

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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“Final Countdown: Do You Have Insight?”

Daniel 12

INTRO: Put your knowledge in the _____, NOT the _____

REVIEW:

- Daniel 10-12: One Vision
- What is going to happen to Israel “in the latter days” (Dan 10:14)
 - Persia → Greece (11:1-2) (336 BC)
 - Alexander → Antiochus (11:3-34) (164 BC)
 - Antichrist (11:35-45) (future)
 - A world _____,
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CHAPTER 12:

1. _____ Time of Distress (1,5-7)

Takeaway:

2. Two Kinds of _____ (2)

Takeaway:

3. _____ of God’s Word (4,9)

Takeaway:

4. Two kinds of _____ (10)

Takeaway:

5. Final _____ (11-12)

Takeaway:

6. Conclusion (13)

Takeaway:

Discussion Questions (in no particular order)

1. Of all the “Takeaways” from the message, which one is most compelling to you currently; one which will be on your mind as an action item this week?
2. Do you store the knowledge of God’s Word as more of a bank deposit or a plant in a garden? Explain your answer.
3. Considering the “unprecedented” time of distress that is coming:
 - a. What can you learn about your own times of distress?
 - b. How does 1 Peter 1:3-9 help us have a proper perspective?
4. Concerning the Resurrections:
 - a. How important is the truth of Jesus’ resurrection, and the hope of the Believer’s resurrection to our faith (see 1 Cor 15:1-19)
 - b. What was the “best day” you’ve had in your life?
 - c. What do you perceive, according to the teachings of the Bible, life will be like when you are resurrected in comparison to your “best day?”
 - d. A common phrase used by people from time to time to describe their situation is, “hell on earth.” Compare an unbeliever’s “worst day” to how the Bible describes their resurrection, also referred to as the 2nd death (see Rev 20:12-15; Matt 8:12; 22:13; 25:41; Mark 9:48). How might this truth change someone’s view of the phrase, “hell on earth?”
5. Concerning the Biblical teaching about eternal rewards:
 - a. Who is the promise for in Daniel 12:3?
 - b. What have they done to gain the reward?
 - c. How does this relate to Paul’s words in 1 Cor 3:6-15 and 1 Thess 2:19?
 - d. How often do you think about the eternal rewards you will or will not receive?
Suggestion: If any knowledge you have about eternal rewards has merely been deposited in the bank, consider reading more about them in the scriptures and planting that knowledge in a garden.
6. Concerning the Word of God, written thousands of years ago, divinely preserved and kept for you:
 - a. If someone could see every moment of your current life what would they say about how much you value God’s Word?
 - b. What scriptures can you find and meditate on that testify to its value?
 - c. Consider your answer to question #2 again.
7. In responding to the inevitable distresses of life are you more like Job (see Job 42:1-5) or are you more like the people in Rev 9:20-21 and 16:8-11?
8. In the last verse of the book of Daniel, the angel’s last message to Daniel was essentially, 1) Finish Strong; 2) Die; 3) Rise; 4) Enjoy Forever! What would his message be to you?

Fill-in answers: garden, bank, ruler, religion, war, unprecedented, resurrections, posterity, responses, countdown