

Chapter 18 — "The End Times" (Daniel 12:1-13)

"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." — Daniel 12:3

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. What Will Happen in the End Times?

What three major events does the angel tell Daniel will take place in the end times, what is Michael's special role, and how does verse 2 contrast the ultimate destiny of the wise versus the wicked (Dan. 12:1-4)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. Asking "How Long Will It Take?"

What question does the angel ask the man clothed in linen standing above the river, how does he seal his answer with a solemn oath, and what does "a time, times and half a time" signify (Dan. 12:5-7)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

3. Sealed Words and Refined Believers

When Daniel admits he doesn't fully understand and asks what the outcome will be, what does the angel tell him about sealing the prophecy, and how does God use times of distress to purify the wise (Dan. 12:8-10)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

4. Specific Timelines and Running Through the Tape

Why does the angel give Daniel two specific timelines (1,290 days and 1,335 days) following the abomination that causes desolation, and what blessing is promised if we persevere and "run through the tape" (Dan. 12:11-12)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

5. God's Final Promise to Daniel

What personal word of blessing and assurance does God give Daniel at the very end of the book (Dan. 12:13)?

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PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. Living Contentedly on a "Need-to-Know" Basis

We learned that God puts us on a "need-to-know" basis when it comes to the specific details of the end times. How does resting in what God *has* revealed—rather than worrying over what He hasn't—bring you peace instead of confusion?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. Shining Like the Stars in Our Daily Lives

Daniel 12:3 says those who lead many to righteousness will "shine like the stars for ever and ever." Who in your life right now needs you to point them toward Jesus, and how can you share His wisdom with them this week?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

8. Getting Serious About Following Jesus Today

If we aren't following Jesus faithfully in times of freedom, we won't suddenly start when the persecution comes. What practical choices are you making today to deepen your daily walk with the Lord?

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9. Finding Comfort in God's Sovereign Limits

The angel reassures us that times of trial are carefully measured by God down to the exact day. How does knowing that God sets strict limits on your hardship give you fresh courage to keep pressing on?

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10. Anchoring Our Hope: God Wins!

The ultimate message of Daniel comes down to this: earthly kingdoms pass away, but God's kingdom lasts forever. How does the certain truth that "God wins and we share in His victory" change how you face troubling headlines or personal worries today?

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