

Chapter 2+3

Great Tribulation:

Daniel Greatly Beloved

Purpose of the GT

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2. Daniel Greatly Beloved of God!

Daniel 1:8, KJV, AMP, AMPC

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore, he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”

“But Daniel made up his mind ...”

“But Daniel determined in his heart ...”

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Daniel 6:10; 9:20-21a,22a, 23cd

“And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.”

“Now while I *was* speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God ... , the man Gabriel, ... , he informed *me*,..., for you are greatly beloved; therefore, consider the matter, and understand the vision:”

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Daniel 6:16,22,23

“So, the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.”

“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you ... So, Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.”

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Daniel 12:4,9-10

“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the scroll [book, NKJV] until the end of time. Many will go back and forth *and* search anxiously [through the scroll], and knowledge [of the purpose of God as revealed by His prophets] will [greatly] increase.” [AMP]

“And he said, “Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”

RECAP: Daniel Greatly Beloved of God!

- Just like Daniel may we purpose in our hearts to be faithful to Almighty God, El Shaddai!
- May we continuously be purified, made white, and refined by God's grace!

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Daniel 11:35, AMP

“Some of those who are [spiritually] wise *and* have insight will fall [as martyrs], [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test, AMPC] in order to refine, to purge and to make those among God’s people pure, until the end time; because it is yet to come at the time appointed [by God].”

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Luke 9:22-24

“Saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed**, and be raised the third day.”

Then He said to *them* all, “**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”

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Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

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Luke 9:25-26

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels.”

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Galatians 5:19

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery (even in your heart while looking on the opposite sex to lust), fornication (sexual immorality, any sex outside of marriage), uncleanness, lewdness (pornography, prostitution, indecent exposure, abuse), ...”

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Galatians 5:19-20a, AMP

“Now the practices of the sinful (flesh) nature are *clearly* evident: they are sexual immorality (whoredom, fornication, idolatry, surrendering of sexual purity, premarital sexual relations, also *pornography*), impurity (any activity, thought, word, or action against God’s will of a holy life), sensuality (lack of self-control, total irresponsibility), idolatry (any person or thing that you adore or worship, includes prostitution, often as part of pagan ritual), ...”

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Galatians 5:20-21

“idolatry (honoring, worshiping any other besides God), sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders (in the heart), drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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Galatians 5:20, AMP

“... sorcery (includes occult practices, witchcraft, worship of evil powers, drug-induced trances), hostility (anger, emotionally charged aggressive behavior), strife (conflict or quarrel, angry disagreement), jealousy (fear of losing someone/something, out of insecurity, not wanting that the other prospers), fits of anger (uncontrolled rage, outbursts), disputes (arguing irritably), dissensions (quarreling), factions [that promote heresies: false doctrine, self-seeking], ...”

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Galatians 5:21, AMP

“... envy (embittered emotion when lacking another’s (perceived) superior achievement, quality or possession and wishing that the other did not have it), drunkenness, riotous behavior, and other things like these.

I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’

But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ (empty head) shall be in danger of the council.

But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”

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Matthew 5:27-30

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- May we deny ourselves, and take up our cross daily, and follow Jesus!
- May we stay far from the works of the flesh and keep our eyes, our mind, what we dwell on, and our expressions holy!
- We truly need the infilling of Ruach HaKodesh, yes Holy Spirit's character and also His strength to persevere to the end!