

DANIEL

STILL SPEAKS

**A SERIES OF 16
PERSONAL/GROUP
BIBLE STUDIES**

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Study number 1 in Daniel.

Ask God to bless His Word to you and then read through the questions to see what to look out for as you read the passage.

Standing for God's truth!

Readings: Daniel 1:1-21.

Proving God's faithfulness!

MEMORY VERSE 1 PETER 4:19.

1. Find out one of the reasons why God had allowed the people of Judah to be taken into captivity to the foreign land of Babylon: see Jeremiah 36 to find what the king of Judah, king Jehoiakim, thought of God and of God's Word.
2. Who seemed to get the victory and the glory from the downfall of God's people in Judah?

Who seems to get the victory and the glory when a Christian falls down in his/her walk with God? (See Luke 22:31-32.)
3. Daniel was suffering along with his people although he did not appear to be at fault himself. Find out what you can about Daniel from this chapter.
4. What can you find out about the friends Daniel was associated with there in Babylon?

What advice does 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 and Psalm 1 give us about friendships we should discourage?
5. How did Daniel show great courage and true commitment to his God in this pagan environment?

How can we demonstrate courage and commitment to God in our ungodly society today?
6. What evidence can you find to show that God had not forsaken his faithful servants?
7. How was Daniel's faith tested and proved in the official's response to his resolve?
8. Do you think this is a case in defence of being a vegetarian? Why or why not?
9. How were Daniel and his three friends seen to benefit from putting God first?
10. How is your life seen to be different by those around you because you live your life by God's standards?

What assurances are found in Proverbs 3:5-6 and in Matthew 6:33?

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Exposing wisdom's bluff!

Seek wisdom from God!

Readings: Daniel 2:1-18.

MEMORY VERSE JOB 28:28.

1. How did our Sovereign God go about getting the attention of the great and powerful king Nebuchadnezzar at the height of his career (chapt 2:37.) and bring him to realize his weakness?
2. How did the frustrated and frightened king Nebuchadnezzar determine to test the true abilities of his "wise men"?
3. What is God's estimate of the "wisdom of this world", and what is the true source of genuine wisdom? (If you need help see 1 Cor 1:20-21. 3:19 and Proverbs 9:10. Psalm 111:10.)
4. Was Daniel being changeable and unreliable? In chapter 1 he did not want to co-operate with the king's wishes, but here in chapter 2 he is ready and willing to oblige the pagan king by responding to his unreasonable request!
5. What source of wisdom and understanding available to him in his kingdom had the king either not known about or had just ignored?
6. What do you think gave Daniel such confidence to speak up and offer the king hope in this hopeless situation?
7. Does the confidence Daniel displayed here challenge our response to the great dilemma of the world around us, and of what we can do to bring hope and deliverance?
8. How did Daniel's faith inspire others to increase their faith and confidence in God?
9. How different do you think this true story would have been if Daniel had not put his faith and trust in God to hear his prayers and do a miracle for him?
10. Do you really believe your prayers and the united prayers of other Believers makes a difference?

How will your answer to this affect your Christian life and walk?

Study number 3 in Daniel.

Servant of the Omniscient God!

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Readings: Daniel 2:19-30.

Faith at work!

MEMORY VERSE HEBREWS 11 : 6.

1. How had Daniel known that he would be able to find out what the king had dreamt, and how could he be so confident that he had found for sure the actual details of what the king's dream had been?
2. What two things did Daniel do when he found out what the king's dream had been?
3. Faith requires us to know who God really is as well as knowing that He rewards us - see Heb 11:6. What did Daniel believe about who God was?
4. God had given the dream to the king, but why did He give Daniel the meaning of the dream? (Dan 2:23.)
5. What lessons can we learn from Daniel about how to face into difficult or impossible situations?
6. What authority had Daniel to give the order contradicting the command of the king - "Do not execute the wise men"?
7. Daniel believed he knew the content of the king's dream. Why did he say what he said in verse 27?
8. If Daniel is going to claim that his God was able to do greater things than all the gods of Babylon should he not have been afraid of the wrath of this pagan king?

Should we be afraid to speak a message that is contrary to the great religions of the world?
9. What was the dream God had given to the king going to make known to him that only the true God could reveal?

Should we expect God to want to make His plans and purposes known in advance? (see Amos 3:7. 1 Thess 4:13-18.)
10. What was Daniel's interpretation not to show and what was it to show?

