

~TIME OF THE END (250)

- An expression found **six times** in the book of Daniel. It refers to a time period marking the conclusion of a system of things and culminating in its destruction.
- The prophet Daniel was given a preview of events to occur in the distant future. Thereafter he was told; And as for you, O Daniel, make secret the words and seal up the book, until the time of the end. Many will rove about, and the true knowledge will become abundant.
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- Concerning this text, commentator **Thomas Scott**, in the first half of the **19th Century**, observed: The angel, by way of conclusion, intimated to Daniel, that this prophecy would remain obscure, and as a sealed book, of which little would be understood, till **the time of the end**.
- The fact has evidenced this to be the case, immense difficulties have always been acknowledged in many of Daniel's prophecies, and they have been as words shut up even from believers in general. In these latter ages many have bestowed great pains, in searching into history, to illustrate those parts of these prophecies which are already accomplished, and by comparing them with other scriptures, to form some judgment of what yet remains to be fulfilled, and thus much light has been thrown on them.
- As they shall gradually be more and more accomplished, they will be better understood, and future generations will be far more surprised and instructed by them, than we are. [Scott's Explanatory Notes, 1832]
- The lack of understanding concerning Daniel's prophecies in the early part of the **19th Century** indicated that this foretold **time of the end** was yet future, since those **having insight**, God's true servants, were to understand the prophecy in **the time of the end**.
- And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until **the time of the end**. (Daniel 12:9)

- Many will cleanse themselves and whiten themselves and will be refined. And the wicked ones will certainly act wickedly, and no wicked ones at all will understand, but the ones having insight will understand. (**Daniel 12:10**)
- The expression, **time of the end**, is also used in association with particular developments in connection with human government.
- And in **the time of the end** the king of the south will engage with him in a pushing, and against him the king of the north will storm with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will certainly enter into the lands and flood over and pass through. (**Daniel 11:40**)
- He will also actually enter into the land of the Decoration, and there will be many lands that will be made to stumble. But these are the ones that will escape out of his hand, Edom and Moab and the main part of the sons of Ammon. (**Daniel 11:41**)
- And he will keep thrusting out his hand against the lands, and as regards the land of Egypt, she will not prove to be an escapee. (**Daniel 11:42**)
- And he will actually rule over the hidden treasures of the gold and the silver and over all the desirable things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians will be at his steps. (**Daniel 11:43**)
- But there will be reports that will disturb him, out of the sunrising and out of the north, and he will certainly go forth in a great rage in order to annihilate and to devote many to destruction. (**Daniel 11:44**)
- And he will plant his palatial tents between the grand sea and the holy mountain of Decoration, and he will have to come all the way to his end, and there will be no helper for him. (**Daniel 11:45**)
- Thus, **the time of the end**, here is evidently to be understood as a period culminated by the destruction of the king of the north. Lending confirmation to this is the fact that the king of the north is earlier portrayed as persecuting God's servants, those **having insight**, until **the time of the end**, that is, until **his time of the end**.
- And as regards those **having insight** among the people, they will

impart understanding to the many. And they will certainly be made to stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plundering, for some days. (Daniel 11:33)

- But when they are made to stumble they will be helped with a little help, and many will certainly join themselves to them by means of smoothness. (Daniel 11:34)
- And some of those **having insight** will be made to stumble, in order to do a refining work because of them and to do a cleansing and to do a whitening, until the **time** of the end, because it is yet for the time appointed. (Daniel 11:35)
- Another feature associated with **the time of the end** is the standing up of a king fierce in countenance that would range himself against the Prince of princes, finally to be broken or destroyed. This **king** was to stand up in the final part of the kingdoms that sprang from the four parts into which the Grecian Empire was to be divided.
- And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the four winds of the heavens. (Daniel 8:8)
- And out of one of them there came forth another horn, a small one, and it kept getting very much greater toward the south and toward the sunrising and toward the Decoration. (Daniel 8:9)
- And it kept getting greater all the way to the army of the heavens, so that it caused some of the army and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it went trampling them down. (Daniel 8:10)
- And all the way to the Prince of the army it put on great airs, and from him the constant feature was taken away, and the established place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (Daniel 8:11)
- And an army itself was gradually given over, together with the constant feature, because of transgression, and it kept throwing truth to the earth, and it acted and had success. (Daniel 8:12)
- And I got to hear a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one proceeded to say to the particular one who was speaking;

How long will the vision be of the constant feature and of the transgression causing desolation, to make both the holy place and the army things to trample on? (Daniel 8:13)

- **So he said to me; Until two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings, and the holy place will certainly be brought into its right condition. (Daniel 8:14)**
- **Then it came about that, while I myself, Daniel, was seeing the vision and seeking an understanding, why, look! There was standing in front of me someone in appearance like an able-bodied man. (Daniel 8:15)**
- **And I began to hear the voice of an earthling man in the midst of the Ulai, and he proceeded to call out and say; Gabriel, make that one there understand the thing seen. (Daniel 8:16)**
- **So he came beside where I was standing, but when he came I got terrified so that I fell upon my face. And he proceeded to say to me; Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the **time** of the end. (Daniel 8:17)**
- **And while he was speaking with me, I had become fast asleep on my face on the earth. So he touched me and made me stand up where I had been standing. (Daniel 8:18)**
- **And he went on to say; Here I am causing you to know what will occur in the final part of the denunciation, because it is for the appointed **time** of the end. (Daniel 8:19)**
- **The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)**
- **And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (Daniel 8:21)**
- **And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (Daniel 8:22)**
- **And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (Daniel 8:23)**

- And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty ones to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. (Daniel 8:24)
- And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (Daniel 8:25)
- Since the king of the north and the king of the south came from the same source, it logically follows that the king fierce in countenance corresponds to one of these kings in his **time of the end**.
- The expression, **time of the end**, does not mean an **end of time** but denotes a period of time that culminates in the **end or destruction, not of all things, but of the things mentioned in the prophecy**. That time itself will not end is made clear in the Scriptures. For example, the psalmist said concerning the earth. It will not be made to totter to time indefinite, or forever.
- He has founded the earth upon its established places, it will not be made to totter to **time indefinite**, or forever. (Psalms 104:5)
- Since the earth will continue to exist, it necessarily follows that **time**, as an earthly dimension or measurement, will not cease. While it is true that;
- And by the One who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it and the earth and the things in it and the sea and the things in it, he swore; There will be no delay any longer. (Revelation 10:6)
- May be rendered, there should be time no longer, the context indicates that this means **no further grant of time**, thus, a specific or allotted period of time terminates. [KJ] Other translations, therefore, read:
- **There should be no more delay. AT, RS There will be no delay any longer. NW** Commenting on this text, **A. T Robertson** observes: **This does not mean that *chronos*, or time will cease to exist, but only that there**

will be no more delay in the fulfillment of the seventh trumpet. [Word Pictures in the New Testament, 1933, Vol. VI, p. 372]

- **But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to blow his trumpet, the sacred secret of God according to the Good News which he declared to his own slaves the prophets is indeed brought to a finish. (Revelation 10:7)**
- **In answer to the question; How long?**
- **And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10)**