

**Wake Up and Live**  
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Daniel 12:1-13  
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**Synopsis:**

Life does not go on and on like Groundhog Day. An end will come. Meanwhile, God is present in the conflict of our lives to win a victory through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Here's the good news. We can participate in God's victory now by remaining faithful and calm, because we know that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

I.

**Resurrection of the Dead**

Dan 12:2 Many who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake

No resurrection teaching prior to Daniel 12: Only hints

- Creation = Good God *won't abandon* a good creation
- Exile = Faithful God *will return/restore* his people

Daniel 12:1-4 = first time, real resurrection of bodies

- Remember my chart? (REFER to CHART)
- At the end of this age, God will put things right

Today: 3 questions

1. When will the END come?
2. What will happen at the END?
3. Why should we care about the END?

II.

**When**

Dan 12:6 How long shall it be until the end of these wonders?

Question: When will the end come?

Daniel Background:

- Book: 2 Parts
  - 1-6 stories of faithful people in Babylon
  - \*be faithful and influence power in BAD times
  - 7-12 visions of judgment

- \*be faithful, God will judge in HORRIBLE times
- Chapters 10-12
  - READ 10:1 = Great Battle
  - READ 10:13-14 = END
  - READ 10:14 = Help
- Chapters 10-12 Set from Cyrus to AE IV
  - Cyrus 538 = end of exile
  - Alexander 336-323
  - Successors = Ptolomies and Seleucids (south/north)
  - \*One BAD BAD guy = AE IV 175-164
    - READ 1Macc 1:54; 2Macc 6:1-5
    - READ 11:36-39
    - READ 12:10-11

POINT = Bad times  
 QUESTION = When will God show up?

Now ready for the END

- READ 12:5-11
- Same answer as Jesus (only Father knows)
- \*Interval training for birds (don't do anything until reward)

Question: When will the end come?

Answer: It will come, but we don't know when.

### III.

**What**

Dan 12:2 Some to everlasting life, some to shame

Question: What will happen at the end?

- Cottage industry: Late Great Planet, Left Behind

God will win victory = sovereign God

- READ 12:1-4
- Context = War 167-164 = Hannukah
- \*HORRIBLE times (4x *time* in 12:1)

What is the conflict for our times?

- conversation with Mary this week = dis-ease in West
- something has changed in the Western World
- We may not be in Dan 7-12, but we are in Dan 1-6

\*Demands on your faithfulness in conflict

What is God going to do?

Question: What will happen in the end?

Answer:

READ Romans 7:24-8:2

END has showed up before the END

You can live in Jesus now!

#### IV.

**Why**

Dan 12:13 Go your way and rest

Question: Why should we care?

Daniel and his friends in bad/horrible times

STORIES in Dan 1-6: BAD

Fiery furnace

Lions den

Writing on wall

Clay feet statue

-encourage us to remain faithful

\*success is faithful witness

VISIONS in Dan 7-12: HORRIBLE

READ 12:13

Go your way

Rest

You will rise

Reward

MESSAGE: God is faithful in Jesus Christ

JOB: Rest in Faithful Witness

Where can this happen for you?

-Me? Decline in church funds, end of Christendom

-How do I remain faithful to risen Jesus?

Question: Why should we care?

Answer: Song

SONG: Not going to make you sing, but listen to words

## **Daniel Prayed**

-----*Stanley Brothers*

I heard about a man one day who wasted not his time away  
    He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
He cared not for the things of man he trusted one who would not fail  
    Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night

### REFRAIN:

Oh, Daniel served the living God while here upon this earth he trod  
    He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
He cared not for the kings decree he trusted God to set him free  
    Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night

They cast him in the lion's den because he would not honor men  
    He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
The jaws were locked and it made him shout,  
And God soon got him safely out  
    Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night

Now brother, let us watch and pray like Daniel did from day to day  
    He prayed to God every morning noon and night  
We too can gladly daring do the things that God will take us through  
    Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night