/We will now being the thirteenth lecture on the book of Daniel. /The text comes from Daniel chapter 12. /The title of the text is "The End Time."

/First, the last days. /Verses 1-4. /There are four sub-points under this first main point. /(1). There will the great tribulation. /Verse 1. /(2). Some will face everlasting life while some will go through everlasting contempt. /Verse 2. /(3). Those who turn to righteousness shall shine like the stars. /Verse 3. /(4). Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. /Verse 4.

/Next, we will examine the second main point. /A question about the end time. /Verses 5-6. /Third, an answer with regard to the time of the end. /Verses 7-13. /There are four sub-points under this main point.

/(1). The power of the holy people will be shattered. /Verse 7. /(2). Many people going through trials shall be refined but the wicked shall act wickedly. /Verses 8-10. /(3). There shall be 1,290 days. /Verse 11. /(4). Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. /Verses 12-13.

/Read verse 1. /At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

/Here "your people" refer to Daniel's people, the people of Judah. /The archangel Michael appears in this verse. /He came out in many other parts of the Bible. /10:13. /10:21. /Michael arose to protect his people in midst of trials.

/God protects His people during sufferings as well as tribulations through His angel. /Therefore, we must believe that God will be with us even during great trials. /God protects us from our enemies.

/Believers should not fear tribulations but stand firm in faith. /Even though we are weak, we can be victorious through the power of God. /Exodus 33:14. /Joshua 1:9. /Yet, this tribulation was so great.

/This never happened since the creation. /Thus, we must rely upon God. /We should not fear but be courageous. /We must stand in the truth through faith. /We must not compromise the truth but fully rely on God. /Matthew 24:21, 22.

/It says "at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book." /The names of all the believers were already written in the book of life before creation. /Ephesians 1:4. /Luke 10:20. /Psalms 139:16.

/Everyone whose name shall be found in the book will believe and receive salvation. /God predestined even before the beginning that everyone whose name is written in the book will be saved.

/Therefore, the believers can be saved even during tribulation. /God will help us. /Thus, we should not fear but stand firm in faith.

/Verse 2. /And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

/Jesus will return in the clouds. /Daniel 7:13 talks about the second coming of Jesus. /When Jesus comes back, all the saints will be resurrected. /The dead believers will be resurrected from their graves. /John 5:28.

/The believers will receive eternal life. /They will enter heaven. /If the believers are alive until Jesus' second coming, they will not experience death but will be transformed into their resurrected bodies. /At that time, the saints will not die but be transformed into their resurrected bodies.

/Then the believers will be lifted up into the clouds and will be ascended to Heaven. /When Jesus is resurrected, all the dead believers will be resurrected.

/If we are not dead by the time of Jesus' resurrection, our bodies will be transformed without experiencing death. /Then we judge the world in our transformed states. /The believers in their glorified bodies will judge the sinful world with Christ.

/Then they will purify earth. /The believers will reign as kings for thousand years. /After such a period, there will be the final judgment. /Ultimately, the saints will go to heaven eternally.

/Next, there will be unbelievers. /The unbelievers will experience shame. /They will face everlasting shame. /They will be resurrected after the thousand year period. /They will face the final judgment /and eternal punishment.

/They will go to hell. /The unbelievers will suffer because of the everlasting punishment. /In other words, there shall be the final judgment after thousand years. /On the right will be sheep and left goat. /On the right side will stand the elect and on the left the unelect.

/The elect will live forever in heaven /while the unbelievers will suffer in eternal perdition. /The unbelievers will experience shame and everlasting contempt. /Isaiah 66:24.

/Verse 3. /And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

/Those "who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky." /Here the "wise" refer to people with spiritual wisdom. /They received the wisdom of Christ. /1 Corinthians 3:19. /A wise person will prepare for tribulation. /1 Corinthians 2:6,7. /1 Corinthians 3:19. /Matthew 13:43.

/Therefore, the wise people in this verse have the wisdom to overcome trials. /It says "there shall be a time of trouble such as never has been since there was a nation till that time." /Thus, it is the wisdom to overcome such a tribulation. /They have the wisdom to prepare for the upcoming tribulation.

/Noah was able to escape from the judgment of flood through building the ark. /Obeying the Word of God is wisdom. /Who is "the wise?" /First, people who possess spiritual wisdom.

/Second, believers who have the wisdom to overcome trials.

/People who have the wisdom to overcome trials. /Next, those who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever and ever. /We must turn many to the truth. /A person who turns many to righteousness will shine like the stars/

/He will enjoy glory in heaven. /Some will shine like the sun. /Some will shine like the stars. / Therefore, we must lead people to the truth.

