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Can you imagine beloved, everything that you hold dear; now not in relationships, but everything that you hold dear as far as material possessions or achievements being destroyed? It's going to be destroyed. It is all going to come to an end. So what does God say to you? He says since it's going to be destroyed, you ought to be holy, you ought to be godly and you ought to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord. We'll talk about it today.

PART ONE

In our last program beloved, we had that little horn, that king, that despicable person pitching his tents in the Beautiful Land, spreading out his royal pavilion. Let's look at it. It's Daniel, chapter 11 and the last verse of Daniel, chapter 11, verse 45. And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain. Yet, he will come to his

end and no one will help him. Well if you would go back to Daniel, chapter 7, and you would look again at what it says about the little horn, we see the demise of that little horn that comes up among the ten horns, that little horn that is called in the New Testament, the antichrist, that is called the man of lawlessness, this one who opposes and exalts himself against God. Now in Daniel, chapter 12, verse 1 it says now at that time. So here is a time phrase. When you read now at that time you want to say, hey, what time. Well, you go back to the verse before it. When he pitches his royal tents. All right, at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people; we've already looked at Michael; will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as has never occurred since there was a nation until that time. And you want to mark until that time. At that time, and you want to mark at that time. Your people, Daniel's people, the Jews, everyone who was found written in the book will be rescued. What has God just told us? And this so important, that there is a time of distress coming upon this world such as has never been and never will be again. It is the time of Jacob's trouble. It is the great and terrible day of the Lord. And yet he has also told you something so exciting, that many Jews during that time are going to survive. They are going to be saved. They are going to be rescued. Why? God has written them in the book. In other words, he knows their names. These are the ones that is the faithful remnant that he is talking about. If you would go with me to Zechariah, the second to last book in the Old Testament, and when you get to Zechariah, you find a statement about these people. In Zechariah, chapter 13 he says in verse 8 and it will come about in all the land, declares the Lord, that two parts in it will be cut off and perish. But the third will be left in it. It's a remnant and I mark it as a remnant. And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them, as silver is refined and test them as gold is tested and they will call upon My name and I will answer them, and I will say they are My people. And they will say the Lord is my God. What's going to happen to the other two-thirds? Apostasy.

Remember I told you in a previous program that apostasy is coming, that this is the thing that marks and it happens before the great and terrible day of the Lord. Now when it says that there is a time of distress that is coming such as has never been, there are three other scriptures that talk about that time of distress. One of them is Joel, chapter 2, verses 1 & 2. So let me read it to you. It says blow a trumpet in Zion, in Israel. Sound an alarm on My holy mountain in Jerusalem. Let all the inhabitants of the land tr, tr, tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. Surely it is near; a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness as the dawn is spread over the mountains, so there is a great and mighty people. There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations. In other words, this is the same time that he is talking about. Matthew, chapter 24. Now we saw that Luke talked about the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and told them what to do when they saw certain things they were to flee to the mountains. When they saw Jerusalem surrounded by armies then he said, let those that are in Judea flee to the mountains. Whoa be to those who are nursing children or have young babes. But in Matthew, chapter 24, he doesn't take us to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.; he takes us to the time of distress that God is talking about through Daniel in Daniel, chapter 12, verse 1. Matthew 24: now watch what he says very carefully. In verse 24 he says therefore when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place. Now when did we see an abomination of desolation in the holy place? We saw it under Antiochus Epiphanes when he erected the statue of Zeus. But remember that was not the end time. That was pointing to the end time. So there is going to be another abomination of desolation that stands again in the holy place, which means you have to have a temple. And he says then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. He says in verse 21 for then there will be a great tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. That's the same thing that Daniel,

