

# Daniel Chapter 11:36 - 12:2

## Prophecies Concerning the Antichrist and the End Times

Verses 2 through 34 chronicle 375 consecutive years of Jewish history. Suddenly, verse 35 leapfrogs over centuries. Why? Because the first thirty-two verses are a part of Daniel's sixty-nine weeks, while verse 35 speaks of Daniel's seventieth week. In between verses 34 and 35 is the church age. When the church age is over, when the believers are raptured, Daniel's seventieth week, the time of the Tribulation, dawns. That's why Daniel jumps from Antiochus Epiphanes to the end times yet to come. Antiochus Epiphanes was part of the first sixty-nine weeks. Now we go to the seventieth week, where one even more vile than he comes on the scene. His name is Antichrist...

### Daniel Chapter 11

<sup>35</sup> And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, **until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.**

<sup>36</sup> **"Then the king shall do according to his own will:** he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

<sup>37</sup> He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. <sup>38</sup> But in their place he shall honour a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honour with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. <sup>39</sup> Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

### The Northern King's Conquests

<sup>40</sup> "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. <sup>41</sup> He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. <sup>42</sup> He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. <sup>44</sup> But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. <sup>45</sup> And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

### Prophecy of the End Time

**12** "At that time Michael shall stand up,  
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;  
And there shall be a time of trouble,  
Such as never was since there was a nation,  
Even to that time.  
And at that time your people shall be delivered,  
Every one who is found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
Some to everlasting life,  
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

<sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine  
Like the brightness of the firmament,  
And those who turn many to righteousness  
Like the stars forever and ever.

<sup>4</sup> “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.”

<sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. <sup>6</sup> And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?”

<sup>7</sup> Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

<sup>8</sup> Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?”

<sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. <sup>10</sup> Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. <sup>11</sup> “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

<sup>13</sup> “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.

**V 35 And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.**

The time between the Antiochus and the Antichrist. Some may say, but how do you know. In this case it's what the verse says “**until the time of the end**” (repeated in verse 40), and also the context, because it goes on to reference the tribulation period and the resurrections associated with it in Chapter 12 of Daniel. This should become clear as we go on. In previous weeks we looked at Zechariah 9:9-10, where verse 9 references the first coming, and verse two the second coming, with no indication of any time gap between the two.

But just to show you another example of where there is a massive time gap where there doesn't appear to be one, let's look at:

Luke 4:16-21

<sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

<sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup> Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Isaiah 61:1-3 (italics = first coming, bold = second coming)

- 1 *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,  
Because the Lord has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*
- 2 *To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,  
**And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,***
- 3 ***To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."***

No wonder the Jews were so confused prior to the first coming of Jesus, with all the seemingly contradictory information about the coming Messiah. Hindsight is always 20/20. Always remember that the OT is the NT concealed, and the NT is the OT revealed. The NT brings understanding to the OT and helps explain the stories, types and prophecies of the OT.

### **The Antichrist: the end times Antiochus Epiphanes [11:36–45]**

Taken as a whole, Daniel 11:36–45 is a description of the closing days of the last half of the tribulation period, specifically, the great tribulation with its world ruler, world religion, and materialistic philosophy. In spite of its satanic support, the world government fragmentises into sectional disputes and a great world war which climaxes with the second advent of Christ. This brings the time of the Gentiles to a close with the destruction of the wicked rulers who led it.

#### **1. The wilful king: a shift to a future fulfilment**

<sup>36</sup> **"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.**

##### **a. And the king shall do according to his will...**

Just like Lucifer who said, "I will be like God," which caused him to be cast from heaven and become Satan (Isaiah 14:14), Antichrist, who is filled with Satan does according to his own will. Contrast this with Jesus who prayed, "Not My will, but *Thy* will be done" (Luke 22:42).

**b. He shall exalt and magnify himself above every god:** The angel explained to Daniel that this king would blaspheme God and exalt himself until **the wrath has been accomplished and what has been determined shall be done.**

Again, contrast Antichrist, exalting and magnifying Himself, with Jesus who, although He was equal with God humbled Himself and made Himself of no reputation (Philippians 2:7, 8).

c. **Above every god:** Here we shift from what was fulfilled in the Ptolemies and the Selucids to what *will* be fulfilled in the Antichrist, the final world dictator. Daniel was told that this revelation pertained to *the latter days* (Daniel 10:14), and Daniel 11:36 begins to look more towards this final world dictator, who is sort of a “last days Antiochus Epiphanes.”

Why do we come to this conclusion? Here are three reasons:

1. We know that everything about this prophecy was not fulfilled during the lifetime of Antiochus Epiphanes.
2. Jesus specifically said the real abomination of desolation was still in the future (Matthew 24:15), and Jesus links it to His second coming when He comes to judge.

Matthew 24:15-31

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> **For then there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

<sup>23</sup> “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*.

<sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand.

<sup>26</sup> “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*.

<sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

<sup>29</sup> **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory**. <sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

3. The Apostle Paul paraphrased Daniel 11:36 in reference to the coming Antichrist in:

2 Thessalonians 2:3–4

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Summary: Antiochus Epiphanes is important, but mostly as a historical preview of the Antichrist. This is why so much space is given to describing the career of one evil man—

because he prefigures the ultimate evil man. If you think about it as a movie, Antiochus Epiphanes is the “trailer” released well before the Antichrist, who is like the “feature.”

d. **He shall exalt and magnify himself above every god:** Antiochus Epiphanes certainly did this in the general sense that all sinners oppose God. Yet he remained loyal to the Greek religious tradition, which revered the entire Olympian pantheon. This statement will be far more precisely fulfilled in the Antichrist, who *sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God* (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

e. **Shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished:** Antichrist will do much damage, but he is on a short chain and will only work into God’s plan. God’s purpose will be accomplished.

## 2. The character and authority of the “willful king” (37–39)

**<sup>37</sup> He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all. <sup>38</sup> But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. <sup>39</sup> Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, *and* advance *its* glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.**

v 37 **He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women:** Based on this, some Bible scholars believe that the Antichrist will be of Jewish descent, and perhaps will also be a homosexual. These things may not be popularly known about the man, but they may be true nonetheless.

But many commentators believe that **the desire of women** refers to Jesus, in that all women desired the honour of bearing the Messiah and understanding “desire” as it is used in Haggai 2:7. Seeing **the desire of women** as Jesus makes most sense in light of the flow of context.

v 37 **nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above *them* all.**

Antichrist will be his own god. Like Antichrist, people who are atheists worship the dumbest god of them all: themselves. “I will worship only that I can understand and comprehend,” they say. And in so saying, they worship their own intellects.

v 38 **He shall honour a god of fortresses:** The Antichrist will take and hold power with military might and the shrewd use of great riches.

## 3. The final conflict (40–45)

**<sup>40</sup> “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through. <sup>41</sup> He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. <sup>42</sup> He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. <sup>43</sup> He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels. <sup>44</sup> But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. <sup>45</sup> And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.**

v 40 **At the time of the end:** The angel described to Daniel a confederation of kings coming against this great leader, with a battle in and near the Holy Land.

v 40 **King of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind:** Prophetically speaking, a precise identification of peoples mentioned is difficult. The **king of the South** may be Egypt or represent the Arab community. The **king of the North** may be Russia (Ezekiel 37-39).

The precise points may be cloudy, but the general idea is clear. The end will be marked by great conflict and rebellion, culminating in the world's armies gathering in the Promised Land to do final battle. Jesus then returns and defeats all these armies.

v 45 **Yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him:** In the end there is no hope for the Antichrist or for any of his followers.

## ***Daniel 12—Israel's Time of Trouble***

### **A. The time of trouble destined for Israel [12:1a–1b]**

#### **1. A future *time of trouble* for Israel (1a)**

<sup>1</sup> “At that time Michael shall stand up,  
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;  
And there shall be a time of trouble,  
Such as never was since there was a nation,  
Even to that time.

a. **At that time:** This does not mean that what is described in Daniel 12:1 happened immediately after what the events in Daniel 11:36–45. It means that it happened in the same era, i.e. the 7 year tribulation period.

b. **Michael shall stand up:** The angel **Michael** is often associated with spiritual battle (Daniel 10:13, Daniel 10:21, Jude 1:9, and Revelation 12:7). Since Michael is called *the archangel* (Jude 1:9), he is Satan's true opposite. Satan is not the opposite of Jesus; he is the opposite of Michael, this high-ranking angel.

c. **The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people:** In addition to his role as a spiritual warrior, Michael has a special job in protecting Israel. God appointed Michael as a spiritual guardian over Israel.

d. **There shall be a time of trouble:** This refers to the time of persecution for Israel and world calamity known as the Great Tribulation. This period is also called *the time of Jacob's trouble* in Jeremiah 30:7.

Jeremiah 30:7-9

<sup>7</sup> Alas! For that day is great,  
So that none is like it;  
And it is the time of Jacob's trouble,  
But he shall be saved out of it.  
<sup>8</sup> 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'  
Says the Lord of hosts,  
'That I will break his yoke from your neck,  
And will burst your bonds;

Foreigners shall no more enslave them.

- <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the Lord their God,  
And David their king,  
Whom I will raise up for them.

e. **Such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time:** The Jewish people have known many a **time of trouble** through their history. From the horrors at the fall of Samaria and Jerusalem to the terrors wrought by Antiochus Epiphanes, to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, to the persecutions from the church during the Dark Ages, to the pogroms of Europe, to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Holocaust, it often seems that all Israel's history has been a **time of trouble**. Yet this **time of trouble** will be different. This will be a **worse time of trouble** than Israel has ever seen before.

Zechariah 13:8-9, which we will read in a couple of minutes, tells us that during this period, 2/3 of the Jews will die.

i. Jesus quoted this passage in Matthew 24:21: *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.* With great sadness, we must say that the Bible teaches that the worst has yet to come for Israel and the Jewish people.

ii. This phrase “establishes its connection with the final or ‘great’ tribulation above mentioned, for there can manifestly be only *one* ‘time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.’ ” (Newell)

iii. Revelation 12:7–17 tells us what makes this time so terrible. It describes the fury of the devil directed against the Jewish people during this time which is only exasperated by Satan losing the battle against Michael the archangel and losing access to heaven at the mid point of the tribulation period (3 1/2 years). In addition, the trumpets, seals, and bowls of Revelation all described the horrific conditions of the world in general during this time. The Jewish people will be targets of the full fury of the devil and his Antichrist during this period, and will live in a world that is in incredible upheaval because of the judgment of God. However, God will protect them in Bozra or Petra during this time. Therefore Antichrist will attack the tribulation saints instead.