Study number 4 in Daniel. The nations against God's anointed!

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Readings: Daniel 2:31-49 The coming everlasting kingdom!

MEMORY VERSE - HABAKKUK 3: 2.

1. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream what was so fascinating about what he saw?
2. Name the different divisions that were clearly identified in the figure seen in the dream, and what can be noticed about the quality of the materials found in the sections in the order they are given?
3. What was the climax of the dream and the final outcome?
4. Why do you think this dream caused the king such distress and anxiety?
5. How did king Nebuchadnezzar come to qualify as the superior gold head of the statue?
6. What did the other inferior metals and body parts represent? How many "kingdoms" are we told the image represents?
7. What can you find out about the second part of the fourth and final kingdom before it is crushed?
8. How much can you find out about "the Rock" from the reading? What other Biblical references to the "Rock" can you think of?
9. History has revealed four great kingdoms that controlled the nation of Israel while permitting it to function as a Jewish state before it was eventually scattered from Israel and left without a homeland for almost 20 centuries. Can you find out from history who these nations were, and identify them with the parts of the great image? Head of gold - / Chest and arms of silver - / Belly and thighs of bronze - / legs of iron -
10. How do we know that the final part of the fourth kingdom - the kingdom of iron & clay - is still future?

Study number 5 in Daniel. An impressive but pathetic rival god!

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Readings: Daniel 3:1-18.

We will serve the LORD!

MEMORY VERSE LUKE 4:8.

1. God had greatly honoured and promoted king Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2:37-38.) but what does the king's response in this story tell us about him?

Can you identify others in the Scriptures who fell into the snare of becoming proud after God prospered them?

2. What do you think might have given Nebuchadnezzar the inspiration to make such a statue?

3. In this record of Nebuchadnezzar's religious zeal what parallels do you see to many man-made religions of today?

4. How did the king seek to make his religion attractive and compelling for his people?

5. Why would "the Jews" have a particular problem with the king's decree?

6. How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego find themselves in the limelight?

7. These men who had so recently been the objects of the king's favour (Dan 2:49.) suddenly have become the objects of his wrath. List any others in the Bible who suddenly fell into disfavour with men shortly after having been honoured and praised by them.

8. How did Nebuchadnezzar try to tempt Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to forsake their allegiance to God?

9. The Believers' "shield of faith" does not necessarily protect them from all physical dangers but can and will protect them spiritually. What words of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's reply show their confidence in God's protection?

What words could you use to describe their attitude?

10. If God does not answer our prayer in our favour and bad things still come about are we to assume we are not right with God?

Do these Scriptures confirm or contradict your answer? Luke 22:39-44.

2 Cor 12:7-10.

Study number 6 in Daniel.

Consequences of obeying God!

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Readings: Daniel 3:19-30.

Totally devoted to God!

MEMORY VERSE JOB 13 : 15A.

1. Knowing the fury of the king do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego should have decided just to go through the motions the king demanded but in their hearts to only worship God? Wouldn't they be better alive than dead?!

2. What did they have to face into as a result of their decision?

Can you list some of the consequences many of our brothers and sisters face into for Christ in our world today?

3. What does Matthew 10:28 say that would support their courageous stand for Christ against evil men?

4. Is what happened to "the strongest soldiers in his army" in keeping with what you know about God and His Word?
(see Ps 2:4-5. Prov 26:27.)

5. What was it that amazed and troubled the king much more than the death of his soldiers?

Did the miracle he witnessed convince him at first that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego served the One True God?

6. What was it that seemed to finally convince the king of the greatness of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's God?

7. Why was Nebuchadnezzar, who had been "furious" at the disobedience and rebellion of Daniel's friends now in verse 28 commending their defiance of the king's command?

8. Which of the following verses would rightly describe this incident with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - 2 Sam 7:9. / Romans 2:24. / Isaiah 43:1-2. / Hebrews 13:5-6?

What influence is your life and witness having on the world around us?

9. What had king Nebuchadnezzar to say in the praise of the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

10. King Nebuchadnezzar was still not a true believer in God! (as we will see in chapter 4.) Find out in Matthew 7:21-23 and in Matthew 15:8-9 what was lacking in the king's attitude to God.

Study number 7 in Daniel.

God opposes the proud!

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Readings: Daniel 4:1-18.

