

“The Best Is Yet To Come”

Daniel 12: 11-13

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Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream of Four Gentile Kingdoms

WORLD POWERS OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY

The immense image
(Daniel 2:31-45)



Four beasts out
of the sea
(Daniel 7:3-8, 17, 25)

BABYLONIA
from 607 B.C.E.



MEDO-PERSIA
from 539 B.C.E.



GREECE
from 331 B.C.E.



ROME
from 30 B.C.E.



ANGLO-AMERICAN WORLD
POWER from 1763 C.E.

POLITICALLY DIVIDED WORLD
in the time of the end

**Jesus Christ, a stone, will crush the
iron, bronze, clay, silver and gold -
Daniel 2: 45**



Daniel's prophecies were exact!

**These kingdoms did rise and fall
as prophesied!**

Four Generals

Daniel 7:6; 8:8,22

Cassander Macedonia	Ptolemy Egypt
Lysimachus Thrace & Asia Minor	Seleucus Syria (including Israel)

FOUR DYNASTIES AFTER ALEXANDER



Antichrist will come out of
the fourth kingdom - ***ROME!***

Decree
Issued

Walls
Finished

Messiah
Cutoff

Covenant
Made

7 sevens

62 sevens

CHURCH AGE

Seven

70 SEVENS



The Tribulation is a 7-year period of time - God will turn His attention to the Jewish nation

In Daniel 10, 11 and 12, we are given insight into what is going on in the heavenlies; there are spiritual forces over nations, battling it out

Spiritual warfare is real!

God has given us weapons in this fight:

- 1) The Armor of God - Ephesians 6: 10-16
- 2) Submitting to God and resisting the devil - James 4: 7-8
- 3) Taking captive every thought and making it obedient to God - 2 Corinthians 10: 4-5

Progressive Illumination: As we get closer to the end, the prophetic puzzle will become clearer

Understanding Daniel's
Prophetic Perspective

Antiochus IV

(Daniel 11:21-35)



Antichrist
(Daniel 11:36-45)

Near
Fulfillment

Far
Fulfillment



Daniel

***God expects us to know
what is coming!!***

It will take the entire Tribulation period for the pride of the holy people to be broken!

God hates pride; He will deal with pride -

Proverbs 13: 10

Proverbs 16: 18-19

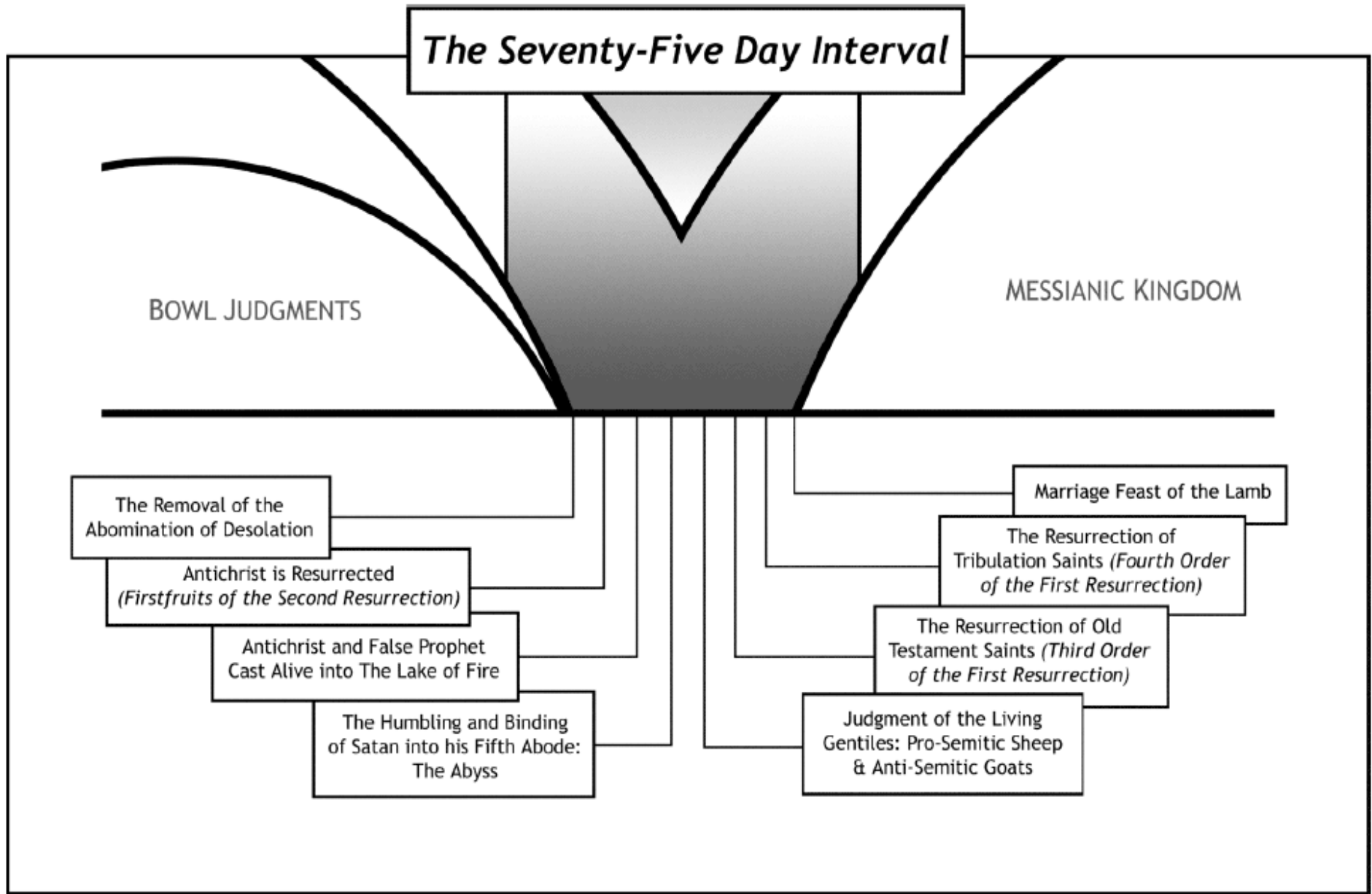
FEAR OF THE LORD BREAKS THE REIGN OF PRIDE IN OUR HEARTS!!

