



## Endtimes Signs

### Knowledge & Travel Increased

In this Endtime discussion we will be taking a look at two signs found in the book of Daniel, chapter 12 and verse 4. Let's start with the King James Bible Version and then consider a few other translations of that verse.

“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.” Daniel 12:4 KJV

Okay let's compare two other translations with the King James Bible one.

1. “But Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal it up so that it will not be understood until the end times, when travel and education shall be vastly increased!”  
The Living Bible

2. “But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the scroll 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.”  
The Amplified Bible

So we can clearly see here that we have two totally different translations of Daniel chapter 12 and verse 4. The first translation is saying that the running to and fro refers to travel and that the increase of knowledge refers to education.

The second translation is stating that the running to and fro is about people who will be anxiously searching through Daniel's scrolls to find answers and that the increase of

knowledge refers to the fact that the purpose of God as revealed by His prophets will greatly increase.

There's quite a bit of difference in those two interpretations. I will say this though. The Bible search page that I use online has about 60 different translations to compare verses. On this particular verse of Daniel 12:4 only a couple of those translations lean the way of expressing the thought that this verse is talking about people running to and fro trying to understand Daniel's prophecy and that as a result of that, people's knowledge of Daniel's prophecy will be learned by many. The vast majority of the Bible translations define to and fro as travel and the increase of knowledge as advances in education. Yet understanding that sometimes the majority is not always right, I will take a look at both of these translations and merge them together and see what we come up with.

Let's start by reading Daniel 12, verses 1-3 from the King James Bible.

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 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. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Okay, it is quite obvious that these first three verses are referring to the endtimes. I would go as far to say that they are referring to the end of the endtimes. Phrases like, “There will be a time of trouble such as never been” and, “everyone whose name is found written in the book”, and “many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake... some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt”. So we are not looking at an event that occurs somewhere half way between Daniel's prophecy and the return of Jesus. Especially if you consider the first part of verse four which says, “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.”

It is obvious here that this prophecy was not to be fully understood until the time of the end when it would then be unsealed.

So when we read the Amplified translation above which said: “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”, it is very much a reality that many will be trying to figure out what the book of Daniel was all about, but have been unable to

.....until our present time.

And as far as people traveling to and fro and education greatly increasing goes, we who are alive and currently living on planet earth can bear witness to that fact. If we haven't personally lived through the changes, we surely have read about them in history books. At the time of this discussion I am 68 years old. When I was born in 1954, the colored TV set was just beginning to be designed and our family didn't even own one until I was about 10 years old. That was 1964. Look at the technology of our current TV sets. The telephone which was just coming on the scene in the late 1800's is now known as a cell phone and we don't only use it to talk to people, we use it to text, to search the world wide web for anything we want to learn about, take pictures, share them with whomever, etc.

The same explosion of invention has taken place in the area of travel. Just think about this, from the time of Creation when the first humans started populating the earth, and I'll be conservative here with the date, about 6,000 years have passed by. Yes I am a Creationist and I believe the science proofs without doubt the existence of a young earth and a young human race. If it is more like millions of years as some scientist's and geologist's say, then that makes what I am about to say all the more incredible. If you take that 6,000 year history of the human race, you will clearly see that for roughly the first 5,800 years, the fastest that a man could travel was how fast a horse could run. Whether the horse was pulling a chariot, a buggy or just a man riding on it, that was as fast as a man could travel.

Now look at the human race and all the modes of transportation that have come to be in only the last 2 centuries (200 yeras). A horse could only run 20 – 40 miles an hour, now we have space craft carrying men to the moon traveling at speeds of 25,000 miles an hour. The human race could not achieve that feat over a time span of 5,800 years. Yet in only 200 years we've gone from basically 25 miles an hour to 25, 000 miles an hour.

Then in the area of education and knowledge there have been incredible advances in just the last 200 years in our understanding of our universe, in medicine and medical technology, science, biology, mathematics, communication, weapons of mass destruction, etc.

In a sense, the world we live in now is like 8 billion-plus ants all scurrying about the anthill, trying to get as much as possible in store before winter sets in. The pace of life is almost maddening, ceaseless and frenzied. Everything seems to be 24/7/365 these days. If our needs and wants can't be met immediately we throw a fit. If a desired product or

service is not fast, speedy, or even instant, it is considered to be worthless.... who has time for slow, leisurely, or gradual anymore? You may find a slower pace to life if you lived beyond the highly populated city areas, like out in the country, but even then it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid the affect that our modern way of live has on every one.

My point to all this is simply this. 5,800 years or more of history..... nothing except a few impressive pyramids and other structures made out of the dirt, wood and stone of the earth, a few bow and arrows, some basic insights into medicine and science and that's about it. Then all of a sudden.... Boom! It's like a nuclear explosion of travel and knowledge came into existence all within 200 years. I don't know about you, but my vote is... we are living in the end of the endtimes just as the book of Daniel foretold.

Let me give you a visual that will bring this into better focus. If you grabbed hold of a yardstick, which is 36 inches and held it out in front of you at arms length in a horizontal position and viewed this as the timeline from beginning of mankind to our current day, all this sudden burst of travel and knowledge has taken place during the last one and a half inches of that yardstick. The other thirty four and a half inches would make up the 5,800 years we spoke of earlier.

Okay, with that said, the following questions are for you to ponder as I wind down this discussion.

\*Do you think that satan and his demonic realm of principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12) had anything to do with the development of our highly advanced society? The following scripture verse gives us insight into just how much influence satan has over the kingdoms and wealth of this earth.

“Then Satan took him (Jesus) up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time; and the devil told him, “I will give you all these splendid kingdoms and their glory, for they are mine to give to anyone I wish, if you will only get down on your knees and worship me.” Luke 4:5-7 TLB

\*If Jesus was to return tomorrow, what would happen to all these technological advances? In other words, will any of these technological advances carry on over into the new heaven and the new earth that Jesus will create? The following scripture verse gives us the answer to that question.

“ The day of the Lord is surely coming, as unexpectedly as a thief, and then the heavens

will pass away with a terrible noise, and the heavenly bodies will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be burned up. And so since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives we should be living! You should look forward to that day and hurry it along—the day when God will set the heavens on fire, and the heavenly bodies will melt and disappear in flames. But we are looking forward to God’s promise of new heavens and a new earth afterwards, where there will be only goodness.” 2 Peter 3:10-13 TLB

In other words, Jesus is not coming back to rule over the current world system or continue to use the modern technology that mankind has invented. He even told his disciples that his kingdom is not of this world in John 15:36.

He didn’t need it when he placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and he won’t need it when he creates the new heavens and new earth for those who have inherited eternal life. I for one truly hope to understand some day just what we really lost out on by not being able to enjoy life in the perfect paradise that God created for us.

What do you think? Will there be a need for any of that technology in the new earth that Jesus creates?