The Sovereign Lord reigns!

MEMORY VERSE PSALM 1:6.

1. Who is telling us about his dream? Who did he want to know about it? What was the main feature of the dream?
2. What were some of the conclusions Nebuchadnezzar had come to about the attributes of the God of Heaven?
3. King Nebuchadnezzar was the one God had referred to as the "head of gold" (2:37-38.) See what state he was in just before God terrified him! How did God terrify him?
4. What was his first response when terrified, and how does it prove he has not found confidence and trust in the true God yet?
5. What is it that Nebuchadnezzar is not willing of admit about Daniel? Compare 2:27-28 with 4:9.

What word is used in the Bible to show that God is not to be likened to other gods? See Exodus 34:14. Is 42:8.
6. What was so special and attractive about the tree Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream?
7. A heavenly messenger brought bad news concerning the tree - what was to become of this wonderful proud tree?
8. "But" there was a glimmer of hope in the judgment against the smitten tree. What was it?
9. What hint was given in the dream to suggest that the tree actually represented a person?
10. What lesson was this dream meant to be able to teach about God?

Should this knowledge of God help me in my Christian life in this 21 century?

Study number 8 in Daniel.

Destruction follows pride!

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Readings: Daniel 4:19-37.

God gives grace to the humble!

MEMORY VERSE JAMES 4:6.

1. Was the job of being God's messenger and servant one that Daniel considered as easy and something he was eager to do?

Can you think of others of God's messengers/servants who found it difficult to carry out the work God had for them to do? Here a few to start with: Ex 3:10-14. / Jer 1:4-8. /
2. "You, O king, are that tree." In what way did the dream portray a very acceptable picture of the king?
3. "You, O king, are that tree." In what way did the dream portray a very unacceptable picture of the king?
4. Imagine how difficult it must have been to bring this message to such a great and proud king! What very difficult message have we been commissioned to proclaim to proud and self-righteous people?
5. What was the clear interpretation of the judgment against the tree - what message was there for Nebuchadnezzar?
6. How long was the king to remain a fettered stump "driven away from people and to live with the wild animals"?

What is the Bible word for the turn around that the king would have to experience before the judgment would pass?
7. How is God's great mercy and grace displayed in his dealings with king Nebuchadnezzar?
8. What is significant about the timing of the execution of God's judgment against Nebuchadnezzar?
9. What is significant about the timing of the ending of God's judgment against Nebuchadnezzar?
10. When restored to his sanity what respect did the king then show to the Most High God?

Study number 9 in Daniel.

The folly of denying God!

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Readings: Daniel 5:1-31.

Repent or be judged!

MEMORY VERSE ISAIAH 42:3.

1. To what different use from their intended use did Belshazzar put the gold and silver vessels from the Temple in Jerusalem?
2. What vessels intended for use for God's glory does the evil one today want to degrade? (See 1 Cor 3:16-17. 6:15-20.)
3. How did God show His displeasure with Belshazzar, and how did it affect the king?
4. What was commendable of the queen mother's insight and understanding, and what was in error?
5. How did Daniel make Belshazzar aware of how gracious and merciful God had been towards him?
6. What reason did Daniel give for God having sent the hand to write on the wall?
7. Note how judgment and condemnation were declared in each word of the message written by the finger.
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8. Each word of the finger written message had a double meaning – each could be interpreted to refer to money! Can you find any reason why a link with money could have been very pointed in the light of what we know of king Belshazzar?

Note 1 Timothy 6:9-10.
9. Can you remember other occasions when attention was given to the writings of the “finger of God”? What have they in common?
10. How urgent was this warning message for king Belshazzar?

How urgent is the message we have for the world today? (See 2 Cor 6:2. Heb 3:7-8. Ezekiel 33:11.)

Study number 10 in Daniel.

Faithful to a faithful God!

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Readings: Daniel 6:1-28.

He is able to save!

MEMORY VERSE 2 THESSALONIANS 3 : 3.

1. When a Believer is honoured and put into the security of an important position what additional pressures could this put upon his/her relationship with God?

How could Daniel's promotion become a test of his devotion to his God?

2. What impressions did Daniel have upon those he worked alongside?

3. What was the trap set by the other administrators that would test Daniel's devotion to his God?

What trick did they use to get the king to go along with their scheme?

