

**Daniel 12;  
Shine  
Like  
Stars**

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Daniel 12:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**Concerning the End Times, Daniel 12 is basically a recap of what we have studied so far. We see the angel Michael come on the scene during the tribulation of the last three and one half years and the appearance of the Abomination of Desolation.**

Daniel 12:1 (ESV)

“At that time shall arise **Michael**, the great prince who has charge of your people. And **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time.** But at that time **your people shall be delivered**, everyone **whose name shall be found written in the book.**

Daniel 12:7 (ESV)

And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for **a time, times, and half a time**, and that **when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end** all these things would be **finished.**

Daniel 12:11 (ESV)

And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and **the abomination that makes desolate** is set up, there shall be **1,290 days**.

**Two points** of the end times become distinct here. The **three and one half years** reign of terror by the Anti-Christ is mentioned in Daniel 7:25; 9:27; here in 12:7 and 12:11 (the exact number of days); and Rev.13:5. The **abomination of desolation** mentioned in Daniel 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, and here in 12:11, and Matt.24:15, and Mark 13:14. From these verses, we have seen **three points of destruction** associated with Jerusalem and the Abomination of Desolation: One by Antiochus Epiphanies in 167 B.C.; One by the Roman Commander Titus in 70 A.D.; and One in the final future end of time. With each event there is a growing **intensity** to the end.

**One more note**, verse 12 reveals **45 days added** to the last three and one half years. There is very little agreement concerning the purpose of these days. Some believe that this is a transitional period between Jesus' return and the establishment of HIS earthly kingdom.

**With this we look at the closing words to Daniel.**

Daniel 12:4 (ESV)

But you, Daniel, **shut up the words** and **seal the book**, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:9 (ESV)

He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for **the words are shut up and sealed** until the time of the end.

**Like Daniel we are asked to trust God for what HE has shown us and trust HIM to fill in the gaps on the things we do not understand.**

**Let us look at new revelation in Daniel that we can clearly understand and apply directly to us. There is a resurrection of the dead and a final accounting for our behavior here on earth.**

Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**.

**We all should take this to heart and examine our purpose here on this earth. God has a point of judgment for us and HE will judge how we carried out our assignment.**

Daniel 12:3 (ESV)

And **those who are wise** shall **shine** like the brightness of the sky above; and **those who turn many to righteousness**, like the stars forever and ever.

**The wise and the one's who shine like stars for eternity are the ones who share the love of Christ.**

## **Jesus declares HIS purpose for HIS followers.**

Mark 1:17 (ESV)

And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

Mark 8:38 (ESV)

For whoever is **ashamed of me** and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be **ashamed** when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

## **The Apostle Paul restated Jesus’ call.**

2 Timothy 4:5 (ESV)

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, **do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

## **This is not our home!**

Revelation 21:22–27 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for **its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.** <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and **its lamp is the Lamb.** <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only **those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.**

**We desire our home and desire others to join us as the closing verses of the Bible declare.**

Revelation 22:17 (ESV)

**The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”** And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

**These echo the words of Jesus:**

John 7:37 (ESV)

**Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”**

**We know we have a home in heaven because we trust Jesus is our Savior. However, the end time tells us that God’s wrath, destruction, and hell fire are coming to eradicate evil and the unbeliever. Therefore we share “with a sense of urgency” the love of God so that others will also have a home in heaven and we will “shine like stars” for eternity.**

John 3:16–17 (ESV)

**<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**