***DCF 240722 Dan 12 Prophecy of the End Time***

***12 “At that time Michael (= who is like God?) shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.***

There will be a horrendous time of trouble for the Jews– “your people”. Jeremiah also notes this time in ***Jer 30:6,7 Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? 7Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.*** Nations who hate God, hate His people.

Michael is the archangel who covers Israel. There are ranks of angels who cover Australia, Darlington, and people. ***Psalm 91:11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.*** But we still have authority to make decisions. Now not every Jewish person will be saved – but Israel as a whole will return to God. ***Rom 11:26 25For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”***

Also, the days are also shortened for the elect’s sake. So, the church is present ***Matt 24:21,22 20And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.***

These troubles are detailed in Matt 24. The church will fall for political compromise, under huge deception. Christians must read the Bible and search for both the mind and the heart of God. It is the peace of God that g***uards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ( Phil 4:7***). ***2 Thess 2:3 Let no one deceive you; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first.*** There will be wars, famines, death and cosmic disasters. There will be persecution of believers. Society will fall away with lawlessness. But the gospel will be preached in all the world.

Dan 12:2 ***2And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.***

This wisdom is not measured by how much a person knows. Rather, it is by our closeness to God. This closeness starts with **the fear of God – this is the beginning of wisdom Job 28:28.** Then when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ also rise.

***1 Thess 4:15,16, 17 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.***

What an amazing and glorious hope we have! The world has a fantasy, for the dead – to do things like play golf in heaven. Their wish is completely outside any relationship with Jesus. But we have a hope that is solid as a rock. God says that the ***wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.*** When we stand in the presence of God, nothing of this life will matter anymore. A funeral service for a non-Christian is so sad and completely empty.

***1 Cor 15:50-52 50Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

We have lived and experienced many small changes in our life, so that we catch a glimpse to understand this huge change. Leaving school, getting a job, getting married, losing a loved one, are all changes to teach us that, changes happen. A Fundamental theorem of life is that: **Everything in the physical is given to us to understand the spiritual.**

We will rule with Christ for 1000 years ***Rev 20:6 6Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.***

***Dan 12:4 4“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”***

This prophecy would not be understood until just before Christ returns. We are now in the remarkable age that travel is amazing and the information on the internet seems unlimited. To actually place a man on the moon seems ridiculous even today. Daniel recorded this revelation for us. We worship the God who reveals secrets (Dan 2:28). Daniel himself could not imagine what we now see and understand.

**Dan 12:5 *5Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. 6And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?”***

***7Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.***

***8Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”***

***9And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.***

It is interesting that while Daniel is given the message, and obedient to deliver it, he is not given full understanding. How could he possibly comprehend air travel, modern warfare, and computers. But he is obedient and faithful to his calling. There will be times, when God will give us a task, and we will not be able to see the outcome. Obedience is essential. One day we will see the fruit of that obedience. We scatter tiny seeds by what we do and say, because God is the Master, and we are the servants.

None of the unsaved will understand what is happening. They will think the seals and trumpets are just bad luck. They will try to fix the bad luck with money, rather than turning to God. Australia is in that hole today. When the church is falling away, wars are taking peace from nations, there is wide spread death, Christians are being martyred, and there are huge cosmic catastrophes, ***the wise shall understand.*** Only the wise will link these devastating events with the heart and mind of our all-powerful, all-knowing God, who delights in lovingkindness, judgement and righteousness. (Jer 9:24).

**Dan 12:11*“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.***

We saw in the homework that 3.5 x 360 = 1260. So, 1290 => 1 extra month. 1335 => 75 days more. Rev 12:13,14 The woman = church is nourished and protected for 3 ½ years from Satan. The church is in the wilderness, where it is protected. Just as Christ’s ministry was for 3 ½ years, so too, the antichrist will reign for 3 ½ years.

So, what is the abomination of desolation? Abomination means it will be loathsome and detestable. Desolation, is the word *shamem,* meaning to destroy, lay waste, devastate, to the point of being astonished. It was shown in the behaviour of AE. Everything which is holy will be attacked. So, the name of Jesus Christ will be a swear word. People owning a Bible will be killed. The murder of innocent babies will be protected. Marriage between a man and a woman, has been given to mankind to understand the relationship between God and Israel and Jesus and the church, but it will be corrupted.