4. When did the administrators believe they had successfully ensnared Daniel?

How do you think you would have reacted to this scheme that was plotted against Daniel?

5. Do you think Daniel was unwise to continue to openly pray three times a day to his God knowing the threat?

What do you think you might have done in the circumstances?

6. Today what should be the true Believer's response to the law of the land or to those in authority over them?

7. What influence had Daniel had upon this pagan king Darius?

8. Find out what is said of the "lion" that is seeking to destroy the Believer today. 1 Peter 5:8-11. James 4:7.

9. How was Daniel able to overcome the power and evil intent of the ravenous lions?

How do we know the lions were ravenous?

10. As a result of Daniel's faith and obedience what conclusions did king Darius come to about Daniel's God?

Study number II in Daniel.

Jesus shall reign!

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Readings: Daniel 7:17-18 & 7:1-28.

Your Kingdom come!

MEMORY VERSE REVELATION 22 : 20.

1. What is the special importance of verses 17-18?

Using verse 17 as the key what could be the meaning of the great sea in verses 2 and 3? and is it a helpful picture?

2. Daniel had had this vision before chapter 5. (see 5:30 & 7:1.) What events happened in Babylon towards the end of chapter 5 that could be seen to be a fulfilment of the dream in 7:4?

3. How long would the winds of unrest that were churning up the "sea" - the population of the earth - continue whipping up chaos and terror?

Which one of the beasts did Daniel find most fascinating and wanted to know more about?

4. Centuries later the Imperial Roman Empire conquered Israel and tolerated the Jews for a while. Eventually Rome crushed and completely destroyed the Jewish nation scattering remaining Jews throughout the world and overthrowing Jerusalem, rebuilding it as a Roman city. Do these facts tie up with linking the Roman Empire to the fourth beast?

5. What Biblical significance do you see in the use of the description of one who comes being "like a son of man" (v. 13.)? Give reasons for your answer.

Is your answer that same as the one found in Revelation 1:13-18?

6. What prophecy concerning the times of the fourth beast could be seen in partial fulfilment by the birth of Christ in Israel while it was under the control of the Roman Empire?

7. What details of the appearance of the "Son of Man" in the vision could be seen as a prophetic description of the return of Christ that the Believer is anticipating to take place very soon?

8. What details from the vision reveal to us that all the events surrounding the fourth beast have not yet taken place?

9. According to this vision of the four terrifying beasts does the Believer in the true God anticipate an end result of rebellion, destruction and extermination?

10. Is there confusion or contradiction about who it is who will possess the final kingdom? See 7:13-14 & 7:27. Explain!

Study number 12 in Daniel. "The appointed time of the end!"

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Readings: Daniel 8:1-27. Your redemption is drawing near!

MEMORY VERSE MARK 13 : 29.

<p>1. NOTES - Daniel's previous vision had come to him in Babylon (Iraq); in this vision he sees himself in a distant city in Susa (Iran), later to become an important city to the Medes & Persians who would conquer Babylon! (Neh 1:1. Est 1:2.) Chapters 8-12 of Daniel are no longer written in the Aramaic - the language of the Babylonians - but in Hebrew - the language of the Jews - (See 2:4.) Why should these facts be important background to the vision?</p>
<p>2. What are the two animals that appear in the vision? From the passage find out whom they each represent.</p>
<p>3. The "ram" he saw in Media/Persia charged towards the west ... (V4) Babylon is about 400 km directly west of Susa! Find out what happened to Belshazzar king of Babylon about <u>12 years after this prophecy</u> - read chapter 5:30. What else does Daniel's vision tell us about the conquests of the "ram" with 2 horns (Medes/Persians)?</p>
<p>4. What "suddenly" happened to the "ram" (Medes/Persians) according to the vision?</p>
<p>5. History records for us that "Alexander the great" (Greece) was undefeated in battle and he very rapidly conquered the Media/Persian empire and much more, yet he died of a disease before he was 33 yrs old. Can you find any reasons to suppose that the "goat" could have been a prophecy of the coming of Alexander to power over 200 years later?</p>
<p>6. History records that after Alexander's death his kingdom (Greece) was eventually divided up to four of his generals. How had Daniel's vision anticipated that?</p>
<p>7. A particularly "wicked" king, Antiochus IV, arose in the Greek empire and bitterly opposed the Jews, defiled the Temple and burned Jerusalem. (See history in 1 Maccabees 1:20-64.) Does Daniel's vision predict this evil against Israel?</p>
<p>8. This vision was very bad news for God's chosen people Israel. What prophecy of hope and relief did the vision have to offer the nation of Israel?</p>
<p>9. History has proven this prophetic vision to be an accurate revelation of events that came to pass hundreds of years later. But what phrases in the following verses suggest there might be more to this prophetic message than what history has shown; should we expect a similar copy fulfilment still to take place? - see verses 17, 19, (25), 26?</p>
<p>10. Consider what Jesus said about the signs of the end of the age in Matthew 24:9-35. Does the nation of Israel feature in Jesus' prophecy? And what hope does His prophecy hold out despite the awful events to come?</p>

