

## DANIEL

Lesson 23: Daniel 12:5-13  
Tigris River Q & A

## ON WHEAT AND TARES

- The disciples asked questions about the time between Jesus' first advent and His return.
- So Jesus told parables that provide insight.
- Here is one: A man sowed good seed, but an enemy came at night and sowed bad.
- Servants ask: Collect tares now?

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- The landowner said wait for harvest. Why?

▶ Matthew 13:29–30 – *“But he said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”*

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- Not all parables have an “answer key” but this one does.
- Jesus later explained how this parable illustrates what is going to happen when He returns.
- Angels will harvest both tares and wheat.

2 Matthew 13:36–43 – *And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. →*

2 *The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then **the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears, let him hear.”*

#### ON WHEAT AND TARES

- Jesus doesn't want the angels to harvest until the end because they might not accurately distinguish which is which!
- Some of what might have looked like a tare will demonstrate itself as wheat.
- Some that looked like wheat will be shown as tares.

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- In his early days, you might have said of Paul, “no way!” Tare! But he became wheat!
- **Tare!** 2 Timothy 4:10 – *for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.*
- Everyone's “final answer” will be in when Jesus returns. Here's what will happen...

3 Matthew 24:29–31 – *“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. →*

3 *And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”*

- Identity will be clear when Jesus returns. Jesus will say of all who confess him as their Lord and Savior, he/she belongs to me.
- And the angels will say, “Got it! Wheat!!”

4 Luke 12:8–9 – *“And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”*

- **This boggles my mind. When I declare “Jesus is my Lord and Savior,” He will confess me as His! Before the angels!**

#### ON WHEAT AND TARES

- So why am I telling you this!
- **Because until Jesus returns, the verdict is not in.** If you have not confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you can do a 180 and claim Him as your Savior. You can do it today!
- You can stop living for yourself and decide to live for Him until He returns.

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- When you do, the angels will throw a party in celebration over you!
- 5 Luke 15:10 – *“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*
- How to do this? Daniel can tell us.

## ON WHEAT AND TARES

- If you have already declared Jesus as your Savior, then pay attention;
- “Wheaties” will recognize what’s coming, prepare accordingly, and prevail despite pressure.
- Daniel 12:5-13 completes book – next week wrap up.

## VISION Q &amp; A

- The vision concluded, here is the Q&A
- A Bystander Question (12:5-6)
- Angel Answer #1 (12:7)
- Daniel’s Question (12:8)
- Angel Answer #2 (12:9-13)

## 6 I. A BYSTANDER QUESTION (12:5-6)

- 6 *Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river. And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, **“How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”***

### 6 I. A BYSTANDER QUESTION (12:5-6)

- Context from 10:4-7: Daniel first saw the heavenly messenger while on the bank of the Tigris River.
- Daniel was accompanied by other men who saw nothing but were terrified and ran away.
- Now at the end of the vision, he sees two other angels, one on each bank.

### 6 I. A BYSTANDER QUESTION (12:5-6)

- One bank-angel asked the linen garbed angel who revealed the vision, literally: “How long end of wonders?” (No “until” in text.)
- “Wonders” (*pele*) is most often used of amazing works of God but also of the astonishing fall of a city (Lam. 1:19).

### 6 I. A BYSTANDER QUESTION (12:5-6)

- He is asking, “what is the time-frame for Daniel 11:36-45?”
- How long will this final chapter last?
- Interesting that this is an “inter-angelic dialog!”

### 7 2. ANGEL ANSWER #1 (12:7)

- 7 *I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.*

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## 2. ANGEL ANSWER #1 (12:7)

- The messenger is hovering over the Tigris
- He makes a solemn oath using God's name for Himself. "You can take this to the bank."
- Time frame = 1 time + two times + half a time = 3.5 years = 1260 days.
- The ultimate faith test will last 3.5 years.

