**Sermon Notes March 20, 2022**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Daniel – The Last 42 Months

**Scripture**: Daniel 12:1-13, Revelation 12:7-9, 13-15, 17, Ephesians 2:2

**Summary**: Chapter 12 of Daniel gives us an overview of the last 42 months of the Tribulation period. There are a number of confusing lengths of time mentioned and we will break those down in order to have a clearer understanding of God’s intention for this period of time.

**Read**: Read Daniel Chapter 12

We’ve finally reached the last chapter of the book of Daniel. We pick up in chapter 12, at the midpoint of the Tribulation period. And chapter 12 is going to give us a more general overview of the last 42 months then we had of the first 42.

We’re also interpreting these verses on the premise that the Antichrist will be a Muslim who will most likely come from within the Shiite sect and will be considered the long-awaited Islamic prophet… their Mahdi.

1. **The Last 42 Months**
   1. Daniel 12:1
      1. “At that time,” what time? Chapter 12 picks up at the mid-tribulation point.
      2. Michael is the archangel Michael, protector of the Jewish people, and he is going to come on the scene.
   2. Revelation 12:7-9, 13-15, 17
      1. Michael will go to war with Satan who is inhabiting the Antichrist.
      2. Satan and his dominion of darkness will be cast out of the second heaven.
         1. Ephesians 2:2
      3. This is the beginning of the Great Tribulation.
   3. Daniel 12:2
      1. The just and unjust will be resurrected at the end of the Millennial reign of Christ. This is the Great White Throne Judgement.
      2. These 2 verses in Daniel cover the remainder of the Tribulation period and the Millennium.
2. **Confusing Lengths of Time**
   1. Daniel 12:5-13
3. **Times, Times and Half a Time**
   1. 3 ½ years = 42 months = 1260 days
      1. This is the time allotted to the Antichrist and Satan to persecute the Jews.
   2. Verse 11 and 12 mention 1,290 days and 1,335 days.
4. **The Starting Point**
   1. At the Mid-Tribulation point
      1. Daniel 11:29 mentions that it’ll be at “the appointed time.”
   2. If we add 1,290 or 1,335 days to the date of the mid-Tribulation, we may find a special date that could tell us what these lengths of time are all about.
5. **The 9th of Av**
   1. Day of fasting when many tragedies have befallen the Jews:
      1. The 12 scouts sent out by Moses returned with a bad report of the Promised Land and an entire generation of Israelites were condemned to death because of their unbelief on the 9th of Av.
      2. The last independent Jewish outpost fell to the Romans on the 9th of Av.
      3. King Edward of England expelled all the Jews on the 9th of Av in 1290 AD.
      4. The last of the Jews were expelled from Spain on the 9th of Av in 1492.
      5. The last group of Jews left Vienna in 1670 after expulsion from Austria.
      6. The Turkish government banned all immigration of Russian and Romanian Jews into Palestine in 1882.
      7. The first and second temple in Jerusalem were destroyed on the 9th of Av.
   2. It’s not unreasonable that God may continue this theme of using the the 9th of Av to mark the mid-point of the Tribulation and the Antichrists desecration of the temple.
6. **1,290 days**
   1. Daniel 12:11
      1. End-time prophecy uses a 360-day year
      2. 3 ½ years + 30 days = 1,290 days
      3. If we count forward 1,290 days, we land on the month of Adar.
7. **The Feast of Purim**
   1. Adar is a month of celebration.
   2. The Feast of Purim occurs during the month of Adar.
   3. The Feast of Purim celebrates the story of Esther in the Old Testament.
   4. This is a foreshadowing of the final half of the Tribulation.
   5. The Jews will be delivered from Satan 1,290 days after the desecration of the temple.
   6. The power of the Antichrist over the Jews ends at 1,260 days, this is then followed by the Battle of Armageddon and the judgement of the beast and false prophet.
   7. The 30 days following the 1,260 days marks a time of cleansing for the temple.
   8. The Jews will be freed from exile and return to Jerusalem to look upon the Messiah, Jesus.

**Application / Next Steps**

What is God teaching us?

Well… first we need to know Him and His Son Jesus.

We do that by reading His word.

He tells us to look for the signs. Pay attention to the world.

But he also says… as we are in the world… don’t be of the world. Don’t embrace the things that the world holds dear… embrace what God holds dear.

Jesus gives the strength and the guidance we need to accomplish this

How do we receive His strength and guidance?

Call upon the Lord… confess Him as Lord and Savior…repent of your sin… be baptized into new life and follow Christ with all your effort? This is how we take ownership of the free gift of eternal salvation.