Study number 13 in Daniel.

The time of Israel's trouble!

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Readings: Daniel 9:1-27.

Earnestly seek God's redemption!

MEMORY VERSE JEREMIAH 29 : 11.

1. At the beginning of this chapter what do we discover to be very important issues in Daniel's life?

What does this tell us about Daniel's estimation of the writings of the prophets of God?

2. Find out from Daniel's prayer what opinion he had of God?

3. Why does a God who keeps His covenant of love allow His people to be covered with shame and defeat and destruction?

4. With Israel's bad reputation on what basis did Daniel think he could make and appeal to God for help at this time?

5. What was Daniel doing when God sent the interpreter to him?

What can we learn from this about God's interest in and response to the prayers of His children?

6. God was about to fulfil the prophecy of Jeremiah 29:10-14 and end the existing desolation of Jerusalem, but Daniel receives another vision which may appear to be a further extension and development of that prophecy – what was that?

What was to be the climax of this period of "seventy sevens"?

7. Gabriel divided the seventy "sevens" into two main divisions; one group of two totalling 69 "sevens" and one remaining "seven". Counting the "sevens" as seven years it has been calculated that the 69 sevens would bring you up to around the time of Jesus' death. Does this interpretation of that stage of the vision make sense of the details revealed?

8. After the Anointed One will be cut off what would become of the city and the sanctuary between that and "the end"?

Is there any indication of such happenings in history following after the death of Christ?

9. The last of the "sevens" seems to come after that prolonged period of war and desolation and dispersion of Israel (the people carried away as by a flood!) Can you find any reasons to believe that Jesus is describing Daniel 9:26-27 in Matthew 24:9-16, 29-30?

10. In Daniel's prayer we found the reason for Israel's great trouble. Do the words of Jesus in Luke 21:22 explain Israel's desolations?

Read Luke 21:25-28 and see if you can discover what happens to bring about the ending of Daniel's vision – 9:27b.

Study number 14 in Daniel. The paralyzing fear of the enemy!

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Readings: Daniel 10:1 - 11:1.

Do not be afraid!

MEMORY VERSE DANIEL 10 : 19A.

1. **NOTES:** This 4th vision of Daniel is the subject of 10:1 - 12:13. The mysterious "revelation" Daniel receives in 10:1 doesn't seem to be revealed to us, and the "understanding of the message" brought to Daniel by angelic messengers leaves some mystery that is to be sealed up for a certain time. When is it to be finally revealed? (12:4, 8-9, 13.)
2. How did this revelation affect Daniel, assuming "at that time" refers to when he awaited understanding of the vision?

How long did Daniel continue to anxiously wait to get understanding concerning the troubling revelation?
3. Compare the messenger Daniel saw to the experience Joshua had over 900 years earlier in Joshua 5:13-15.

Daniel's messenger reminds us of John's experience on Patmos - Rev 1:12-19. What similarities do you find in the two?
4. What possible explanations could be given as to the identity of this "man" who was sent to Daniel? See Heb 1:14.

What reasons can you give to support your understanding of who this "man" was?
5. Before the messenger gave any understanding to Daniel what did he first have to do for Daniel?

Can you find three short phrases of encouragement that were each spoken twice to Daniel during that time?
6. What do we find out about why the messenger came to Daniel from heaven?

What do we find out about the heavenly response to Daniel's interest in understanding the visions?
7. What insight are we given into the spiritual warfare that goes on behind the scenes of what is known on earth? (Note - the title "prince" seems to be used to refer to an angelic representative of good or of evil for a nation. See 12:1.)
8. How did the messenger summarize the message of the vision he had come to interpret to Daniel?
9. The messenger spoke of "the Book of Truth". Is the Bible best described as "a book about truth", "a book containing truth" or "a book of truth"?

