# IN TRUTH Daniel



# God's Kingdom Will Come

MEMORY VERSE: "Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever." Daniel 12:3

## DAY 1 DANIEL 9:18-27 — Gabriel's Brings the Answer to Daniel's Prayer

- 1. What happened while Daniel was praying? vv. 20-23
- 2. What six specific things must happen in the 70 sets of 7 for the Jews and the city of Jerusalem? v. 24
- 3. These six items are God's calendar for the Jews and will be fulfilled in the 70 sets of 7 or last 490 years. Most Bible scholars agree that God revealed to Daniel His plan for both the first and second coming of the Anointed One/Messiah/Christ. From the time it was decreed that God's Temple would be rebuilt until Christ's death on the cross, 69 sets of 7 (483 years) have been fulfilled. The last set of 7, which is yet to come, is often referred to as the Tribulation. What will the "ruler who will come" (Antichrist) do? v. 27
- 4. The Antichrist will sign a covenant with the Jewish nation. After 3½ years he will break the covenant, seize the temple, put up his image there, and force the world to worship him. He will reveal that he is a tool for Satan and a cruel world dictator. We still have the last 3½ years to learn about, but what ultimately happens to Satan when Christ returns? Refer to Daniel 7:26, 11:45, and Revelation 19:20.



- 5. Read verses 1-9. How would you feel if you were face-to-face with this messenger from God?
- 6. Read verses 10-19. What was happening with Daniel? How was he encouraged and helped by God's messenger?
- 7. Read verses 13, 20-21. The prince of Persia is a fallen angel that serves Satan. Michael is an archangel who stands guard over the Jews. What happened?
- 8. There is an invisible war going on between the forces of evil and the forces of God. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What does it mean to you that a spiritual war is being waged around you?

#### DAY 3 DANIEL 11 — Kings of the South and North

- 9. Daniel 11 adds detail to Daniel's previous visions, including a ruler who has not yet come. Explain how you think these details were written so far in advance with such accuracy?
- 10. What do you think the last ruler's biggest flaw is? vv. 36-39
- 11. The end will be marked by great conflict, ending with the world's armies gathering at the Promised Land to do final battle. The end has an appointed time that only our Lord knows. Why do you think God revealed things about the end of the world when only He knows the timing? See Matthew 24:35-36.



- 12. Read verses 1-3. Who will be rescued at the time of anguish? What will happen to those dead and buried? How can you shine like the stars forever?
- 13. Read verses 4-12. What does the man in linen tell Daniel in verse 10 and 12?



15. What are your reflections on: Daniel

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

The Kings (Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius and Cyrus)

God

16. What is your hope during times of difficulty or uncertainty? How do you explain your source of hope to others?

### TAKE AWAY

How could we ever doubt God's control over the world? Pray faithfully for all countries and their leaders to know and follow Jesus!

## BLESSING

Do you feel anxiety about the end times? Don't be afraid. Keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus. Accept Him as your Savior and know that He will be with you every day of your life.





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In chapters 9-13, Daniel was frightened by the vision God gave him, but God's messenger reassured him. Likewise, God meets us in our fear and reassures us of His presence and His promises. Remember, God always hears our prayers and we can trust Him.

Even though we know how the story ends, like Daniel, we are left with more questions than answers.

But remember that God has a plan and

God in control of the future. Everything that God has predicted has come true exactly as He predicted. Therefore, we should believe and trust that the things He has predicted for the future will one day occur exactly as God has declared.

Those of us who know Jesus will endure no matter what. And even though we won't understand everything about the end times we know that we are His, and we will be with Him in the end.