

The End of Time: An Expository Sermon from Daniel 12

Introduction:

Daniel 12:1: 12 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise.

Daniel 10:10-12: 10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Daniel 10:12-14: 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

1 Corinthians 6:3-5: 3 **Do you not know that we shall judge angels?** How much more, matters of this life? 4 If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

Daniel 10:20-21: Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. 21 "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the **writing of truth**. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except **Michael your prince**.

Jude 9-10: 9 But **Michael the archangel**, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Revelation 12:7-10: 7 And there was war in heaven, **Michael and his angels** waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rescue of Those Written in the Book

Daniel 12:1b: 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.

Philippians 4:3: 3 Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in **the book of life**.

Revelation 3:5-6: 5 He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from **the book of life**, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

Revelation 20:12-15: 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And **if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Daniel 12:-3: 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Until the End of Time (Unsealing the Words of God's Prophecy)

Daniel 12:4: But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until *the time of the end*. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

Revelation 10:1-4: 10 And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. And he placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "**Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them.**"

Revelation 10:5-7: 5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that **there shall be delay no longer**, 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, **then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.**

Revelation 11:15-19: 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying,

"We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign. 18 "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and **the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.**"

19 And **the temple of God which is in heaven was opened**; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

Revelation 22:10-13: 10 And he said to me, "**Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.** 11 "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness;

and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy." **12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

Rev 22:14-15: 14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

How Long until the End

Daniel 12:5-7: 5 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. 6 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?" 7 And 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*.

Daniel 7:25-28: 25 'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make **alterations in times and in law**; and they will be given into his hand **for a time, times, and half a time**. 26 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, **annihilated and destroyed forever**. 27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

Revelation 12:13-15:

13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. 14 And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished **for a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent.

Revelation 12:17: 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who **keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus**.

The Words Are Sealed

Daniel 12:8-10: 8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?" 9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are *concealed and sealed up until the end time*.

Daniel 12:4: 4 "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."

The Abomination that Causes Desolation

Daniel 12:11: "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. 12 Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

Daniel 8:13-18: 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the **regular sacrifice**

apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?" 14 And he said to me, "**For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.**"

Hebrews 10:19-24: 19 Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter **the holy place by the blood of Jesus**, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through **the veil, that is, His flesh**, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds

Daniel 8:15-17

15 And it came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man. 16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision." 17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "**Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.**"

Matt 27:51-53-- At that moment **the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**. The earth shook and the rocks split. 52 The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.

Col 2:13-14--13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations**, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; **he took it away, nailing it to the cross.**

Matthew 24:1-28

4 And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. 2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, **not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down.**"

3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, **when will these things be**, and what will be the sign of Your coming, **and of the end of the age?**" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. 6 "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. 10 "And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. 11 "And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. 12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 "But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. 14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and **then the end shall come.**

15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those

who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! 20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. 22 "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Revelation 11:1-3: 11 And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 "And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread underfoot the holy city **for forty-two months**. 3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **for twelve hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth."

Revelation 12:5-6: And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she might be nourished for **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.

The End of the Age

Daniel 12:13: 13 "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*.

Daniel 12:7: And 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**.