

Daniel 12 • The Personal Application of Daniel

Many have concentrated on the individual events so as to miss the greater spiritual message and meaning accompanying them:

1. The most important thing is that **one's name** is found to be **written in the book of life**; that is, a life devoted to Christ.
2. This final, seven-year period holds a reward for **all Believers** from **EVERY age** in that a **resurrection** is promised so they can be part of the Messiah's earthly kingdom to come.
3. Those who come to understand these things will come to understand them in the same way Daniel did, through earnest **prayer, fasting, and meditation on God's Word** – not with knowledge alone to try and decipher numbers and such. Such people, defined here as having “insight”, preach and live **righteousness**.
4. There are greater spiritual events which will put these things into the proper context: persecution of the nation Israel, Israel's restoration to Jesus as their Messiah, persecution of all Believers, and Satan's attempt to spiritually pervert and deceive everyone through the person of the Antichrist in the work of the abomination of desolation. These things pertaining to the **spiritual** environment are the most important **indicators** and **triggers** for which we need to remain vigilant.
5. As Peter explained, prophets such as Daniel – and even the angels themselves – are more interested in how these things **speak of Jesus** than how they fit together into some kind of timeline. So should we. The **spiritual** is far more important than the **physical**.
6. The greater spiritual working **DURING** this last seven-year period is separating the sheep from the goats – the righteous from the wicked – which Christ Himself formally finalizes at the end. So the greater issue at work is the quality of each individual's **faithfulness**.
7. Overall, this is a call for **spiritual endurance**. It's not a test of **knowledge**, but a test of **faith**.