When AE came, the sacrifices were removed. Amongst believers, doing things for God will be trashed. When AE came, he stripped the temple of $1b of gold. Worship will be corrupted. The heart of worship will be stolen. The first love will be crushed.

***Dan 12:13“But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”***

Patient endurance is essential. There is an inheritance that awaits us. God our Father will welcome us into His presence. The Bible talks about the ‘Book of Life’ containing the names of those who believe. We will have trials – but we must overcome them. In Rev 3:5 advice is given to the dead church of Sardis. ***5He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*** Life has many batterings – but we must stay close to God. God delights in righteousness. As we thank God, we see His hand in out life. As we repent, we see His mercy and correction. To aim to do something for God, we have to seek His heart. When we pray “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done”, the request we ask for, is exactly in line with His will.

***Matt 24:15*** *The Great Tribulation*

***15“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.***

Jesus tells us that we will not know the day or the hour – just that it is imminent. Matt 24:36 ***36“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. …  44Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.***

Now it is vitally important that readiness is in terms of relationship – not just data and knowledge. The importance of education in our community has meant that we think “knowing” means knowing about. But we know that our true friends can know very little of the data of out lives, yet we can bond with them. The intimacy of marriage is set in Gen 4:1 when God writes ***Adam knew Eve”.*** It is an intimacy, where we are completely vulnerable – yet absolutely safe.

So, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by drawing close to Him. That is why the 4 bedtime exercises are vital. We must thank Him for something in the day. Gratitude really blesses a relationship. We must apologise for something. We must ask Him for something we can do for Him tomorrow. We must examine what we ask of Him to do for us tomorrow, to check it fits into His will and His kingdom. These are the bonds, the rope, that tie you together.

The signs of the second coming are: The falling away of the church, wars, famines, pestilences – including global pandemics, and earthquakes. Matthew goes further to state that false prophets will deceive many (v5). Christians will be hated, arrested and killed (v9). We only have to read the reports in Barnabas Fund and Open Doors to see these tragedies. Lawlessness will abound and love will grow cold (v12). BUT the gospel will be preached in all the world. (v14).

So, in conclusion, what has God taught me, in these studies on Daniel.

1. Despite his horrendous start in life, and on-going battles Daniel stayed loyal to God. If I lose my country, my family, my culture, my manhood, my possessions, my freedom to worship – I must still remain true to God.
2. Walking with God demands gratitude, humility, honesty, surrender, and an open heart to seek His will and His kingdom. Conversation is talking and listening. We have to listen, so that we can speak out what God tells us to say.
3. Idolatry is rife. Our culture is at war with God. The warfare is sometimes subtle but getting blatant. We must look for it and pray against it. We must pray protection for the head, the heart, the arms and the weak or vulnerable parts of the church.
4. We live in end times. The signs are becoming more and more obvious. The bride must get ready. The temptation is to live in the present with no view of the future. But we are given tough times and trials to prepare us.
5. Far more important than anything I prepare in a sermon, is the anointing of the Holy Spirit on those who listen. Only God knows the needs, the barriers, and the doors in the hearts and lives of a person. Not just preachers, but whenever we speak, we need God’s anointing. We need to know when to speak, when to shut up, and what to say.
6. Sue and I are so thankful for the love and fellowship we have enjoyed at DCF. May God bless you as a church so that this light on th hill is never extinguished.
7. Finally, pray for God’s covering protection over Callan and Izzy and their family. Over their finances, health, safety, sleep, and their walk with God. Curse every attack of the enemy that comes to them.

Last song: My teacher, my hero, my friend.

HW

1 Dan 12:7 and Rev 11:2,3 mention 3 different ways of saying 3 ½ years. I trust people have done the Maths and seen they are the same.

The time, times and half a time are the 3 ½ years. In Rev 11:2 it is 42 months and 1260 days is mentioned in Rev 11:3 as the time when the two witnesses are persecuted.

Now 3 ½ x 12 = 42 and 42 x 30 = 1260.

I strongly suspect these two witnesses of Rev 11 are Israel and the Church, mentioned also in Zech 4:14.

The Greek word day = *hemera*, can refer to day time – not night, or 24 hours, or time – like the days of Elijah, or general time – like memory of school days. But because it is mentioned as 3 ½ times or 42 months or 1260 days, most believe these terrible times last for 3 ½ years.

2 When we read ***Matt 24:21,22 20And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.*** A word study on “elect” shows that it is used to refer to the Messiah, angels, chosen people like Rufus, and even things.

