

# Shine Like the Stars Forever and Ever

Daniel 12:1-13

*Bible study for the preparation of GLEF 2023*

Key verse: Daniel 12:7

„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. “

# Question 1

- **What will happen to the people of God in the end time, considering Daniel 11:20-45 together? (1-2; Mt 24:21)**
- **What are their responses to the time of distress and what are God's promises? (1b-2, 13)**
- **Which people does God use as the main characters in the end times? (3)**
- **Why are they like “the stars for ever and ever”?**
- **In what ways can we shine like the stars forever?**

**1-a) What will happen to the people of God in the end time, considering Daniel 11:20-45 together? (1-2; Mt 24:21)**

**It is a “time of distress”.**

**It is more severe than any other time since the beginning of nations.**

**But: Michael is coming to protect his people.**

**1-a)**

**Daniel 11:20-45:**

- Persecution through the Antichrist**
- Natural disasters**

**Mt 24:21**

- Persecution in the end times is similar to the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes, but incomparably stronger.**

**Principles of dark times are similar.**

**1-b) What are their responses to the time of distress and what are God's promises? (1b-2, 13)**

**The dark time is still a time where the salvation work of God flourishes.**

**Michael is fighting for his people to protect them (1a)**

**Ezechieel 37:10**

**God makes the dry bones alive again.**

## **1-c) Which people does God use as the main characters in the end times? (3)**

**Main characters are the bible teachers.**

**Bible teachers are like bright stars in the sky.**

**Importance of bible teachers (they are so precious)**

**Examples:**

- Dr. Samuel Lee**
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer**
- William Carry**
- Pastor Ju**
- Wednesday Bible Seminar (so important and precious)**

## **1-d) Why are they like “the stars for ever and ever”?**

**Stars in heaven are eternal.**

**Stars are there to give direction (when traveling).**

**Stars give times and signs.**

**Bible teachers give us a clear navigation in the dark time. They  
show the path to God.**

**1-e) In what ways can we shine like the stars forever?**

**Being a bible teacher has an eternal value.**

**It will affect the lives of many students and next generations.**

## Question 2

- **Why does God command Daniel to “roll up and seal the words of the scroll”?**
- **What does God’s command mean? (4)**
- **What do we learn from God who gave Daniel such a mission?**
- **How can we "roll up and seal" God's Word for spiritual revival in this generation?**

**2-a) Why does God command Daniel to “roll up and seal the words of the scroll”?**

**The words are not for Daniel’s time, but for the end time.**

**The words should be kept untampered.**

## **2-b) What does God's command mean? (4)**

**It means that God wants his word to be delivered to the generation of the last days without tempering.**

**God's word can help us to understand the signs of the times.**

**It helps us to understand the character of the Antichrist.**

**Examples of people who studied the word and found inside:**

**- Ezra**

**- Magi from the East**

## **2-c) What do we learn from God who gave Daniel such a mission?**

**God really wants us to understand his salvation work and participate in it.**

**God regarded Daniel as his “friend” (like Abraham) and revealed his plans to him.**

## **2-d) How can we "roll up and seal" God's Word for spiritual revival in this generation?**

**We can close up the word in the disciples through one-to-one bible study.**

**We can close up the word in the next generation through disciple making, e.g. GLEF.**

**Isaiah 8:16 – “Bind up the testimony  
and seal up the law among my disciples.”**

**disciple making**

## Question 3

- **What is the man's answer to the question in regard to the time of "completion of all these things"? (5-7)**
- **What does he mean by saying "When the power of the holy people has been finally broken"?**
- **Why does the man instruct Daniel to go his way instead of giving a clear answer? (9)**

**3-a) What is the man's answer to the question in regard to the time of "completion of all these things"? (5-7)**

**Verse 7:**

**Duration is 3 ½ times. 1 time + 2 times + ½ times**

**Verse 11:**

**1290 days**

**Dan 7:25 3 ½ times will be the rain of the Antichrist**

**3-b) What does he mean by saying “When the power of the holy people has been finally broken”?**

**Jesus is the final victor.**

**Mt 24:13 Whoever is faithful to the end will be blessed.**

### **3-c) Why does the man instruct Daniel to go his way instead of giving a clear answer? (9)**

**Daniel was unable to understand the revelations.**

**God will not answer all our questions or reveal everything to us,  
but only what is helpful and necessary.**

**We should just trust in God's providence, even if we don't  
know.**

## Question 4

- **Which of the two types of people are there in the end times?  
(10-11)**
- **How can we belong to the wise?**
- **What might you tell about the meaning of “1290 days” and  
“1335 days” for God’s people in relation to the time of  
distress? (11-12)**
- **What message does “wait for and reach the end” give us?**
- **What comforting word and confidence does God give to us?  
(13; Rom 8:17-18)**

**4-a) Which of the two types of people are there in the end times? (10-11)**

**Purified vs. wicked**

**Purified, spotless, refined – they will understand**

**Wicked – they will act wicked**

## **4-b) How can we belong to the wise?**

**If we love God and put him into the middle of everything.**

**Through the study of God's word.**

**4-c) What might you tell about the meaning of “1290 days” and “1335 days” for God’s people in relation to the time of distress? (11-12)**

**1290 days = 3 years and 7 months**

**1335 days = 3 years and 8 ½ months**

**To gain victory you need to endure 1290 days.**

**4-d) What message does “wait for and reach the end” give us?**

**Be patient**

**Endure**

**4-e) What comforting word and confidence does God give to us? (13; Rom 8:17-18)**

**Daniel should rest and then be raised for his heavenly inheritance.**

**Rom 8:17 “Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”**

**Rom 8:18 “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”**

# CONCLUSION

- ✓ In the dark time God is standing on our side
- ✓ Bible teachers are precious like stars in the sky
- ✓ Stand firm in the time of trial

**Daniel 12:3: „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 “**