

The Book of Daniel Syllabus

Chapter 12

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The Hebrew word *tsar* is variously translated *trouble, affliction, tribulation, travail*.

Its meaning is “a narrow place” into which one has been “pressed by outside pressure.” It can mean the birth canal.

Jer. 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: **it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.**

This is the 7-year cycle we call the tribulation period.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

In his wonderful book, *Zechariah, A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies*, David Baron makes this observation concerning the last chapters of that prophetic book:

“The overthrow of world-power, and the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom, may be given as the epitome of the last chapters of Zechariah...
[T]wo oracles...make up the whole of the second half of the book (chaps. 9-11 and 12-14)...Both sections treat of war between the heathen world and Israel, though in different ways.

In the first (chaps. 9-11), the *judgment through which Gentile world-power over Israel is finally destroyed*...

In the second (chaps. 12-14), *the judgment through which Israel itself is sifted and purged* in the final great conflict with the nations, and transformed into the holy nation of Jehovah....”

Chapters 30 and 31 of Jeremiah are a book within a book that the LORD told the prophet to write (30:1,2). These enlightening chapters succinctly put forth God's plans and purposes in the restoration of Israel. The book within a book begins:

Jer. 30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel [the northern kingdom] and Judah [the southern kingdom] saith Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. (ASV)

The LORD closes this book within a book with His amazing declaration that as long as the sun, the moon, and the stars exist, there will be a nation of Israel upon the earth before Him forever. This completely obliterates “replacement theology.”

Jer. 31:35 ¶ Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name:

Jer. 31:36 If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jer. 31:37 Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah. (ASV)

Yet it is in these promising chapters that we hear of “the time of Jacob’s” trouble.

[And I would interject a word here about His calling the nation Jacob. He does not call it Abraham. Abraham had other sons: Ishmael, and Keturah’s six sons.

He does not call it Isaac. Isaac had another son, Esau.

All of Jacob’s sons head up the twelve tribes of Israel. Therefore, when speaking of the natural seed of Israel, He often calls them Jacob.]

Jer. 30:4 ¶ And these are the words that Jehovah spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

Jer. 30:5 For thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Jer. 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer. 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jer. 30:8 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondman;

Jer. 30:9 but they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jer. 30:10 Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith Jehovah; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Jer. 30:11 For I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure, and will in no wise leave thee unpunished.

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Matt. 24:15 ¶ When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand),

Matt. 24:16 then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains:

Matt. 24:17 let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house:

Matt. 24:18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak.

Matt. 24:19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!

Matt. 24:20 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath:

Matt. 24:21 for then shall be **great tribulation**, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.

Matt. 24:22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake [the Jewish remnant] those days shall be shortened.

All these scriptural references refer to Daniel's Seventieth Week.
The Shmittah Cycle of the Book of Revelation.

The Hebrew word *tsar* is translated variously as, *tribulation*, *trouble*, *affliction*, and *travail*. It means literally "a narrow place...created by outside pressure."

The references to travail and the birth of a child illustrate it well.
The child passes through the narrow place of the birth canal.
Pain is associated with the passage.
But at the end, a baby is born!

During one of the Intifadas (uprisings) in Israel, I took a group to the new community next to ancient Shiloh. Constant attacks were happening on the roads to and from Shiloh. A young mother named Rachel had just been murdered in an attack upon her car.

In those days there were no facilities for tourists, so my friend, Batia, kindly let our whole busload of about 40 use her bathroom. I noticed she had a fragment of cloth pinned to the shoulder of her dress. The cloth was torn in the middle as a sign of mourning.

She pointed to it and said, "We know there is to be travail in the fulfilling of prophecy, but at least in the end, we will get a baby!"

And they will. The nation will be born in a day.

Is. 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion **travailed**, she brought forth her children.

Dan. 12:2 *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Dan. 12:3 *And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (ASV)*

Dan. 12:4 *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (ASV)*

Dan. 12:5 ¶ *Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side.*

Dan. 12:6 *And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?*

Dan. 12:7 *And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*

Dan. 12:8 *And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what shall be the zissue of these things?*

Dan. 12:9 *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.*

Dan. 12:10 *Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but they that are wise shall understand.*

Dan. 12:11 *And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand and two hundred and ninety days.*

Dan. 12:12 *Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.*

Dan. 12:13 *But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days. (ASV)*

The Lord will reveal the full meaning of these verses.

For though Daniel was told to shut up the book, the time of revelation and opening of these things is at hand.