?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)**

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

7. How do we use the insight referred to in 12:3?

8. What characteristics of Daniel should we see as an example for us to follow?

9. How do the characteristics of God seen in Daniel impact our life today?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

**SERMON NOTES**