

Q: (v.8) What is Daniels' response?

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Q: (vv.9-13) How did the angel respond to Daniel's question?

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Q: We see many similarities between the rise and fall of the Syrian ruler Antiochus IV Epiphanes (who ruled from 175-164 BC) and the coming Antichrist before Christ returns. The evil of the one foreshadows the evil of the one to come. Even though we may never understand now, the future prophecies yet to be fulfilled, why is it important to read and study them?

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Q: How has God's Word prepared you for trials you didn't expect?

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PRAY: Lord thank you for your faithful and true Word. Help me to understand what I need to understand each day. Continue to prepare me for what you have in store for the future. Help me to keep my eyes fixed on you and your glorious return. Help me to continue to pray for and point others to you Jesus. Draw them into your eternal kingdom by your grace. Thank you, in Jesus name, Amen!



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(for personal and/or small group study)*

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Daniel 11:36-12:13

When given directions to a remote cabin, these may include various natural landmarks and twists and turns before you finally reach your destination. Knowing these landmarks ahead of time can prepare you for the journey to come until we reach our ultimate destination. Biblical prophecy is much like that. God's Word provides us with images and details that may not make sense right now, but they will become very clear when they begin to unfold before our eyes. Biblical prophecy prepares God's people for what is to come. The closing chapters of Daniel are much like that. We not only see the predicted Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who rose to power, terrorized and killed many of God's people, and profaned the Jewish Temple in 167 BC. We also get a glimpse of a future leader yet to come (Antichrist/ Beast/Man of Lawlessness) who will persecute God's people and claim to be god, immediately preceding the ultimate triumphant return of Christ. We are to stand firm, keep sharing the life-changing Gospel Message of Jesus, and await His glorious return!

Q: Daniel 11:2-20 were written to prepare God's people for a coming crisis for God's people in Israel. Daniel 11:21-35 describe the rise and fall of a certain king of the north, which history tells us was Antiochus IV Epiphanes—he fits this description perfectly! He was already described in chapter 8. This foreshadows another evil leader who will come in the end. In what ways does the following verses (vv.36-45) seem to continue to describe Antiochus, and in what ways do they seem to transition and describe someone else in the future (Antichrist)? Biblical prophecy often describes a more "immediate" and long term fulfillment. (See also Matt 24; Luke 21;10-36; 2 Thes 2:1-12; Rev 13:1-8)

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Q: (vv. 11:38-39) In what does this leader place his trust?

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Q: (vv.40-45) What conflicts does this evil person wage, how successful is he and where does he place his tent/dwelling?

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Between the beautiful holy mountain (Jerusalem) and the sea (Dead Sea/Sea of Galilee/Mediterranean Sea) to the north of Jerusalem, is a place called Megiddo (Armageddon—Rev 16:16). Here this evil ruler comes to an end (v.45). Rev 19 describes the final battle and destruction of the beast (Antichrist) when Jesus returns.

Q: (12:1) Who is Michael and how is he described? (see Dan 10:13; 21; Jude 9; Rev 12:7).

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Q: (12:1-4) what other information is given to Daniel regarding the future?

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Q: How do we see here, a clear reference to the resurrection? (see Matt 25:46; John 5:28-29)

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Q: (v.4) Why was Daniel told to “seal the book” until the time of the end? (v.8) Did he yet fully understand the vision? How might these prophecies be helpful for those believers who live to see these coming events unfold?

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In Matt 24:2-3, the disciples ask Jesus 2 questions (1. When will the Temple be destroyed? 2. What will signal the end time?). Jesus then answers both questions. In Matt 24:4-14, 21-30, 36, Jesus answers their 2nd question regarding the end prior to His return. He then answers their first question in Matt 24:15-20; 32-35. In a similar way in Daniel 12:5-13, there are two questions discussed (one to be fulfilled in the not too distant future, and the other would be fulfilled very far off in the future).

(v.7) what is the time frame given by the one angel as to the time of the end? (How does this compare with Daniel 7:25; Rev 12:6, 14)?

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Q: Many believe the “time, times and half a time” refer to 3 1/2 years. Some say the passage in Rev 12 refers to 3 1/2 years between the ascension of Christ to the dispersion of the Church in Acts 8. But here in Daniel 12:7, it refers to the final 3 1/2 years of the rule of the coming Antichrist (Great Tribulation) before he is destroyed at Jesus’ return. How does this demonstrate God’s Sovereign rule over all history?

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