

I Heard But I Did Not  
Understand

**Daniel 12:8-10**

# Read the whole chapter

- Considering the situation we are all in today, this chapter is very pertinent. Daniel's life span was about 620-538 BC. He may have been about 17 years old when he was taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BC, which was the first time Jerusalem was defeated. According to Babylon's own historical documents, the royal family and any other brilliant young men aged 15-17 were taken captive in order to reeducate them to Babylonian culture, then use them as advisors against their own people. Daniel was reeducated, but refused to be used against his people, but stood up for his people. His story is amazing, so you might want to reread the whole story.

# What about the end time?

- Since Daniel was gifted with supernatural insight, being given more information by an angel about the end time, wanted the answer to what the angel was sharing. He was used to being given the answer, but this time, the angel said to “conceal and seal.” This must have been disconcerting to Daniel, but being obedient to the angel, he did as commanded.
- Ask yourself why he was told to conceal this prophetic word. Maybe Mark 13:32 reveals something to us? Maybe because our Lord knew he would bring forth a fuller revelation to John on the island of Patmos?

# Seal

- So why would the angel tell Daniel to seal up the words? Is the Lord sealing up truth from us? Was He sealing up truth from His own people? Is our Lord a secretive God?
- Read Amos 3:7. The prophets of old revealed both truth, gave warnings, and foretold the future. So because “the Lord does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets,” this ‘sealing’ is not to withhold the future, but to tell us that what was shared to Daniel’s ears alone, that it will for sure come to pass.
- If you’re like me, you would like to know what was predicted, but we can trust our Lord to let us know when we need to know.

# The purpose of our current virus?

- Verse 10 tells us what times of struggle are for: “Many will be purged, purified and refined.” One writer suggested this to be a time that a person’s character will be revealed. Will you allow the Lord to do this in your life or will you resist, pray for a way out, or just give in and act like unbelievers? Panic, anxiety, worry, anger, fear..... These are not qualities of a believer. “None of the wicked will understand.” Brethren, you have been given understanding by the Holy Spirit living within you! The Holy Spirit never panics or has the qualities listed above; He is Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let Him control you during these trying times.

# Are you wise?

- Verse 10 tells us that those who have insight will understand. Understand what? The times? How do we gain insight into the end times? Read the Word! We need to be in the Word more than ever before! Read, meditate, study, pray. Don't be one of the many who will be deceived by the Anti-Christ when he comes onto the world scene. He will have the answer that the world needs, and that is why he will be exalted and followed by most of the world.
- The Anti-Christ does not have the answer we need; Jesus has all the answers we need! As the old hymn says, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

# Final words

- We need to follow the example of Daniel. He allowed himself to be taught everything Babylonian, but he never adopted their religion. He prayed openly three times a day, even when his life depended on it. Because of his faithfulness to pray to Elohim, he was thrown into the lion's den. An angel was there to protect him!
- “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” Hebrews 1:14
- We have the precious promise by our Lord, “no one will snatch them out of My hand.” You are one of THEM! If not, accept Jesus as your Savior today and become, one of THEM. Shalom.