/We have to evangelize other people and lead them to the path of life. /James 5:20. /We must shine as the stars. /2 Peter 2:5. /Noah is called as "a herald of righteousness." /Psalms 119:105.

/When the believers walk based on the Word, they become wise and shine like stars. /People who deliver the Word and truth are wise. /Our rewards become great when we turn many to righteousness.

/Therefore, we, as believers, should walk in the path of righteousness as well as the truth. /We must walk in the path of life. /Then we must lead others to the path of righteousness as well as salvation. /We have to guide them to the path of truth and life.

/In addition, we must be ready for the upcoming great tribulation. /Matthew 24:44. /Matthew 25:1. /Ephesians 5:16. /Such a wise person will shine eternally in heaven. /He will receive the crown in heaven and receive praise forever.

/Verse 4. /But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

/This verse talks about the signs during the end time. /He was told to "shut the words." /Here the phrase "shut the words" does not meant to hide a secret. /It means to store it carefully.

/It also means to pay attention to the prophesy and study it. /Daniel is to study the Word of God carefully in order to understand it. /It does not mean to simply store it /but read it diligently.

/Moreover, we must study the Bible while we pray. /We must understand the Word of God. / We must be ready for the great tribulation. /We have to prepare for the end time.

/This verse notes about a sign during the time of the end. /Many shall run to and fro. /This means that historical progress will occur quickly. /Everything will happen at a faster rate.

/For example, we can now complete many different projects within few years while it took hundred years long time ago. /Every task in the world will move at a fast pace. /Everything will move more quickly. /It will be spread quickly.

/If we think about ten year ago, many things have changed in this world. /Nowadays, we travel through airplanes. /People can go to another country within few hours.

/We can also reach the moon via rocket. /A rocket is faster than a plane. /A rocket travels faster than a jet. /In such a way, people can fly to a foreign country easily as going to their

neighbors. /The world is getting smaller.

/This is why we call the world a global village. /The world is moving at a quick pace in such a manner. /People can move around very quickly. /The communication system has developed rapidly. /We have a phone. /We use a smart phone.

/We also use e-mails. /People use fax. /Because of the satellite system, we have good communication methods. /We are able to watch worldly news every hour. /It is spread throughout the world every day.

/Before the 1900s, we traveled through horses. /Traveling by horses was the fastest means to travel. /However, we developed trains, cars, and /airplanes.

/The other sign is that "knowledge shall increase." /Knowledge will increase during the last days. /Civilization and materials will be developed. /Information will be spread throughout the world. /Furthermore, we rely on knowledge. /It becomes an idol.

/We need faith in God and worship Him. /The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. /During the latter days, people will follow knowledge and try to build the tower of Babel through their knowledge. /People become slaves to their knowledge. /They make it into an idol.

/Without a doubt, our knowledge has increased in many ways. /There was a development in science. /We had a certain level of knowledge in the 1940s. /However, our knowledge has increased ten times more in the 1980s.

/In sum, our knowledge level increased ten times more in the 1980s than the 1940s. /Let us also compare the books that were published in the past 500 years to the ones that were published in the recent twenty-five years. /We have more books published in the recent twenty-five years.

/More than hundreds of thousands of books are published each day. /We are living in the age of information. /We can store hundreds of data in a computer. /We can store hundreds of thousands of books in a floppy disk.

/Computers can solve as well as store millions of words. /In such a way, knowledge will increase extremely during the last days. /Such a prophecy became true in our time. /In this age, many people travel in a rapid way.

/Our knowledge has increased. /We became depended upon information. /What should we do during this age as believers? /We, as saints, regard our knowledge concerning the Word of God in a more precious manner. /This is the knowledge of life. /This is the true wisdom.

/Verse 5. /Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream.

/Three people appear in the verse. /One person was standing on this bank of the stream, /the other person on that bank of the stream. /The third person clothed in linen was above waters. / These people are angels.

/The man was dressed in linen standing above water. /This is the angel who helps the saints achieve their redemption. /The angel helps the believers to receive salvation.

/In the last part of verse 6, it says "how long shall it be till end of these wonders?" /He asked when these wonders will end. /These are the wonder that will happen in the near future. /11:36. /12:1.

/These wonders will occur very soon. /Indeed, during the last days, many strange events will take place.

/Verse 7. /And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.

/Here the man who was above waters raised his right and his left hand. /He is making an oath. /He is making an oath towards God. /He is saying that everything God prophesied will be fulfilled.