chapter 12 is talking about and Joel, chapter 2, verses 1 & 2. Now the third place that it is mentioned is in Mark, chapter 13:19. But in essence it's the same verse, so we're not going to go there. How long is this great tribulation going to last? Well we're going to see that as we read on, but I'm not going to tell you right now. Instead I want to take you to Jeremiah, chapter 30. In Jeremiah, chapter 30 what is this time and how is it described? Well in Jeremiah, chapter 30, in verses 4, Jeremiah 30, verse 4. This is what he says: Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. So it's both of the kingdoms. He says for thus says the Lord, I have heard a sound of terror, of dread and there is no peace. Ask now and see if a male can give birth. Why do I see a man with his hands on his loins like this? When a woman gave birth in those days they got on a birthing stool and they grabbed their legs. Why? They were in labor, in pain to give birth. He says now men are acting like they're in labor. And he says why do I see every man with his hands on his loins as a woman in childbirth, and why have all faces turned pale? Alas, for the day is great, there is none like it. It is the time of Jacob's distress. It is the time of Jacob's trouble. This is what happens after the two witnesses, as we have talked about in Revelation 11, are slain by the beast, which is, which was, and which is to come, by this fourth empire and in particular by this one world ruler, the antichrist, the man of lawlessness, the little horn of Daniel, chapter 7. Go back to Daniel now. Daniel, chapter 12 and next to that verse you should have Joel 2:1 & 2, Matthew 24:21, Mark 13:19 and now Jeremiah 30. But I would suggest that you read from verse 4 all the way through verse 11. It is a unique time. It is a time of great tribulation. And what kicks this off? Well I want us to go to 2 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2. Now what happened is he wrote this epistle because they got a letter or a message as if it was from Paul saying to those people, you're in the great day of the Lord, the day of the Lord has come. And Paul is writing them and saying now wait a minute. I have taught you prophecy. And he taught them this when he was

with them. And he says I taught you that when the day of the Lord comes you, the church are not going to be here. And so he says I want you to remember this. Now watch what he says in 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2. He says you got a letter; you're not to be quickly shaken from your composure or disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. He says let no one in any way deceive you. For it, the day of the Lord will not come unless and there's three things that have to happen here. Number one, the apostasy comes first. Now that's what we saw. We saw the apostasy that came in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes before the abomination of desolation was set up in the temple. So we saw that. We saw this apostatizing that even allowed it. Okay, then the second thing he says and the man of lawlessness is revealed. This is the little horn of Daniel 7, the son of destruction. Remember he causes desolation. He causes horror. That's what we saw in Daniel, chapter 9. Who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship. That's the definition; the description that we saw in Daniel, chapter 11 from verse 36 on, he says there is no god except himself. And he says so that he takes his seat where, in the temple of God. What does that tell you? Before the day of the Lord comes there has to be a temple rebuilt in Jerusalem. And it will be rebuilt. When you see it going up, if you're here, you look up, you're redemption draws nigh. He's coming for His own. And so he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as God. Now what is that? That's the abomination of desolation that Matthew 24 is saying. When you see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place and he says I am God. And the whole world can see it. Why? Because of television, because of satellite, the whole world will know that a man has stood in the temple in Jerusalem and declared himself to be God. And when that happens you can know the day of the Lord is about to begin. We'll talk about it in just a minute after this important announcement.

PART TWO

And the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. So before that great and terrible day can come the third thing that has to happen is the restrainer has to be taken away. Now who is the restrainer that has to be taken away? Well personally, and we can study this when we study 2 Thessalonians; I believe it's the Holy Spirit indwelling the believers because we are salt and we stop the spread of corruption, because we are light and we dispel darkness. So I believe personally, that the church is out of here some time before the last three and a half years. I personally believe that the church is out of here before the last 7 years. Then this day of distress that Daniel is talking about takes place. Those that are left, those that are here, many will be refined and purged and that, and God will preserve those whose names are written in the books. Now he's talking to the Jews so watch what he says. It says in verse 2: Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. If everlasting life is everlasting, so then contempt is, destruction is. Verse 3: And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven. And those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. In other words, there is a blessing for those that know the Word, like you're knowing it. Learn the Word and live accordingly and take these truths that we're teaching you and share them with others beloved, so that they can flee from the wrath which is to come, so that you can warn them that the day of judgment is coming and they need to be holy and blameless without spot before Him when He comes, hastening the coming the of the day of the Lord how; by sharing the Word of God so that that last Gentile comes into the body of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Gentiles comes in. Well he says, but as for you Daniel, conceal these words, seal up the book until the end of time. You want to mark it again. Many will go back and forth and knowledge will increase. In other words, there's all sorts of

