

Joyful Life Bible Studies

Daniel 11:36-12:13

Lesson 13

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. With last week's study of Daniel 10:1-21 in mind, consider this statement: *Prayer is the one power on earth that releases the power of heaven.* We observe this through Daniel's prayer life. In what way has his example ministered to you?
 - a. How will you apply this to your life?

2. In our study this week of Daniel 11:36-12:13 we will consider prophecies that will be fulfilled in the future. These verses answer many questions about the future, especially as it relates to the nation of Israel and the Antichrist. What we learn should motivate us to pray, to witness, and to live with eternity in view. Read the following divisions and write a phrase or verse that helps you identify what each paragraph is about:
 - a. Daniel 11:36-39

 - b. Daniel 11:40-45

 - c. Daniel 12:1-4

 - d. Daniel 12:5-13

3. To prepare your mind and heart for your study this week, begin with prayer. With the following verse in mind ask the Lord to increase your knowledge of Him and His Word and enable you to respond in a way that pleases Him. Write your prayer here.

*...but the people that do know their God shall be strong,
and do exploits.*
Daniel 11:32b

SECOND DAY: Read Daniel 11:36-39

1. Although the prophecies in this week's lesson were written hundreds of years ago, they reveal dramatic events that will take place during the final seven-year period of history. Then Jesus will set up His one thousand year reign on the earth. Begin your study today by reading about *the king* (the final dictator) in Daniel 11:36-39. Fill in the missing words from verses 36,37 that depict this evil man:

*And the king shall _____ according to _____; and he shall _____,
and _____ above every god, and shall _____ marvelous (blasphemies)
things against the _____ of gods, and shall _____ till the indignation (the Great Tribulation)
be _____: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he _____ the _____
of his fathers, nor the desire of _____, nor regard any god: for he shall _____
above _____.*

Optional: Bible scholars identify this *king* as the Antichrist. How does this description remind you of *Lucifer* (satan) as seen in Isaiah 14:12-14?

2. In Daniel 11:38,39 NLT we are told what the Antichrist will do: *Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses – a god his ancestors never knew – and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and costly gifts. Claiming this foreign god's help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward.* Use one or two words to describe this man.
 - a. How will he reward those who submit to and align themselves with him? Answer from verse 39b.
3. Today's scriptures reveal that this evil dictator will enter and dominate the world scene. Perhaps he is alive today preparing to emerge as a world leader. As a Christian what does this compel you to do?

*But the end of all things is at hand:
be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*
I Peter 4:7

THIRD DAY: Read Daniel 11:40-45

1. The Antichrist will put his confidence in his military might. For a season he will be victorious *yet he shall come to his end*. Observe this from Daniel 11:40-45. Choose phrases from the following verses to describe what will take place:
 - a. verse 40
 - b. verse 41
 - c. verses 42,43
 - d. verses 44,45

2. In Daniel 11:41 *the glorious land* refers to Israel and *Ammon* is Jordan and Iraq. Pastor Chuck says: *Jordan will not be taken by the Antichrist, though Israel will. Interesting, because the Jews will actually flee for protection to Jordan . . . to the rock city of Petra, where they will be preserved by God for three and half years, during the time of the great indignation or the wrath of God which is to be poured out upon the earth*. What does this reveal to you about our God?

3. Regarding Daniel 11:44 Pastor Chuck says: *The Antichrist's European federation of nations begins to move against Africa, passing through Israel and taking Egypt. The Chinese will send their armies, along with the remnant of the Russian army, to battle his forces. These armies will meet in the Valley of Megiddo for the great and final battle of Armageddon. The Antichrist will meet his end there. Share your response to this.*

4. What will have already happened to the Church before the events of Daniel 11:36-45? Answer from I Thessalonians 4:16,17. Selah – pause and think about this.
 - a. *Christians are not looking for the Antichrist -- we are looking for Jesus Christ!* What affect should this have on our daily lives? See I Thessalonians 4:18 and I John 3:(2)3 to help you with your answer.

Perhaps today!

FOURTH DAY: Read Daniel 12:1-4

1. Daniel 12 continues with prophecies concerning *the time of the end* (Daniel 11:40a). Use Daniel 12:1 to complete the following statements that tell us what will happen:
 - a. *And at that time shall*

 - b. *and there shall be*

 - c. *and at that time*

 - d. Although this *time of trouble* (the Great Tribulation) will far exceed anything the Jews have previously suffered, what hope is there for them in this verse?

2. Read Daniel 12:2. Notice the word *everlasting* occurs twice. What are the two destinations that follow this resurrection?
 - a. According to John 3:16-18 what determines a person's destiny?

 - b. How should this knowledge motivate us to share our faith with others?

3. Consider Daniel 12:3 as you write this verse here phrase by phrase. Selah.
 - a. Link this with Proverbs 11:30b. What message is there in this for you?

4. These prophecies were for the distant future. With this in mind, what did the angel instruct Daniel to do in Daniel 12:4a?
 - a. Notice how verse 4b describes *the time of the end*. How does the 21st Century fit this description?

FIFTH DAY: Read Daniel 12:5-13

1. Daniel's prophecies conclude with an unusual encounter. Think about this as you read Daniel 12:5-13. The *man clothed in linen* is the pre-incarnate Christ. Summarize what took place according to the following verses:
 - a. verses (5)6,7 (Note: *time, times, and an half* means 3 ½ years.)
 - b. verse 8
 - c. verses 9,10
 - d. verses 11,12

Refer to this chart to help you understand the 70th week:

70 th Week 7 year period 3 ½ years of peace	3 ½ years of tribulation	Christ's Return 1,000 year reign (Millennium)
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Advanced Students: Research the time periods (1,290 days and 1,335 days) given in Daniel 12:11,12. Write a brief summary of the explanations for these numbers.

3. Observe the final instruction and promise given to Daniel by recording these from Daniel 12:13:
 - a. instruction
 - b. promise
- (1.) Daniel was told, *for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days* (verse 13b NKJV). We also have an inheritance. What does I Peter 1:4 say about it?

SIXTH DAY: Review Daniel 11:36-12:13

1. In response to your study of Daniel 11:36-12:13 write a thought or observation concerning the following:
 - a. *the time of the end*
 - b. *the glorious land*
 - c. *the great prince, Michael*
 - d. *the man clothed in linen*

2. When God describes the future what does it reveal to you about Him?
 - a. How does this affect your faith?

3. Record a way this week's lesson has motivated you:
 - a. to pray
 - b. to witness
 - c. to live with eternity in view

4. What have you learned from Daniel's example that you will apply to your life?

*For ever, O LORD, Thy Word
is settled in heaven.
Psalm 119:89*