So, we are not an accident. We were chosen. God chose you and loves you forever.

3 If you look at the Hebrew word for ‘day’ in Dan 12:11 or Gen 1, there are many translations. Google <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3117.htm>

***NASB Translation***
afternoon\* (1), age (8), age\* (1), all (1), always\* (14), amount\* (2), battle (1), birthday\* (1), Chronicles\* (38), completely\* (1), continually\* (14), course\* (1), daily (22), daily the days (1), day (1115), day of the days (1), day that the period (1), day's (6), day's every day (1), daylight\* (1), days (635), days on the day (1), days to day (1), days you shall daily (1), days ago (1), days' (11), each (1), each day (4), entire (2), eternity (1), evening\* (1), ever in your life\* (1), every day (2), fate (1), first (5), forever\* (11), forevermore\* (1), full (5), full year (1), future\* (1), holiday\* (3), later\* (2), length (1), life (12), life\* (1), lifetime (2), lifetime\* (1), live (1), long (2), long as i live (1), long\* (11), midday\* (1), now (5), older\* (1), once (2), period (3), perpetually\* (2), present (1), recently (1), reigns (1), ripe\* (1), short-lived\* (1), so long\* (1), some time (1), survived\* (2), time (45), time\* (1), times\* (2), today (172), today\* (1), usual (1), very old\* (1), when (10), when the days (1), whenever (1), while (3), whole (2), year (10), yearly (5), years (13), yesterday\* (1).

 The sun is created in Gen 1:16 on the 4th day. We understand the sun defines a day as 24 hours. So, I have difficulties accepting the first “days” of creation as being 24-hour periods.

**My teacher, my hero, my friend. Rob Merrells**

Time after time He has walked by my side,

When I was losing, burdened and down,

He is never condemning and always forgives,

Releasing the chains that bound.

The days are filled with traps and snares,

So that even the good times go wrong,

But prayers are far more than words to impress,

And hymns so much more than a song.

I am learning to see past the flesh in this life

Past the red tape that crashes the slave

Past the empires and mammon important to man

To the heart of my God who saves.

What have I learned in the course of this life

Through the battles that tear me apart

Only God my Father can restore my soul

Only He can renew my heart.

And I long for that time in the presence of God

When worship never comes to an end

My flesh will be conquered and my heart will soar,

With praise for my Saviour and friend.

Time after time He would rescue my soul

From the thoughts that the devil would send

And time after time He would stand by my side

My teacher, my hero, my friend.

Yes I long for that time in Your presence my God

When worship never comes to an end

My flesh will be conquered and my heart will soar,

With praise for my Saviour and friend.

Time after time You would rescue my soul

From the thoughts that the devil would send

And time after time You would stand by my side

My teacher, my hero, my friend.

**My teacher, my hero, my friend.**

**C Am Dm G**

E E D C D E F F E G

Time after time He has walked by my side,

**Dm C**

D E F A G D A G F E

When I was losing, burdened and down,

**C Am Dm 7 G**

E F G G F E C C A A G G

He is never con.. demning and always for gives ,

**C G7 C**

D E F D D F E D C

Re leasing the chains that bound.

**C G C**

C C C B A G G F E

The days are filled with traps and with snares,

 **D7 G**

C C C A C B A G

So that even the good times go wrong,

**C Am  Dm G**

C E E D C C F F E D

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D F F F E E D C

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**C7  F G7 C**

G G C C C B A G G G F E

And I long for that time in the presence of God

 D7 G

C C C A B C B A G

When worship never comes to an end

**C C+ Fm 6**

C E E E E D C C B A G

My flesh will be conquered and my heart will soar,

**C G6 C**

C E C C E E D C

With praise for my Saviour and friend.

**C7  F G7 C**

C C B B A A G G F E

Time after time He would rescue my soul

 **D7 G**

C C C A A D C B A G

From the thoughts that the devil would send

**C C+ F Fm 6 C**

G E E E D C C B A C

And time after time He would stand by my side

**C G6 C**

E E C C E D C

My teacher, my hero, my friend.

Yes I long for that time in Your presence my God

When worship never comes to an end

My flesh will be conquered and my heart will soar,

With praise for my Saviour and friend.

Time after time You would rescue my soul

From the thoughts that the devil would send

And time after time You would stand by my side

My teacher, my hero, my friend.