

## **Daniel Perrin – L1: Some Principles of Prophecy – Tuesday, April 1: Daniel–Shut Up the Words**

**Daniel 12:4** – *“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.”*

1. End of the book of Daniel: almost SIX chapters of stories / SIX+ chapters of prophetic visions, dreams, and messages
  - a. Stories say WHAT/HOW – Visions say WHEN
  - b. Now we hear that it’s SEALED
2. WHAT was sealed? Let’s think about this
  - a. Daniel 1 (test of loyalty to God illustrated in diet)
  - b. Daniel 2 (seeking and receiving wisdom from God)
  - c. Daniel 3 (story of the test about will you worship false gods when your life is on the line)
  - d. Daniel 4 (story of human leader elevating himself to the place of God and being humbled)
  - e. Daniel 5 (story of another human leader ... rejecting God and conquered)
  - f. Daniel 6 (story of the test about will you continue to worship the TRUE God when your life’s on the line)
  - g. ALL of that: open, explained, understandable – NOT sealed
3. What about the visions, dreams, and messages sent by angels?
  - a. Daniel 2 – image of 4 metals / feet of iron and clay
    - All explained by Daniel as God explained it to him
    - **Daniel 2:45** – *the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.*
  - b. Daniel 7 – 4 beasts / ten horns / little horn / judgment
    - Most was explained by the angel
    - **Daniel 7:16** – *I came near to one of those who stood by [ANGELS surrounding the throne he had seen], and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:*
      - Explains beast/kingdoms, the ten horns / actions of the little horn
      - Even a brief explanation of the time of judgment in VS. 26–27
  - c. Daniel 8 – 2 Beasts / Little horn first acting as a political power / then transitioning to a clearly religious conflict (VS. 9–12)
    - **Daniel 8:19–22** – One of the voices speaking to Daniel says, *“Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.”*<sup>19</sup> And he said, *“Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.”*<sup>20</sup> The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia.<sup>21</sup> And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.<sup>22</sup> As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.”
    - In the prophecies so far, all has been explained, at least briefly, except one verse:
    - THE END OF THE VISION moves from sight to sound as the prophecy becomes veiled:
    - **Daniel 8:13–14** – *Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?”*<sup>14</sup> And he said to me, *“For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”*
  - d. Daniel 9 – An message sent by God through Gabriel — for us to study / and see the fulfillment
    - About the coming and the ministry of the Messiah, but NOT relating to the time of the end.
  - e. Even Daniel 10–12 – Message shared by an angel was open to be understood
    - an understanding of the symbols and timeframes would come to light as the events happened

- Some are still taking place, and our eyes are watching / minds studying ... as they are revealed
4. Daniel 8:14 is a major part of what the angel was referring to when he said in **Daniel 12:4** – *“But you, Daniel, shut up the words,*
    - a. What words: *“For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”*
    - b. This is the knowledge of the Heavenly Sanctuary, dimly comprehended for so many years
      - – The Full Message of salvation with Christ at its center
  5. ... *and seal the book **UNTIL** the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”*
    - a. The timeframe of this message points us to the time of the end — NOW
    - b. Many shall run “to and fro” — this is not a reference to world travel or to lightning-fast internet searches
      - Studying a scroll by Comparing Scripture with Scripture
    - c. KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE
      - Hebrew — knowledge with Understanding / There is Perception & Wisdom
        - This is an increased knowledge of the prophecies of Daniel
        - — which would shed greater light on the prophecies of Revelation
    - d. The Study and Understanding of the book of Daniel would launch a revival that would open deeper understanding
      - Understanding the Sanctuary – all Scripture brings us into God’s presence in the Sanctuary
      - Sanctuary message UNSEALED ... FOR US
  6. Jesus spoke about the book of Daniel
    - a. **Matthew 24:15** – *“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand)*
      - This is the only direct quote from the book of Daniel in the New Testament
      - Jesus indicates that His followers in the end-times will be studying the UNSEALED book of Daniel.
    - b. We’re at that time when these prophecies are being brought to their COMPLETE fulfillment
      - What Daniel refers to, speaking to Nebuchadnezzar, in **2:44** – *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*
    - c. PEOPLE are wanting an understanding of the prophecies of Daniel, and we need to be studying them so we can help point the way.
      - **Amos 8:11–12** – *“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”<sup>12</sup> They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it.*
      - If we don’t study it when it’s available, we won’t have it when we finally realize we need it.