#### Revelation 12:7-17

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

<sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup> So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and

swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

So, in summary, when Michael, the archangel, kicks Satan out of heaven, Satan will come to earth and take out his frustration on Israel and the Tribulation believers. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 24:22 that, unless the days were shortened, all flesh would be destroyed. It's literally going to be hell on earth.

Why does Satan so badly want to destroy the Jews?

“The Jew has always been a target of Satan. He has sought to destroy them because he knew that God has ordained to accomplish His purposes through this nation. And thus Satan has attempted in times past to destroy the nation of Israel in order to thwart the purposes of God.” (Smith)

## 2. A promise of deliverance (1b)

**<sup>1</sup> And at that time your people shall be delivered,  
Every one who is found written in the book.**

a. **And at that time your people shall be delivered:** Despite the terrors of that time, deliverance is assured. No matter how great the attack is against the Jewish people, God promises to preserve them. He will never break His promise to Abraham: *And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you* (Genesis 17:7).

b. **Every one who is found written in the book:** This promise of deliverance is not for every last person of Jewish heritage, but for these who are **found written in the book**. Not every person of Jewish heritage will be saved, yet Israel as a whole will be known as a people who trust in Jesus as their Messiah, and truly turn to the Lord Romans 11:25–27. We will read:

Romans 9:6-8

<sup>6</sup> Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people! <sup>7</sup> Being descendants of Abraham doesn't make them truly Abraham's children. For the Scriptures say, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted,” though Abraham had other children, too. <sup>8</sup> This means that Abraham's physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham's children.

In the OT there is a prophecy that only one third of the Jews alive at the time will believe and repent. The tribulation period or Jacob's trouble will be used by God to refine them and purify them, and in doing so 2/3 will perish, mainly due to unbelief.

Zechariah 13:8-9

<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass in all the land,”  
Says the Lord,  
“That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die,  
But one-third shall be left in it:  
<sup>9</sup> I will bring the one-third through the fire,  
Will refine them as silver is refined,  
And test them as gold is tested.  
They will call on My name,  
And I will answer them.  
I will say, ‘This is My people’;

And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' ”

These are the ones who will be preserved at Bozra or Petra. See Isa 34:6 and 63:1.

## **B. The resolution of resurrection [12:2–3]**

### **1. The resurrection of the dead (2)**

**<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

a. **Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake:** Some think this refers to the resurrection of Israel as a *nation*. But the plainest meaning is that it refers to the resurrection of the body in general.

b. **Some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt:** The Bible clearly teaches two resurrections, one for the saved and one for the damned (John 5:29, Revelation 20:4–6, and Revelation 11–15). If we really believed *every one of us would live forever*, it would profoundly change our life.

John 5:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Revelation 20:4-6

<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

i. **Everlasting contempt:** The terror of hell never ends. There is not blissful annihilation after some period of punishment. This passage denies a rising doctrine within the church: a modified annihilationism that teaches that unjustified sinners are sent to Hell and they suffer torment for a while, but then their beings perish for eternity. It also refutes another false teaching that some have, that there is no hell, the unbeliever is just annihilated after judgement.

ii. Revelation 20:10 also certainly describes *eternal* punishment for the Devil and the Antichrist.

Revelation 20:10 AMP

Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).

“There would be no way possible in the Greek language to state more emphatically the everlasting punishment of the lost than here in mentioning both day and night and the expression ‘forever and ever,’ literally ‘to the ages of ages.’ ” (Walvoord)

Logically, Hell *must* be eternal, because it is where imperfect beings must pay a continual penalty for their sins because they cannot ever make a perfect payment. **Principles behind Old Testament sacrifice remind us that an *imperfect* payment for sins must be a *continual* payment for sins.**

c. **Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake:** That is, at this time. It's not "all," because the resurrection of the unjust will occur later after the 1000 year millennial rule and reign of Jesus Christ. This refers to the tribulation saints and the OT saints who will resurrect at the end of the 7 year tribulation period.

## Communion Message

Luke 22:14-20

<sup>16</sup> When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. <sup>15</sup> Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> **for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.**"

<sup>19</sup> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"

<sup>20</sup> Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

When we take communion, we not only remember what Jesus did for us on the cross, but also that He is coming back. As we are going through Daniel, one of the main themes is that Jesus is going to return to set up His kingdom, which will be an everlasting kingdom. It's important to remember that it's only because we have been made perfect and declared "not guilty" by the cleansing power of Jesus blood that we partake of the first resurrection and so can dwell with our perfect Lord and Saviour when He sets up His kingdom. Otherwise we would be taking our place in the lake of fire. What a wonderful Saviour we have.