

**9-7-2025**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Heavenly Father,  
We come before You today with humble hearts, eager to learn from Your Word. Open our eyes to see the truth in Daniel 12, help us understand Your plans for history and for our lives, and give us wisdom to live faithfully in these last days.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

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## **Sermon Title:**

**"Daniel 12: The Climax of All History – God's Faithfulness in the End Times"**

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## **Introduction**

Daniel 12 brings us to the **climax of human history**. It reveals what will happen at "the time of the end." These verses don't just tell us about Israel—they show us God's sovereign control over history, judgment, and salvation. It

reminds us that God has a plan and that all history is moving toward His perfect conclusion.

Let's break this chapter into **four simple sections** that we can all understand and apply:

1. A Time of Unparalleled Trouble
2. A Promise of Deliverance and Resurrection
3. A Call to Shine as Lights
4. God's Encouragement for Daniel—and Us

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## 1. A Time of Unparalleled Trouble

 **Daniel 12:1 (NIV):**

**"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered."**

This verse describes a **terrible time called "the time of distress"**—also called the **Tribulation**. Jesus Himself quoted this in **Matthew 24:21:NIV**

**"For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."**

This time of trouble will impact Israel specifically but also the entire world. The Bible makes it clear that God will allow this period as a way of purifying and testing.

But there is hope:

👉 **"Everyone whose name is found written in the book will be delivered."**

This **"book" is the Book of Life**. It is essential that our names are written there. How do we know?

By trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

🔔 **Application:**

Even when the world seems chaotic and distressing, we must remember: **God is in control, and He knows who belongs to Him.**

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## 2. The Promise of Resurrection and Judgment

 **Daniel 12:2 (NIV):**

**"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."**

Here we see a **clear promise of resurrection:**

- Some will rise to **everlasting life**.
- Others will rise to **everlasting shame and contempt**.

This reminds us that death is not the end. Every human being will face resurrection—but for **two very different destinies**.

This also echoes Jesus' teaching:

**"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned." (John 5:28-29, NIV)**

## **Application:**

You and I must be prepared for the resurrection by having faith in Christ today.

Eternal life begins now for believers, and we can have confidence that we will one day rise to be with the Lord forever.

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### **3. A Call to Shine as Lights**

 **Daniel 12:3 (NIV):**

**"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."**

God honors those who live wisely and **lead others to righteousness.**

The world today desperately needs people who will reflect the light of Christ. Jesus said:

**"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:14-16, NIV)**

## **Application:**

Are we **leading others to righteousness**? Evangelism is not optional—it is part of being faithful. Every Christian can share their faith and shine like a star in a dark world.

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## **4. God's Encouragement for Daniel—and for Us**

 **Daniel 12:4 (NIV):**

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

Daniel was told to **seal up the prophecy** because it was for the time of the end. Interestingly, **"knowledge will increase"** at that time.

We see today how rapidly knowledge and travel have increased—signs that we may be approaching this "time of the end."

 **Daniel 12:9-10 (NIV):**

**"Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand."**

Even though Daniel didn't fully understand what he was shown, God told him: **"Go your way."**

This was God's way of saying:

 **"Keep living faithfully, Daniel. Trust Me with the future."**

 **Daniel 12:13 (NIV):**

**"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."**

What a wonderful promise:

 Daniel was promised **rest and resurrection**—the same promise given to all believers.

## **Application:**

Even when we don't understand everything about prophecy, we can trust God and **"go our way" in faithful obedience** until He calls us home.

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## **Conclusion: The Climax of History is in God's Hands**

Daniel 12 shows that history is heading toward a **grand conclusion:**

- There will be tribulation.
  - God will deliver His people.
  - Resurrection and judgment are coming.
  - God calls us to shine as lights in the darkness.
  - We can live confidently because **God will reward faithfulness.**
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## **Closing Prayer**

**Father God,  
Thank You for the hope we find in Your**

**Word. Even as we read about times of trouble, we are reminded that You are sovereign over all. Help us to trust You, to lead others to righteousness, and to live faithfully until that glorious day when You call us home.**

**In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.**