



## **Introduction to “Perfect Timing”**

We have made it to the last chapter in the book of Daniel! The chapter continues from chapter 11; the conclusion section begins in 12:5. The chapter draws many storylines together and to their end; 1) here we see the dramatic ending to the crisis related to the future end times and the Antichrist, 2) the ending to Israel’s horrible oppression under what came to be Antiochus (168BC), 3) the ending to Daniel’s life, and, 4) the ending to Daniel’s book. Verses 2 and 3 are key verses in that they awaken us to eternal life and to eternal separation from God, while inspiring hope for walking in righteousness amidst the troubles and suffering God’s people will face. Though questions remain, Daniel’s life and ministry through this book has revealed God’s perfect timing in Israel and in history. Most importantly, God’s timing has brought about the Son of Man delivering God’s people. Therefore, we can live with faith and trust that Satan, evil, suffering, and death...will be put to death once and for all and God’s

ultimate plans and promises--for a restored and redeemed creation--will come about, in his perfect timing.

### **Daniel Series Objectives:**

Head: To understand the Book of Daniel.

Heart: To face hardship with courage.

Hands: To make choices that glorify God.

## **Part 12: Perfect Timing**

Text: Daniel 12

Big Idea: Confession enables us to see more of God.

From the Sermon (add your own notes here):

- 1. End of the Antichrist (Daniel 12:1-9)**
- 2. End of Antiochus (12:10-12)**
- 3. End of Daniel's Life (12:13)**
- 4. End of Daniel's Book (1-12)**

### **Getting Started**

1. Share a blessing and a bumper from your week.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Share a time or example when you had to deal with only having limited information or you had to wait to find out the final conclusion.

## **Digging Deeper**

How does God protect his people? How have you experienced the protection of God?

Why is preparation for persecution a necessary part of discipleship?

What kinds of persecution might you face for the sake of Christ?

Why can one's heavenly citizenship not be revoked? What comfort does this bring?

Why is the resurrection an important and necessary component of the gospel? Why do you think it is so often overlooked?

According to verse 3, what is the proper task of God's people living before "the end of the days"?

Do you ever grow impatient waiting for Christ's return?

To what area of faithfulness is God calling you as you wait?

If salvation is secure in Christ, why does the Bible focus on God's people living holy lives?

Daniel ends with a call for endurance to the end. What other passages of Scripture call believers to persevere?

## Live It Out

**Pray:** Take a few moments and pray using Daniel 12:3 and Daniel 12:9-10.

**Confess:** Is there an area of your life where you need to stop fretting or worrying and simply turn and trust God?

**Act:** It is a basic principle of discipleship to study and meditate on God's Word. How can you, like Daniel, work to preserve and live according to God's revelation?