

# Daniel Two—A Picture of Past and Future

## Bible Prophecy, Part 1

☑ **Target: Know that it is the Endtime**

### Key Verses

*Daniel 2:44—And in the days of these kings the God of Heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

*John 13:19—Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.*

*John 14:3—And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

### Suggested Bible Reading

☐ Key chapters from Isaiah: 40, 42, 53, 54, 55, 60, 61

### Other Recommended Reading

☐ *The Future Foretold* (Aurora publication)

### Prayer And Praise: Nighttime Prayer

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Thank You, Jesus, for the events of the day. Thank You for keeping me safe and for everything that was accomplished. Thank You for supplying my needs and taking such good care of me! Now as I come to the close of this day, I commit myself to You. You promised, “The Lord will give strength unto His people, the Lord will bless His people with peace” (Psalm 29:11). Help me to have a peaceful rest in Your arms and to wake tomorrow refreshed for a new day. Bless my dreams and help them to be inspired by You. Bless my loved ones and friends everywhere. Amen.

### Meditation: Jesus Is Coming Soon—Are You Getting Prepared?

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Despite all the warnings of God’s prophets and world events that point to the Second Coming of Christ and the end of the world as it now is, most people today still won’t believe! “Oh, they’ve been saying for centuries that Jesus is coming back, and He hasn’t come yet!”—Unwittingly they themselves are a fulfillment of an Endtime prophecy: “Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation’” (2 Peter 3:3–4).

Will you be ready when Jesus comes?—Are you one of His Own?—Have you received Him personally into your own heart? If so, you won’t be taken by surprise and can actually look forward to that Great Day with hope and faith and eager anticipation! It won’t be long!

<To think about> Read *Ephesians 6:10–18*. Are you preparing for Jesus' return by getting to know Him better right now? Are you girding yourself with the armor of God?

## Getting to Know the Bible—The Future Foretold

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All the way through the prophecies of Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, John, Jesus, etc., there are countless specific detailed descriptions of the last days on earth before Christ's second coming. You can find these prophecies in: Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, John 14, Acts 1, 1 Thessalonians 4 and 5, 2 Thessalonians 2, 1 Timothy 4, 2 Timothy 3, 2 Peter 1 and 3, and the whole Book of Revelation, as well as multitudes of prophecies in the Old Testament, including many in the Historical Books, as well as the Poetical Books, and 17 Books of the Prophets, which are almost nothing but prophecies and specific predictions of the future!

It is obvious through these many passages that the Lord gave us these signs for a reason: He wants us to know about the soon coming of His Kingdom, He wants us to be prepared for it, and He wants us to have that knowledge and be able to teach others. God's Word says, "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near" (Revelation 1:3).

He does want us to know the future, and throughout the entire Bible He continues to give us multitudes, thousands, of literal, specific predictions of the future and what its times and seasons will be like! In fact, the Lord makes it extremely explicit many times in many places regarding the exact number of years and months, and even days, during the soon coming crucial last Seven Years of the Endtime!

In Matthew chapter 24 and Luke chapter 21, Jesus Himself gives one of the most descriptive and specific of all rundowns of future Endtime events of any prophet in the Bible. After giving a long list of predictions and coming signs of the times, He tells us, "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28). "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place" (Matthew 24:34).

—So obviously, He wants us to "see" and "look" at the signs of His Coming being fulfilled before He returns so that we can "discern the signs of the times" (Matthew 16:3). (See also 1 Thessalonians 5:1–5.)