

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study # 21: Great Time of Trouble
Daniel 12:1 - 4
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Prophecy Fulfilled. Seven earthly kingdoms since Babylon was prophesied throughout Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8, and 11. Six have risen and fallen and the seven and final earthly kingdom is already set up.

1. **Babylon**
2. **Media-Persia**
3. **Greece**
4. **Pagan Rome**
5. **Papal Rome**
6. **USSR**
7. **Papal Rome**

Final prophetic movements are rapidly fulfilling! The mark of the beast crisis is right upon us! Sunday laws are coming. This is Satan's counterfeit to God's true seventh-day Sabbath!

ENB [East New Britian] eyeing holiday and Sunday law

The National, May 21, 2018 <https://www.thenational.com.pg/enb-eyeing-holiday-sunday-law/>

“WORK is in progress to draft a policy for businesshouses in East New Britain [province of Province in Papua New Guinea] to observe public holidays and Sundays, an official says.

The chairman for commerce in the provincial assembly, Changol Manuai, gave an assurance during the first assembly meeting on Thursday. He was responding to Rabaul MP Dr Allan Marat who asked about when the legislation would be introduced.

‘At least on Sundays, all shops, whether it be Chinese shops or any other shops owned by nationals, should be closed. So please give us an indication,’ Marat said.”

Paul Ryan says America needs Catholicism weeks after failed chaplain ousting,

May 24, 2018: By Ashley Killough, CNN <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/paul-ryan-says-america-needs-catholicism-weeks-after-failed-chaplain-ousting/ar-AAxKpSs?ocid=spartanntp>

“House Speaker Paul Ryan made the case Thursday for Catholicism as a faith can help solve the country's problems, just weeks after his office made headlines [for forcing the resignation of a Catholic House chaplain.](#)”

Ryan, who is also Catholic, lamented at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast what he sees as a deepening sense of ‘identity politics and tribalism’ in the country, as well as a trend of ‘moral relativism’ that is becoming ‘more and more pervasive.’ ”

“ ‘If there was ever a time, if there was ever a place where Catholics — from the clergy to the laity — are needed, it is here and it is now, helping solve this problem, addressing this challenge,’ he said. ‘Our social doctrine is the perfect antidote to what ails our culture.’ ”

Ryan said he sees ‘this tremendous opportunity for Catholics to lead’ and ‘help bring our culture and our country closer to their great moral potential.’

‘We are uniquely suited for this task -- from the clergy to the laity, we all have got to step up,’ he added.”

“Satan puts his interpretation upon events, and they think, as he would have them, that the calamities which fill the land are a result of Sunday-breaking. Thinking to appease the wrath of God, these influential men make laws enforcing Sunday observance. They think that by exalting this false rest day higher and still higher, compelling obedience to the Sunday law, the spurious sabbath, they are doing God service. Those who honor God by observing the true Sabbath are looked upon as disloyal to God, when it is really those who thus regard them who are themselves disloyal because they are trampling under foot the Sabbath originated in Eden.” Ellen White, Manual Releases Volume 10, p. 239

“Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached.” Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 587

Santa Fe High School Shooting Is Unlikely to Bring Gun Control in Republican-Dominated Texas, by Jim Vertuno May 22, 2018 Time <http://time.com/5286562/santa-fe-high-school-shooting-texas-gun-control/>

“Earlier this month at the National Rifle Association’s annual meeting in Dallas, Abbott himself said, “The problem is not guns. The problem is hearts without God. It is homes without discipline and communities without values.’”

Who will overthrow the seventh and final earthly Papal Roman Empire?

Daniel 8:25

25 And through his (Papacy) policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; **but he shall be broken without hand.**

Daniel 11:45

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; **yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.**

Jesus the king of King and Lord of lord will destroy the seventh and final earthly kingdom! This is reality! The Papacy and ALL earthly kingdoms are coming to an end. Which side will you be on when ALL things are over? Your decisions must be made NOW!

Today we are going to look at the conclusion of the fourth vision that continues in Daniel 12:1 – 4.

What will Christ do and what will happen on this earth when He has decided each case and is finished as judge and high priest in the Most Holy place in heaven?

Daniel 12:1

1 And at that time shall Michael (Jesus Christ) **stand up**, the great prince which **standeth for the children of thy people**: and there **shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

What happens in the Most Holy Place after Jesus stands up? (Review from previous lesson on Daniel 7)

At this time, Jesus High Priest ministry is complete. He has completed the investigative judgment on every case. Then a wedding takes place in the Most Holy Place in which God the Father officiates.

What is the purpose of the wedding ceremony in Heaven in the Most Holy place of the temple?

Daniel 7:14

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Who makes up the kingdom of God? At the end of the judgment all who are written the book of life will be a part of God's everlasting kingdom from every nation and languages of people. **They are not defiled and corrupted with the world or sin. They have been totally washed by the blood of the Lamb!**

During the "wedding" God the Father officially gives Jesus (the Husband) everlasting dominion, glory and His bride—the kingdom of God. Jesus and his bride, "the children of thy people", his faithful and obedient are made one in holy matrimony. **After the official marriage is complete Jesus returns to the earth the second time to get all those who make up His kingdom, His wife.**

The second coming of Jesus is the consummation of His marriage to His bride. They are unified together, physically and spiritually, never to depart!

What is happening on earth after Jesus stands up?

Verse 1: " shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:"

A Time of Tsârâh [tsaw-raw']

Trouble (Hebrew) tsârâh [tsaw-raw'] Feminine of H6862; **tightness** (that is, figuratively trouble); transitively a female rival: - adversary, **adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.**

A time of trouble since as never was since there was a nation is described as the seven last plagues in Revelation 16. Remember this will take place after Jesus completes his ministry as the judge and high priest in heaven.

