

The Wise Will Be All Right

Daniel 10:1-12:13, Matthew 24:15-16, 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Daniel's World

- Daniel's world was no less intimidating than ours is today.
- When Daniel prayed and fasted, God sent him a heavenly messenger to settle his mind about what the future would hold.
- The first 35 verses of chapter 11 summarized the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great and the many decades of war and intrigue between the Seleucid dynasty of Syria and the Ptolemaic dynasty of Egypt.
- Few prophecies in the Bible are so detailed
- God saw history before it happened; it was never a surprise to Him.

Abomination

- The future is not always revealed clearly.
- Although history has shown that no matter how powerful evil kings or countries are, the end is the same.
- Daniel speaks confidently of the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, and our heavenly dwelling.
- When would the vision of verses 5-12 be fulfilled... in the second century or at the end of time, when Christ returns?
- What is your interpretation of the "abomination that causes desolation...?"

Conclusion

- Bible study can be as simple as paying attention when we read.
- The wise understand that God's people may suffer persecution or loss.
- The wise understand that God is in control, and they walk in righteousness with Him.
- The wise trust God, count on God, and obey God.
- Our goal is not just to survive but to become RIGHT in every way so we will be ready when Christ returns to bring us to glory.