

44 DANIEL 12 CORRESPONDS TO MATTHEW 24

INTRODUCTION: In this document we show correlations between Daniel 12 and Matthew 24 both of which describe “the day of the Lord” which culminated in AD 70. For first century Jews, “judgment” had a dual meaning— physical national judgment AND spiritual soul judgment which divided those devoted to Yahweh from those who were not. Similarly, “salvation” had a dual meaning—physical deliverance in the warning to leave Judea (Luke 21:21) AND spiritual salvation—deliverance from the consequences of sin. “He who hears my word, and believes Him who sent me...has passed out of [spiritual] death into [resurrection] life. John 5:24

1. DELIVERANCE

A. **Daniel 12:1** “At that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall be found written in the book.”

B. **Matthew 24:30** “They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.”

C. **Matthew 24:13** “He who endures to the end, the same will be saved.”

Deliverance from national judgment and sin-death were prophesied by Daniel and Matthew. Physical deliverance was the outward picture or sign of spiritual deliverance.

2. GREAT TRIBULATION

A. **Daniel 12:1** “... there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.”

B. **Matthew 24:21** “...for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.”

The great tribulation (Jewish and Roman War) ended Old Covenant Israel where the temple and its cultic practices were destroyed. It was a time of national judgment which made way for the superior spiritual Kingdom of God.

3. JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS

A. **Daniel 12:2** “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

B. **Matthew 24:37-41** “And they didn't know until the [Noahic] flood came, and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left; 41 two women grinding at the mill, one will be taken and one will be left.”

C. **Matthew 25:46** “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Those who died in the Noahic flood, were “taken away” which is analogous to the unrighteous who would be “taken away” in the coming national judgment in the first century. The national judgment of the unrighteous was an outward “sign” of the spiritual result of rejecting God’s salvation in Christ.

4. RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS

A. **Daniel 12:2-3** “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...to everlasting life... 3 Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse...”

B. **Matthew 24:31** “They [God’s angels] will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”

C. **Matthew 13:43** “Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.”

Old Testament believers, like Daniel, were raised from Sheol to reconciliation with Yahweh at the time of the end of the Old Covenant.

5. TIME OF THE END*

A. **Daniel 12:4** “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end...”

B. **Matthew 24:14** “This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

AD 70 marked the end of the Old Covenant and the beginning of the everlasting covenant. “Time of the end” does not mean “end of time.” (See paper/vid #5)

6. KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

A. **Daniel 12:4** In “the time of the end: many shall run back and forth, and knowledge shall be increased.”

B. **Matthew 24:14** “This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations...”

C. **Colossians 1:23** “This gospel has also been preached in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become its servant.”

With the coming of Christ, the understanding of God increased greatly for those who were receptive to His Christ. Disciples of Jesus “ran back and forth” spreading the good news of reconciliation to God. Paul made it known in Colossians 1:23 this prophecy was fulfilled in Paul’s day.

7. POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE** BROKEN IN PIECES

A. **Daniel 12:7** "When they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

B. **Matthew 24:10-12** "Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray. 12 Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold."

C. **Daniel 2:44** "The God of heaven [will] set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed... but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

D. **Matthew 21:44** "He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whoever it will fall, it will scatter him as dust." The Old Covenant was broken to pieces by infidelity, zealotry, war, but ultimately, by God. It made way for the superior supernatural Kingdom of God present to Jews and Gentiles—the New Covenant.

8. REFINEMENT THROUGH TRIALS

A. **Daniel 12:10** "Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand."

B. **Matthew 24:12-13** Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end, the same will be saved."

Refinement and salvation would come through trials in the destruction of the Old Covenant and establishment of the New.

9. THE WISE UNDERSTAND, THE WICKED DO NOT

A. **Daniel 12:10** "The wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand."

B. **Matthew 24:15-16** "When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

C. **Matthew 25:29** For everyone who has [understanding] will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have [understanding], even what he has will be taken away from him.

Those who recognized their own sinful nature, understood Jesus and discerned his instruction and His ways. Those who refused to honestly face their own sinful nature, could not comprehend Jesus and His teachings.

10. ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION***

A. **Daniel 12:11** "From the time that the continual [burnt offering] shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days."

B. **Matthew 24:15-16** "When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

The "Abomination of Desolation" refers to defilement of temple worship. In AD 66, Eleazar ben Ananias denied Yahweh worship to gentiles, putting himself in place of God, and turned the temple into a base for war preparations. (Paper/vid #20 and #31).

11. INHERITANCE GIVEN

A. **Daniel 12:13** "But go your way until the end; for you shall rest, and shall stand in your lot, at the end of the days."

B. **Matthew 24:46-47** "Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. 47 Most certainly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has."

When he died, Daniel remained in Sheol until the collective, spiritual resurrection event and the full impartation of the New Covenant at the destruction of the Old in AD 70.

Since AD 70, believers pass from death to life when they put their trust in God's salvation. "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." John 5:24

*Time of the End: see "The Christian Messianic Age Has No End" paper/vid #5

**Holy People: In Daniel's Old Covenant context, "the holy people" were the people of Israel. Deut. 7:6, 14:2, Ex. 19:6

***Abomination of Desolation: See "Man of Sin" paper/vid #20 and #31

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