



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Ezekiel, Daniel Sermon Series  
Supports Session 13: Confession Made  
Sermon Title: "Until the End"  
Passage: Daniel 12:8-13

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### Connection to Daniel 9:4-19

Believers live in the settling assurance that the Lord oversees what will happen at the end of time.

### Introduction/Opening

How will the story end? We ask ourselves that question as we read a mystery novel that's a real page-turner. Or the question may come to mind when we're watching a cliff-hanger movie.

Daniel asked that kind of question but not about a book or a movie. His question came in response to something much more monumental. He had been given a prophecy about the end of time. Encountering the prophecy about the end of time prompted him to ask the question.

People everywhere seem to be asking that kind of question these days. Looking at what's going on in the world troubles them and compels them to wonder when the world will end.

Uncertain times also prompt God's people to ask that same question. The answer that the angel gave to Daniel in this passage offers believers some settling insights into what to do as we look ahead to the end of time. These insights can enable us to be faithful to the Lord as we live in light of the last day.

### Outline

1. We can embrace the truth about what will happen (vv. 8-10).
  - a. The Lord has given us what we need to know about the end of time.
  - b. Believers will grow spiritually through troubling times ahead.
  - c. Others will not understand what God is doing in the world.
  
2. We can trust the Lord with what will happen (vv. 11-12).
  - a. He will bring in His kingdom according to His timeline.
  - b. He will control the events that will take shape in the future.
  - c. He will work in a way that favors His people.

3. We can look forward to what will happen (v. 13).
  - a. We will rest in Him while we live and when we die.
  - b. We will rise to meet Him at our resurrection.
  - c. We will rejoice over what He's preparing for us in eternity.

## **Conclusion**

When will the world come to an end? When will the end of time come? The angel's answer to these kinds of questions redirects our attention. Instead of wondering when it will happen, the angel instructs us on how to live until the end.

You may have become a follower of Christ. How does your life reflect the instruction given by the angel to Daniel? What changes do you need to make in your walk with the Lord so you can live in the settled peace that He will walk with you now and come for you one day?

If you haven't become a follower of Christ, pay close attention to the angel's instruction. You're wise to allow God to have complete control over the end of time. He also has the last word regarding the end of your life. Embrace Him, ask Him to forgive your sins, and place your faith in Him. Walk with Him into the future and live in the settling peace that only He can give.

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