Verse 11 - 12

**The Seventy-Five Day Interval -
*THE BEST IS YET TO COME!***

- 1) The demise of the antichrist is 1260 days from the mid-point of the Tribulation
- 2) For 1290 days, the abomination of desolation remains in the temple prior to removal
- 3) There will be 1335 days (*45 days beyond the 1290 days*) for those who survive the 75-day time frame to enter the Millennial Kingdom

4)



5) The Marriage Feast of the Lamb is the event that begins the Messianic Kingdom

LESSON:

- God has everything planned out perfectly
- **God is a God of order; His timetable is perfect**
- What will occur in the future is a done deal
- **In times of uncertainty, you can rest knowing that God has everything under complete control**

Can you now see

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!

Verse 13

Rest - Resurrection - Reward
THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!

“But you, you shall rest”

- You Daniel, go your way to the end of your life
- **God will not forget His servants**
- He has established our days
- We are to serve Him to the end of our lives!!
- **When we breathe our last, we will be instantly in the presence of God**

Hear Paul's words of hope:

1 Corinthians 5: 8

Hear Jesus' words of hope:

John 11: 25-26

We never really die; *we simply transition into His presence!!*

While we are here, fight the good fight!

Jesus Christ is our blessed hope!

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

“You will arise . . .”

- The promise of ***the resurrection***
- Every person ever born will rise from the dead- *some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and contempt*
- You can see that believing in Christ is of the utmost importance
- The wise will ***BELIEVE*** - be in the wise group - **Daniel 12: 3**

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!

“You will receive rewards . . .”

- You will receive an inheritance
- We will inherit what Jesus inherits

Romans 8: 17

- When Jesus came to earth, He knew what He was doing, He knew what was required of Him!
He came to do the Father's will - ***He had you on His mind!!***

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CLOSING:

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Daniel gives us an example of how a person leaves a legacy, ***a life never forgotten***

C.T. Studd: ***“Only one life twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.”***

Mark Twain (in his biography) records the end of someone who never knew the reason for life -

“A myriad of men are born; they labor and sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble and scold and fight; they scramble for little mean advantages over each other. Age creeps upon them and infirmities follow; shames and humiliations bring down their prides and their vanities. Those they love are taken from them, and the joy of life is turned to aching grief. The burden of pain, care, and misery grows heavier year by year. At length ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead; longing for release is in their place. It comes at last-the only unpoisoned gift earth ever had for them-and they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence; where they achieved nothing, where they were a mistake and a failure and a foolishness; where they left no sign that they have existed-a world that will lament them a day and forget them forever. (Mark Twain, Autobiography)

The believer will never be
forgotten!!

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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)