These sequence of events is also explained in Revelation 8:5?

Revelation 8:5

5 And the angel [Jesus, the high priest] took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and **there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.**

In Revelation 8:5, Jesus throws down his censer to the earth. His ministry as our high priest will be complete! He will then deliver his people. The voices, thundering, lightnings, and earthquake are events that will take place during the seven last plagues.

A great number of the wicked around the world will be struck with sores, famines, diseases, great disasters, and torment from the Devil and his evil demons. On the other hand, God's remnant people who are a part of the 144,000 are sealed with the seal of the living God. They will NOT be overcome by the seven last plagues. God's remnant will go through a great time of trouble and affliction. During the seven last plagues a death decree is issued to kill God's people for refusing to bow to the papacy's false Sabbath. They are hiding and running because they are hunted like wild dogs. Though Jesus' work as High Priest has ended because He will declare "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still...and he that is holy, let him be holy still", Jesus will still be with His people and hear their importunate prayers. ([Rev 22:11](#) and [Matthew 28:20](#))

"The 'time of trouble, such as never was,' is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. **It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.** In that time of trial, every soul must stand for

himself before God. 'Though Noah, Daniel, and Job' were in the land, 'as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.' Ezekiel 14:20." GC 622

Even though the time of trouble will be a time of great affliction for God's people, what will be the greatest trouble that all God's people MUST go through during the seven last plagues?

Jeremiah 30:5-7

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

A time of Jacob's trouble during the seven last plagues will be the remnant's greatest affliction.

What happened during Jacob's time of trouble?

Genesis 32:1-6, 24 – 30

1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, **I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.**

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

"Jacob's night of anguish, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau (Genesis 32:24-30), represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble. Because of the deception practiced to secure his father's blessing, intended for Esau, Jacob had fled for his life, alarmed by his brother's deadly threats. After remaining for many years an exile, he had set out, at God's command, to return with his wives and children, his flocks and herds, to his native country. On reaching the borders of the land, he was filled with terror by the tidings of Esau's approach at the head of a band of warriors, doubtless bent upon revenge. Jacob's company, unarmed and defenseless, seemed about to fall helpless victims of violence and slaughter. And to the burden of anxiety and fear was added the crushing weight of self-reproach, for it was his own sin that had brought this danger. His only hope was in the mercy of God; his only defense must be prayer. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother and to avert the threatened danger. So should the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience." Ellen White, Great Controversy p. 616

During the seven last plagues will God's people have an intercessor in heaven interceding on their behalf? No!

Why? Jesus complete his High Priest ministry and preparing to deliver his people from the earth of this great time of trouble.

“The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God--how few know what it is!” GC 621

Who is finally delivered from this great time of trouble?

Daniel 12:1

[end of verse] ...at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

The wicked will be overcome by the great time of trouble. Only God's people will make it through the time of trouble to be delivered at the coming of Jesus Christ. These are they whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

What will happen next when Jesus comes to this earth to deliver His people?

Daniel 12:2

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

This is also confirmed and repeated by Jesus in John 5:28, 29

John 5:28-29

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

The first half of Daniel 12:2 and John 5:28, 29 are referring to the dead in Christ who are awoken by the voice of the Jesus when He comes again.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

The second half of Daniel 12:2 and John 5:28, 29 is referring to the “special resurrection” of those nailed Jesus to the cross.

What did Jesus tell the Jewish leaders when they condemned Him to be crucified?

Matthew 26:59-64

59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

What other text confirms that those who participated in the crucifying of Christ will be resurrected to see Him come but they are condemned at the second coming of Jesus?

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him**, and **they also which pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth **shall wail** because of him. Even so, Amen.

Near the end of the fourth vision of the book of Daniel, how does God describe the “wise”?

Daniel 12:3

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

God's wise are the TRUE Stars. The worldly stars are fake and have no shine. The wise shine bright with the power and glory of God.

Matthew 13:43

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The wise also turn others to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Ministering to others with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ is the passion of all the wise in the last days and are as bright as the stars of heaven spiritually. The wise have a love for the truth. Their love and passion to share it with others is much greater than Satan's hate for it!

James 5:19-20

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

At the end of the fourth vision what was Daniel instructed to do and what promise was given?

Daniel 12:4

4 But thou, O 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.

We are living at the end of time. The once sealed book of Daniel is NOW opened based the many prophetic fulfillments of Daniel and Revelation.

What does it mean for knowledge to increase and many running to and fro?

“Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” just before the coming of Jesus is NOT talking about mass transportation and an increase of technology. It is referring to the wise. Many of the wise at the end of time shall run to and fro and their knowledge will increase.

“Run to and fro” in Hebrew is shût [shoot] which means to “push forth”. - Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

“The wise in the last days are pushing forth to understand the last day prophecies. As they push and study for

understanding about end time prophecies and events, their knowledge will increase more than the previous generations. Why? Because we see the fulfillment of the prophecies of the past and the rapid fulfilling of end time prophecies based on current events. We are the last generation! This is not the time to be lazy students of God's Word. We must faithfully "push forward" in our understanding of end time prophecies." Cary Rodgers, Timelines For The Faithful, p. 12

Are you wise or foolish?

Preparation time is almost over. You cannot prepare in the great time of trouble! This is message is EXTREMELY urgent for those who have not made a full surrender to Jesus Christ. Now, Now, now is the time. Don't delay. Are you still struggling with sin and the things of this world? Go to Jesus, NOW. Repent and confess and Jesus promises you to forgive you and cleanse you from ALL unrighteousness.

What is Jesus saying in His final plea to those still in sin?

Ezekiel 33:11

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 14:6

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 18:30-31

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Proverbs 8:36

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Acts 3:19

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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