

The book of Daniel is not just ancient history, it is a roadmap for all of history.

*But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4 (ESV)*

*Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. Daniel 12:5–7 (ESV)*

*And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. Daniel 12:11–12 (ESV)*

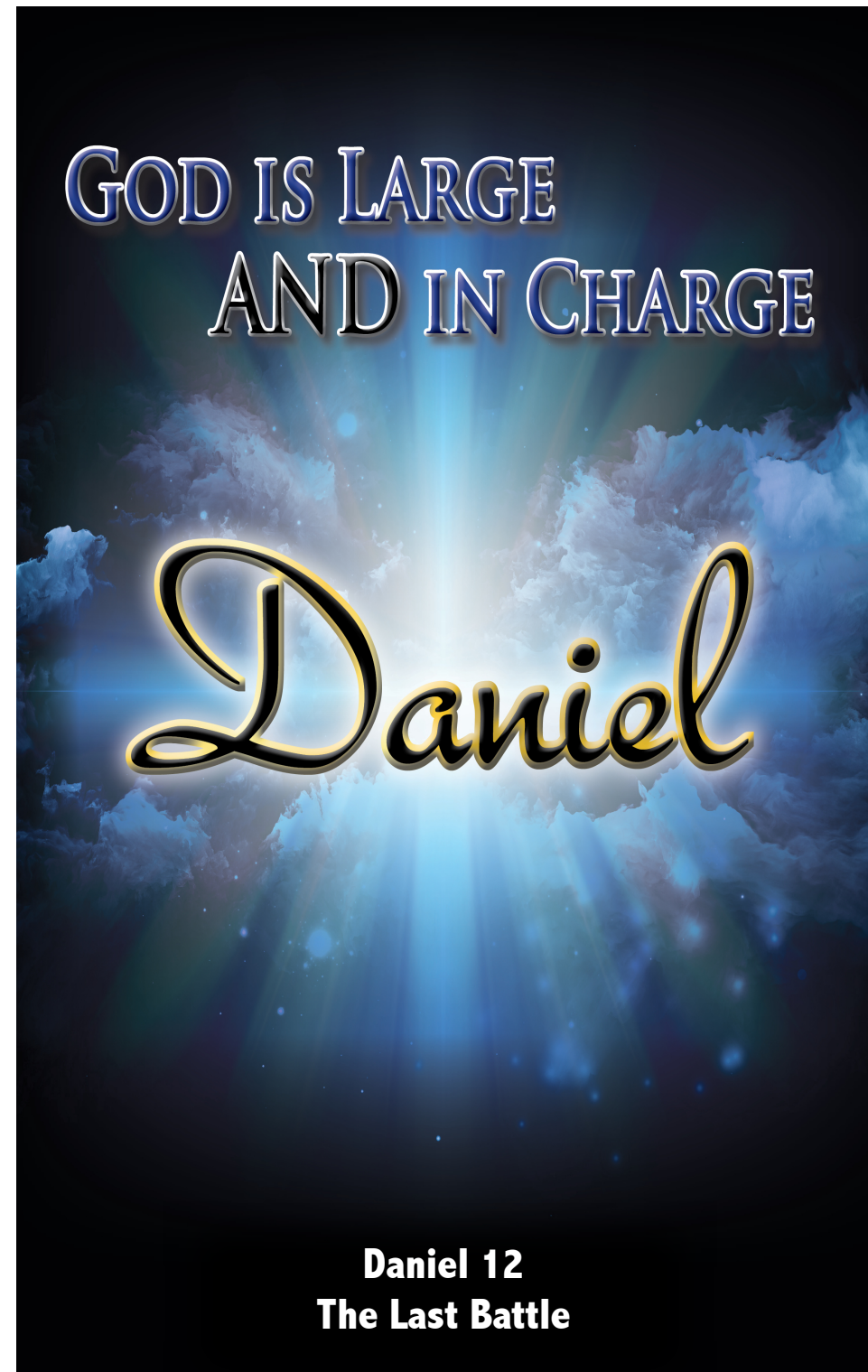
Daniel didn’t understand everything in the book, neither will we.

*I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. Daniel 12:8–10 (ESV)*

1. **God is large and in charge.** God is in control of world history and my history. He loves me. I can trust him, even when I don’t understand what he is doing.
2. **Honoring God has a payoff.** Many times it is hard to turn from sin and costly to honor Christ. In times of persecution it is especially hard. In the time of the great tribulation it will be especially hard to honor Christ and talk about him. Christ promises us a reward that far outweighs the price we pay for honoring him.
3. **Don’t lose hope in times of trouble.** There are times when life is tough. In those times, God sends angels to help. It is in our moment of greatest need that we are most teachable by Christ and most likely to experience his presence and love in ways we have never before.

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March 17 - Pastor Leland preaching  
March 24 - Palm Sunday  
March 31 - Easter at the SAMI - 10:00 AM



# Faith Church - EFCA

March 10, 2013

Daniel 12

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## Background - Daniel 11

1. **Wide-Angle Lens**- The history of the Seleucids and Ptolemies from the time of Daniel to just before Christ.
2. **Zoom Lens** - The details on Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) of the Seleucid empire, a type of the antichrist.
3. **Telescopic Lens** - Looking beyond Antiochus IV to the final antichrist of history that he prefigured.

## The Great Tribulation

*...And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time... Daniel 12:1 (ESV)*

*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Matthew 24:21–22 (ESV)*

## God promises divine help during the time of greatest need.

*“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people... Daniel 12:1 (ESV)*

*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11 (ESV)*

## Christ's Return

*But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1 (ESV)*

*and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. Revelation 13:8 (ESV)*

## The Resurrection of the Dead

*And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2 (ESV)*

## There is more than one resurrection.

*But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 1 Corinthians 15:23–24 (ESV)*

*The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Revelation 20:5 (ESV)*

*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5:26–29 (ESV)*

## We will be rewarded for how we served Jesus.

*And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3 (ESV)*

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)*