

**“An Incredible Prophecy”**  
**“Daniel—A Testimony to the Power of God” - Part 13**  
*Daniel 11:36-12:13*

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:2-3

**1. The rise of the Antichrist. (Daniel 11:36-39)**

"The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price. Daniel 11:36-39

"While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully. Daniel 7:8

He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Daniel 9:27

**Similarities and differences between  
Antiochus and the Antichrist**

Both desecrate the temple. Antiochus sets up a statue of Zeus in the temple; the Antichrist sets up himself.

Antiochus wants to destroy the Jewish religion. The Antichrist will reject all religions. Although Antiochus had divine quality aspirations, there is no historic evidence that Antiochus went this far.

The Antichrist's sole confidence is in his military power, personified as the "god of fortresses."

The Antichrist is Satan's masterpiece, a human being who is Satan's substitute for Jesus Christ.

**2. Conquests of the Antichrist. (Daniel 11:40-45)**

"At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the

king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission.”

Daniel 11:40-43

### **3. The Antichrist's kingdom falls apart.**

“But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.”

Daniel 11:44-45

### **4. The deliverance of Israel.**

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.” Daniel 12:1-4

For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.  
Matt 24:21-22

At the end of the Tribulation, Old Testament saints and Tribulation martyrs will be raised to enter the Kingdom.

At the end of the Kingdom, all the dead without Christ will rise to everlasting judgment.

Those who share Christ during the Tribulation will shine like the stars of heaven.

Close up the scroll didn't mean hide it away.

Seal the words meant that what Daniel wrote wouldn't be understood until the “end time”.

### **5. Final revelations.**

Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” The man clothed in linen, who was above the

waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed." I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?" He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand. "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days." Daniel 12:5-12

Once the peace treaty is signed with Israel, the end time clock starts ticking. (7 years)  
Once the Antichrist sets himself up as God in the temple, the end of the Tribulation is 3 1/2 years away.

This is spoken under oath with both hands raised to heaven.

The key to God's timing is the Nation of Israel.

The Tribulation is a time for punishing the Gentile Nations, but it is also a time for purifying the Jewish people for the return of their Messiah.

Trials purify believers and make them wiser, but make the wicked more wicked.

The significance of the 1290 and 1335 days is not explained.

## 6. Well done, Daniel.

"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance." Daniel 12:13

### Application:

**"It ought to be the business of every day  
to prepare for our last day."**

Matthew Henry

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