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Daniel 7:25–26 – *"He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for **a time, times, and half a time**. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever."*

## 2. ANGEL ANSWER #1 (12:7)

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Daniel 9:27 – *"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week (**"seven"**), but in the middle of the week (**"seven"**) he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."*

## 2. ANGEL ANSWER #1 (12:7)

- The antichrist will establish a covenant with Israel.
- But 3.5 years into this treaty he will turn on Israel, establish himself as god, commission his self-adulation idol, and proceed to shatter all opposition.
- Note: 3.5 years is a perseverance marker.

### 10 3. DANIEL'S QUESTION (12:8)

10 *As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?"*

- "Outcome" refers to what follows. What happens after these events?
- He knows about rescue, resurrection, and reward (12:1-4), but then what?

### 11 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

11 **Future Cast #1 (12:9, 13):** *He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age."*

- You have been given "sufficient information" but not "complete information."

### 11 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- "Rest" is the grave.
- The angel is telling Daniel he will enjoy benefit #2 (Dan 12:2).
- You will not be in the rescue group, but the resurrection group. You will not have to deal with antichrist (Neb & Darius have been enough). You are on the resurrection track.

### 11 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- "Rise" is the same word used of Michael in verse 2, "arise." Come into your own = resurrected.
- You will get to experience first hand what follows the termination of the antichrist.
- "Lot" is his inheritance lot in the millennial kingdom. God has an opening waiting!

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

**12** **Future Cast #2 (12:10-13):** *“Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!”*

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- I will talk about “purged, purified and refined” last.
- The wicked will be clueless – the clock is ticking and they are oblivious.
- Those with biblically informed convictions will make connections and **KNOW** what is happening and where this is going.

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- The antichrist’s last big hurrah will last 1290 days. So why the additional 45 days to blessing?

**13** **Speculating: Matthew 25:31–32** – *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”*

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- Those who make it to day 1335 will be honored celebrants at Jesus’ inauguration.
- He once prayed, your name be honored, your will be done, your kingdom be founded here on earth.
- In this moment His prayer will be answered.



## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- In these dark days something truly astounding will happen!
- 14 *Many will be purged, purified and refined.*
  - “Many” means “many manys” = people from every tribe and tongue and nation.
  - Three results: “Purged” = cleansed / made pure

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- “Purified” means made white.
- 15 *Isaiah 1:18 – “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as **white** as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.”*
  - “Refined” = made pure.

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- 16 *Zechariah 13:9 – “And I will bring the third part through the fire, **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, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”*
  - This passage is describing this moment!

## 4. ANGEL ANSWER #2 (12:9-13)

- Even as the antichrist is raging, God is going to use this time to produce a people who are cleansed, made white, and refined.
- These are those who will say, “The Lord is my God,” and of whom God will say, “These are my people.”
- Explain salvation

## PRACTICAL EXERCISES

- Watercup Delivery = practical exercise #8

17 Matthew 25:34–40 – “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; →

## PRACTICAL EXERCISES

17 *I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? →*

## PRACTICAL EXERCISES

17 ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’”

- Find ways to identify with and aid those who are paying a price for their allegiance to Jesus.

## PRACTICAL EXERCISES

- Minister to them in a way that reflects how you would respond to Jesus.
- Remember the prisoners!
- Care for those whom the enemy has in his sights.
- This is a skill that will be valued by Jesus!

### PRACTICAL EXERCISES

- Right Angle Grace = practical exercise #9
- Jesus did something astounding on the cross.
- 18 ▶ Luke 23:34 – *But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”*
- Think about what is happening in this moment – Jesus is forgiving His persecutors!

### PRACTICAL EXERCISES

- Intro Moses testimony
- Daunting discipline!
- You might think, “There is no way I can do this!”
- Let me explain something I call right-angle grace.

### PRACTICAL EXERCISES

- The forgiven have the power to forgive!
- If you unwrap the gift of God’s forgiveness, you can forgive anything another has done against you.
- How to unwrap this gift.