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THERE IS A FUTURE!

Have you heard that the Lord is coming?

The study of Daniel will show you how to know this is true and how to discern signs of His coming.

And it will do even more than this. You'll discover an example of a man who lived without compromise in a society totally opposed to God.

What a blessing is in store for you! Study well, friend, and you'll find yourself growing strong and doing exploits for Him in our own godless age.

TAKING IT IN

1. As we begin our study, here's a reminder, Beloved: spiritual truth is revealed by the Holy Spirit. He is the teacher! Our responsibility is to fulfill 2 Timothy 2:15; His is to open the eyes of our understanding. Therefore, begin every study with prayer.
2. Your assignment this week will be to read the first six chapters of Daniel.

In the Appendix you'll find "The 5 Ws and H of Daniel, Chapter by Chapter" chart. As you study by asking these questions, fill in the appropriate section for each chapter.

LIVING IT OUT

1. Also in the Appendix you'll find "Daniel's Time Chart." Look it over, then come back and we'll go through it step-by-step (in case you find it a little overwhelming).
 - a. At the top of the chart you'll find a time line with 5-year increments (near the bottom you'll find the same). Note that the numbers of the years decrease as time progresses (B.C., before Christ years go from greater to lesser [e.g., 4,000 B.C. to 1 B.C.]).

This is important to remember so you don't get confused.

You'll also note faint vertical lines that run from the top of the page to the bottom. These will help you keep each event in the proper time frame.

- b. Under the time line at the top of the chart, you'll see the names of some Old Testament prophets and their relationships to Daniel the prophet. This

- is simply to help you stay in context. It will become more valuable later in the study.
- c. On the bottom line of Daniel's block you'll see another block showing the "3 Stages of Captivity." We will study this more later.
 - d. Immediately below and to the right of this, you'll see three names in boxes: Zerubbabel, Zechariah, and Haggai. Zechariah and Haggai were prophets; Zerubbabel was governor of Judah after the Babylonian Captivity (Haggai 1:1). These men have nothing to do with Daniel, but knowing about them is simply good information.
 - e. Under all of this, you will find a line that is virtually blank except for Daniel's birth date. The words on the left describe what goes on this line: "Times of Events in Daniel."
 - f. Immediately below this is a time line of Daniel's approximate ages as they relate to other events on the chart. (an educated guess—so question marks are at the beginning and the end)
 - g. Under all this, you will find a time line showing the reigns of Judah's (the Southern Kingdom of Israel) last five kings.
 - h. Then you'll see a parallel time line connecting the top of the page with the bottom.
 - i. Finally, the bottom of the chart lists rulers of the neo-Babylonian (Chaldean) and Medo-Persian Empires and the times of their reigns. These will help you record the times of various chapters in Daniel.
2. As you read through Daniel, you will want to locate, if possible, events from each chapter on this chart.
 3. Now look up Romans 15:4 and write out one thing you have seen in the first six chapters of Daniel that has personally encouraged you or provoked you to persevere in your present circumstances. Be specific. Write more than one if you can.

Now, Beloved, live out what God has just shown you.