



STANDING TALL

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“Never, Never, Never, Never..”

Introduction to Daniel 11-12



If we will trust in the faithfulness of God we will stand tall in the face of adversity .

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

...give up”. These words were spoken by Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England, during the dark days of World War II. As the Nazi Air Force bombarded London it would have been easy to capitulate, but because of Churchill’s leadership they never did—and the war was won for the free world. In so many ways this is the message of Daniel 11-12. In response to Daniel’s desire to know the future of Israel God reveals through His angel many of the details of the time just before the Lord returns to set up His earthly kingdom. He begins by revealing to him a variety of expeditions that kingdoms in the coming Greek empire will carry out against one another. The primary players in these expeditions were the southern kingdom of Egypt and the northern kingdom of

Syria. One king after another vied for supremacy until the time arrived that the Syrian king, Antiochus IV Epiphanes came to the throne. Much space is devoted to him because of his actions against the Jews in the 2nd century BC. After being rebuffed by Rome and forced to return home, Antiochus took out his frustration on the Jews. He halted their worship and desecrated the temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar of burnt offering. He also posted an armed guard around the temple area so they couldn’t worship. He came to an end, though, as Judas Maccabeus defeated him and cleansed the temple. This inaugurated the feast we know as Hanukkah. Antiochus is significant for another reason; he is a picture of the vile enemy

known as the Antichrist who will come in the last days. Just like Antiochus, he will come to an end, but his end will come at the hands of Jesus as He returns. This sets up a victorious ending for the people of God. After an unequalled time of distress for three and a half years Jesus will return to defeat this evil one and usher in His kingdom. Those written in God’s book will be rescued and those who endure to the end will be most blessed. The lesson for believers is to “never, never, never, never give up.”

Daily Study Questions for Daniel 11-12

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

1. Read Dan 11:1-4. What was the angel’s first role (v1) and what does that reveal? What would happen in Persia (v2), and then in Greece (v3-4)?	
2. Looking at 11:5-9 what will be the sequence of events in the south (Egypt) and north (Syria)? (v5, 6, 7, 8, 9)?	
3. From 11:10-13 what would be the next sequence of events (v10, 11, 12, 13)? What attitude would the king of the south have (v11) and the king of the north (v12)? How is this typical?	

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Daniel 11-12 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. Using Daniel 11:14-19 what tactics will the king of the north use to get his way (v17)? How will he treat the “Beautiful land” of Israel (v16)?</p>	
<p>5. In 11:20-28 who will seize power next (v21) and how will he do it (v21, 23)? Who will his heart be set against (v28)?</p>	
<p>6. Looking at 11:29-35 how successful will the king of the north be (v29, 30) and who will he take it out on (v30)? What will he do (v31-32) and how will people respond (v33-35)?</p>	
<p>7. According to 11:36-39 how will the future king (the Antichrist) act (v36, 37, 38, 39)? What does this show about him?</p>	
<p>8. From 11:40-45 who else will the Antichrist (king of the north) seek to destroy (v40-43) and how will he fare (v41-44)? Where will he set up camp (v45) and what will occur (v45)?</p>	
<p>9. Using 12:1-4 what will happen at the end of history (v1, 4)? What will happen to everyone who has died who is bad (v2) and to everyone who is good (v2-3)?</p>	
<p>10. Looking at 12:5-7 where was each person (v5, 6)? What question did one of them ask (v6), who answered (v7), and what did he say (v7)?</p>	
<p>11. Based on 12:8-13 what will be the outcome of these events (v10) and who received a blessing (v11-12)? What was Daniel to do (v13)?</p>	
<p>12. Look back over Daniel. Write the lessons from this book that have been most meaningful to you. How can you apply them?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of the heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Daniel 12:3 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Man Up and Stand Up (Daniel 6)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think of one of the most unfair things that has ever happened to you and how you responded to it. Share that with the group.
2. Retell the story of Daniel in the lion's den—what led up to it and its outcome. Daniel's reputation of faithfulness to God is what got him in trouble. Would there be enough faithfulness in your life to get you into this kind of trouble? Explain.
3. Talk about the meaning of this statement: “Consistency in the common gives success in the crisis”. How can you specifically apply this in your life?
4. What are some of the “little, or few, things” that we must be faithful in? Why does consistency in little areas of obedience lead to obedience in the big areas?
5. Is it easy or hard for you to tell the truth when others need to hear it? Why? Discuss why it is so important and loving to say it to others.
6. How does our private devotional life relate to the consistency of our obedience? How's yours?