/There will be shattering of the power of the holy people when the time comes. /This indicates that the saints will experience tribulation in the world. /It is a difficult matter for us to suffer.

/When the believers are going through trials, the power will be shattered. /It would be for a time, times, and half a time. /This would be three times and half a time. /The period would be for half of the seven year tribulation.

/During the seven year tribulation, there will be first three and one half years and latter three and one half years. /In Revelation 11:2, it is written as forty-two months. /Such a period is equivalent to "a time, times, and half a time." /In Revelation 11:11, it is also known as three days and half a day.

/It is written as three days and a half. /Therefore, "a time, times, and half a time" or three days and a half as well as three and one half years all mean the same timeline. /During that period, our power will be shattered. /We will face tribulation.

/During the last days, the power of the saints will be smashed. /The authority of the church will be shattered. /So the church will go through time of distress. /It will even be difficult for the believers to attend churches. /The church buildings might have to close down.

/Some people will imprison the saints, /and even murder them. /In whatever circumstances, the believers must keep their faith. /In such a manner, the authority of the saints will be shattered. /The believers will go through tribulation.

/However, God will train His people during such a trial. /Our spirits will be renewed. /We will grow more in faith. /God wills to prize us with crowns.

/Therefore, we must prepare for the upcoming tribulation. /We must stay awake like the five wise virgins. /We should overcome trials through faith. /When Jesus comes back we will also

be glorified.

/Verse 8. /I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?"

/Daniel did not understand the prophecy. /He did not know when exactly the event will take place. /It was difficult for Daniel to understand about revelation concerning the last days.

/Therefore, Daniel was not able to understand it. /Daniel eventually asked God about it. /Sometimes, we are not able to understand the revelation of God.

/We should not try to force ourselves to interpret the Bible on our own during such a moment. /We must rely on God who gave us such a revelation. /We must study the Bible and carefully understand the message.

/In addition, it will be helpful to ask other pastors. /We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit who is the spirit of truth. /John 14:16, 17. /John 16:13.

/Verse 9. /He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

/He said to Daniel, "the words are shut up and sealed." /This is also evident in verse 4. /It means always to keep it in our hearts. /When God fulfills His revelation, we will be able to understand it.

/When His revelation is being accomplished, we will be able to understand it. /The Word of God is always fulfilled no matter what happens. /At that moment, we will be able to understand the revelation. /Therefore, we should always store it in our hearts.

/In other words, we should always remember the Word of God. /We must also wait for His Word to be fulfilled. /We have to be patient. /We have to wait.

/Verse 10. /Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

/During trials, the saints will become purified. /We will gradually disconnect from our sins. / We will become holy. /In such a manner, the righteousness of the believers will increase more and more. /On the other hand, the wicked will act wickedly.

/The wicked people will act more wickedly. /Revelation 22:11. /During the last days, the righteousness of God will increase but evil will grow strong as well. /Injustice will increase. / Sin will govern in the latter days. /During the last days, it will become similar to the age of Sodom and Gomorrah. /Similar to the age of Noah, sin will prevail. /During those days, sin will reach its peak.

/At that moment, our faith must increase. /Our spirits must grow. /We must obey the Word of God. /Our talents and abilities need to increase. /We need wisdom spiritually.

/That is the only way for us to be victorious in this corrupt world. /We can be victorious

through the truth and Spirit. /We will be able to overcome trials.

/Therefore, we need to be trained through trials. /We should become powerful believers. /We also need to be purified and clean.

/Here it says "those who are wise shall understand." /We need to be wise in a spiritual way. / We need the wisdom of truth. /Through the guidance of the Spirit, we will be able to understand.

/Verse 11. /And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.

/It is noted here that "the regular burnt offering is taken away." /This begins when the tribulation takes place. /In other words, from the beginning of tribulation, people have to stand 1,290 days. /When the tribulation begins, the regular burnt offering is taken away. /From then on, people have to endure 1,290 days.

/Verse 12. /Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days.

/It says "blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days." /This means that people have to wait forty-five more days after 1,290 days. /Revelation 11:3. /There will be 1,260 days. /This is the three and a half year period, the first half of the tribulation.

/1,260 days are also mentioned in Revelation 12:6. /These days also refer to three and one half years. /Seven years become 2,520 days. /This is the seven year period of the great tribulation.

/Therefore, three and one half years of the first half are 1,260 days. /1,290 days are thirty days after the three and a half year period. /After forty-five days will be 1,335 days. /In this way, after forty-five days will be 1,335 days.

/Verse 13. /But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.

