



**THE DEVOTED LIFE OF DANIEL**  
**“The Time of the End” Daniel 12:1-13**

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Daniel’s great vision ended with him learning many “astonishing things.” He “did not understand” everything because the information concerned the near and distant future, but he was greatly encouraged. We, too, do not understand it all, but we can be encouraged.

**I. Distress and Deliverance.**

- A. In the time of Antiochus Epiphanes.
  - 1. Unprecedented distress—end of worship, destruction of God’s people.
  - 2. Promise of renewal and revival for those written in the book.
    - a. The concept of resurrection for Jews. Ezekiel 37:12-14
    - b. The shame of the forsakers of the covenant. 11:30
    - c. The assurance of those written in the book. Ezekiel 13:9, Psalm 87:6
- B. In the time of Christ. Matthew 24:1-21
  - 1. The disciples’ queries about Christ’s coming and the end of the age. v. 3
  - 2. Prediction of the activities of deceivers and antichrists. vv. 4-5
  - 3. Political upheaval, natural disasters and persecution. vv. 6-11
  - 4. Increased wickedness and the collapse of belief. v. 12
  - 5. “The abomination of desolation” in the holy place. vv. 15-21
  - 6. This will happen in “this generation.” v. 34 (A.D. 70)
- C. In the time of the end.
  - 1. The defeat of “the man of lawlessness.” 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
  - 2. The resurrection of the “dead, great, and small.” Revelation 20:11-15
  - 3. The resurrection of the faithful to the new heaven and earth. Revelation 21:1f

**II. Fortitude and Faithfulness.**

- A. An inquiry about timing. vv. 5-7
- B. An approximate answer for Daniel, an enigmatic answer for us. Matthew 24:14
- C. An encouraging message for Daniel. vv. 3, 13
  - 1. Go your way till the end.
  - 2. Spend your time being wise and you’ll be an all-star.
  - 3. Then you will rest (both now in assurance and later in the Lord).
  - 4. After that you will rise and receive your allotted inheritance.

**Points to Ponder:** What exactly has Daniel taught me, and what difference does it make in my life?