travel now, and we've talked about that and knowledge increasing. Then I, Daniel looked and behold two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on the other bank. Now where was he when all this was happening? Present-day Iraq, ancient Babylon, standing at the Tigris River. So he's got this man in beryl explaining all this to him. He looks up and there on one side of the Tigris and on the other side of the Tigris are two other angelic beings. And it says and the one said to the man dressed in linen who was above the waters of the river, how long will it be until the end of these wonders; how long before it's over? And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river; by the way, look for that man dressed in linen in Ezekiel, chapter 5. As he raised his right hand and his left towards heaven and he said, to Him who lives forever. And he said that it would be for a; watch this, time, times and half a time. What is that? Three and a half years, hallelujah. You have just connected this with Daniel, chapter 7. You have just connected this with the last three and a half years before the God of heaven sets up His kingdom and the saints of God rule with Him forever and ever. And I believe that those saints that he's talking about are those Jewish believers, along with you and me. And he says and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed. What is God going to do? He's going to go in and He's going to purge and He's going to refine Jerusalem. Two thirds are going to go by the wayside, but there's going to be that faithful one third, that faithful remnant that will come through who will not apostatize, who will hold to God, who will believe, even if it costs them their lives. And then he says this: As for me, I could not understand. I heard, but I couldn't understand, so I said, my lord, what will be the outcome of these events? And he said, go your way Daniel; now this is the man in beryl, with the appearance of a man. This is this angelic being. He says go your way Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. Time is running out beloved and our time clock is Israel. You watch Israel. You keep your eyes on Israel and

you'll see what time it is. He says and from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished; now this is what happened under Antiochus Epiphanes. This is what's going to happen, Daniel, chapter 9, in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering, in the middle of seven years and there will be three and a half years left. And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and of the abomination of desolation is set up and that's when he walks in and he declares himself to be God, there will be one 1,290 days. You say wait a minute, three and a half years is 1,260 days. Why the extra 30? Well let's keep reading. How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days. What is he talking about here? Well if you would go to Matthew, chapter 25 with me, what you would see is you would see that after Jesus comes back and that's described for us in Matthew, chapter 24. As lightening comes from the east to the west, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. And He will send His angels and He will gather His elect from the four corners of the earth. And then in Matthew, chapter 25, verse 31: And when the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne and all the nations will be gathered before Him and He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will go into everlasting life, but the goats who did not take care of the Jews, Jesus' brethren, because they did not believe, because they were wicked, they will go into everlasting fire, the fire prepared, as it says in Matthew 25, for the devil and his angels. Well when it says 1,290 days, 1,335 days, what is he talking about? We really don't know. But my assumption is this: That Jesus Christ comes back, but then there is that judgment of the nations and those that attain and live past that judgment and are not cast into the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels, those people that attain to those 1,335 days are going to be blessed. God has just told you, He has laid out the details. Remember the apostasy is coming, the man of lawlessness is going to take his seat in the temple. The church, I believe or the restrainer who's restraining all this from

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happening will be taken out of the way. And what is God’s final word to Daniel? It’s His word to you. But as for you, go your way to the end; and you will enter into rest. In other words, you and I may die before all this happens, but you will rise again. O beloved, thank you for studying Daniel with me. Thank you for being faithful. Thank you for hungering and thirsting after righteousness. I look forward to that day when you get your AUG degree, approved unto God and the reward that goes with it.