/In verse 12, it says to "wait." /In such a manner, if we wait, we will be blessed. /Matthew 24:13. /Here Jesus will come back around 1,335 days.

/Jesus will come a little after the middle part of the seven year period of the great tribulation. /He will return from heaven after the middle part of this period.

/When Jesus returns from heaven, we will be caught up together in the air. /This is noted in verse 2 /as well as 7:13. /When Jesus comes back, the believers who are dead will be resurrected and meet the Lord in the air.

/Afterwards, the believers who are alive will be transformed into their resurrected bodies. /So when Jesus returns, there will be resurrection of the dead and physical transformation of the living.

/All the resurrected believers will meet the Lord in the air. This is known as the rapture.

/Read verse 13 again. /But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.

/It says to "go your way till the end." /The verse also notes that "you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days." /"Allotted place" means receiving one's portion. /We will receive our rewards.

/In such a manner, Daniel will receive the crown by standing firm in his faith. /When Jesus comes back, /the believers will be resurrected. /Then the saints will experience eternal life.

/Therefore, we must get rid of sins during our time in the world. /There will be the great tribulation. /Thus, we need faith and strength to overcome such a trial. /We must grow in our faith and abilities like the five wise virgins.

/Just like verse 3, we must become wise. /We have to lead many to the path of righteousness. /So when Jesus returns, we should receive praise and glory as well as honor.

/We will reign as kings during the millennium. /After the millennium, there will the final judgment. /The elect will enter heaven forever. /The believers will enjoy eternal happiness and comfort.

/Now we will examine the chart and review what we have learned so far. /We will go over Daniel 12:11 once more. /It talks about 1,290 days. /In verse 13, 1,335 years appear.

/In the latter days, the great tribulation will occur. /The Bible states that there will be the great tribulation in the last days. /Based on verse 1, there shall be a time of trouble such as never has been before. /In such a way, the great tribulation will take place in the last days.

/Matthew 24:12 also talks about the great tribulation. /The Bible makes clear that the tribulation is seven years. /This does not mean literal seven years. /It is not literally seven years. /It should be interpreted as a symbolic number.

/Seven years can be seen as 2,250 years. /If we view one month as thirty days, one year equals to 360 days. /Seven years are equivalent to 2,520 years. /We can divide this seven year period into two parts. /The first half will be three and one half years, /and the second half also will be three and one half years.

/The first half will be 1,260 days. /The second half also will be 1,260 days. /Revelation 11:3. / Revelation 12:6. /It also means forty-two months. /The second half also means forty-two months. /Revelation 11:2. /Revelation 13:5.

/We also call this period three and one half days. /It goes same for the second half. /Revelation 11:9. /Daniel 9:27. /This period is also known as "time, times, and half a time." /"Time, times, and half a time." /Daniel 12:7. /Revelation 12:14.

/Therefore, 1,260 days, forty-two months, three and one half days, as well as "time, times, and half a time" all mean the same period. /However, the exact period is not stated. /The number here is symbolic. /After the tribulation begins, it becomes 1,290 days. /Daniel 12:11.

/1, 335 days come right after. /Daniel 12:12. /There will be blessings for those who wait until that time. /At that moment, Jesus will return from heaven. /Jesus will come back a little after the middle part of the tribulation.

/When Jesus returns from heaven, there will the rapture of the saints. /The dead satins will be resurrected first. /The saints who are alive will be transformed into their resurrected bodies. / The bodies of the living saints will be transformed into their resurrected bodies.

/So all the saints will be resurrected and meet Jesus in the air. /After the second coming of Christ, there will be the battle of Armageddon on earth. /The world will be destroyed.

/Then there is Daniel 8:14. /It talks about 2,300 days. /Such days lack 220 days from 2,520 days. /If we subtract 220 days from 2,520 days, it becomes 2,300 days. /If we subtract 220 days from 2,520 days, it becomes 2,300 days. /Ezekiel 39:9.

/This is the period when weapons will be burned. /It is the time for the world to be purified. / God judges the world. /The world faces judgment because of the battle of Armageddon.

/At that time, the saints will already be in the air. /The believers will already be in their resurrected bodies. /After the judgment, we will return to earth. /We will come back with Christ. /The New Jerusalem will come down from heaven.

/The millennium will begin. /For thousand years, the saints will reign as kings. /After the millennium, there will be the battle of Gog and Magog. /Then, there will be the final judgment. /After the final judgment, there will be heaven of eternity.

/Revelation chapter 20 talks about the millennium. /Please study Revelation chapter 20. /Thank you. / Here we will conclude the thirteenth lecture on the book of Daniel. Thank you for your time.