Find out what is recorded in John 17:17. Psalms 19:7. 119:144. 119:151-152.
10. What lessons do we learn from this chapter that are taught by Paul in Ephesians 6:10-20?

Study number 15 in Daniel. The all-knowing (omniscient) God!

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Readings: Daniel 11:2 – 11:35.

His Word is Truth!

MEMORY VERSE 2 THESSALONIANS 2 : 8.

NOTE - REFERENCES TO 1 & 2 MACCABEES FOR HISTORICAL DETAILS ONLY.

1. **NOTE:** The O.T. writings ceased about 400yrs before Christ. Although no prophet is recorded to have spoken for God to Israel during those years the Bible has much to say in detailed prophecy about that period of time. These details were miraculously given as prophecy and the book of Daniel (539 BC) records much of it for us. Daniel lived in Babylon around 66 years. What age do you reckon he must have been at this final stage of his life?
2. **NOTE:** When were these details of coming events recorded? (10:1.) The detailed events described to Daniel took place hundreds of years later and even point forward to “the time of the end”!
Who was “the mighty king of Greece” 200 yrs. later whom we heard of in previous visions?
What was to become of his great kingdom?
3. The struggles and scheming between Egypt (South) and Syria (North) are prophesied in such great detail that many historians will not believe that the book of Daniel could have been written 500 yrs BC!
Find out how accurate the Bible is in the prophecies it makes: Luke 24:44. Matt 5:18. John 19:24, 36. 1 Cor 15:3-4.
4. About 350 years after this prophecy Seleucus IV Philopator (175 BC) had to pay Rome 1000 talents tax each year. In order to pay this he sent out a tax collector named Heliodorus. (2 Macc 3:7f.) Was this anticipated in the prophecy?
5. The “contemptible person” (v 21 f) is none other than the “little horn” again! (see Dan 8:9-14, 23-25) How does he treat the people of Israel (covenant people) and what happens to “the prince of the covenant” (title for the High Priest)?
6. What other offences were prophesied that he would do against the nation of Israel?
7. The event described in Daniel 11:31. (also in 8:11-13. 9:27.) took place about 370 years after Daniel! (See Macc 1:41f.)
What are we to make of Jesus speaking over 200 years after that (Matt 24:15. & Mark 13:14.) and making it out to be a still future event?
8. How will the genuine people of God react to the future anti-God and anti-covenant campaign?
9. Who will prove themselves “wise” in that corrupt society, and what price will they have to pay?

Why would anyone choose to put themselves at such risk? (See Matt 5:10-12. John 15:20. Acts 5:40-41.)
10. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 and see if you can find some causes for encouragement and hope for times like these.

Study number 16 in Daniel.

The final witnesses!

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Readings: Daniel 11:36 – 12:13. Everlasting Life / contempt!

MEMORY VERSE 1 CORINTHIANS 15 : 24.

- NOTE:** The detailed and obvious fulfilment of the prophesied ruthless anti-God leader (11:21-35.) has taken place, but an extended prophecy – not yet fulfilled (11:36 - 12:4.) – paints a similar picture that leads up to the time of the end. What did John say in 1 John 2:18 that might help to explain this?
- What is said about the character of this final leader as described by the messenger that came to Daniel?
- What will be some of the notable achievements of this person?
- Can you find reference to the Beautiful Land of Israel in his conquests, and its place in the final showdown?

How will he be destroyed and there be “no one to help him”? See 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12.
- What description is given of this awful final conflict?

How does that compare to the description Jesus gave in Matthew 24:15-31?
- According to the revelation given to Daniel how are the people who will be safely delivered in the end going to be selected?

How does that compare with the revelation John had in Revelation 21:22-27.
- Who all will be accountable after that time and what will be their final outcome?

How does the revelation given to John compare at this point - Rev 20:11-15?
- For what reason was Daniel not given an answer to his enquiry into the final issues of the prophecy?
- Why does it seem to me that Daniel has still something to tell the world that relates to the end times. (12:4,9,13.)

Another prophet has also something to tell the world at the end times – find out who in Malachi 4:5.
- Do you think it could be the completion of the ministry of Daniel and Elijah that is referred to in what is recorded in Revelation 11:3? Give reasons for your answer.

