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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



Daniel 12:4 But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge. (NIV)

Here are some other translations of Daniel 12:4...

But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and seal the book till the time of the end. Many will be at their wits' end, and punishment will be heavy. (New English)

But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. (Amplified)

But thou, Daniel, close up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end, many will run to and fro, and knowledge [shall abound]. (Emphasized)

But you, Daniel, must keep these words secret and the book sealed until the time of the End. Many will wander this way and that, and wickedness will go on increasing. (Jerusalem)

And thou, Daniel, close the words, and seal the book to the time of the end; until many are taught, and knowledge is increased. (Septuagint)

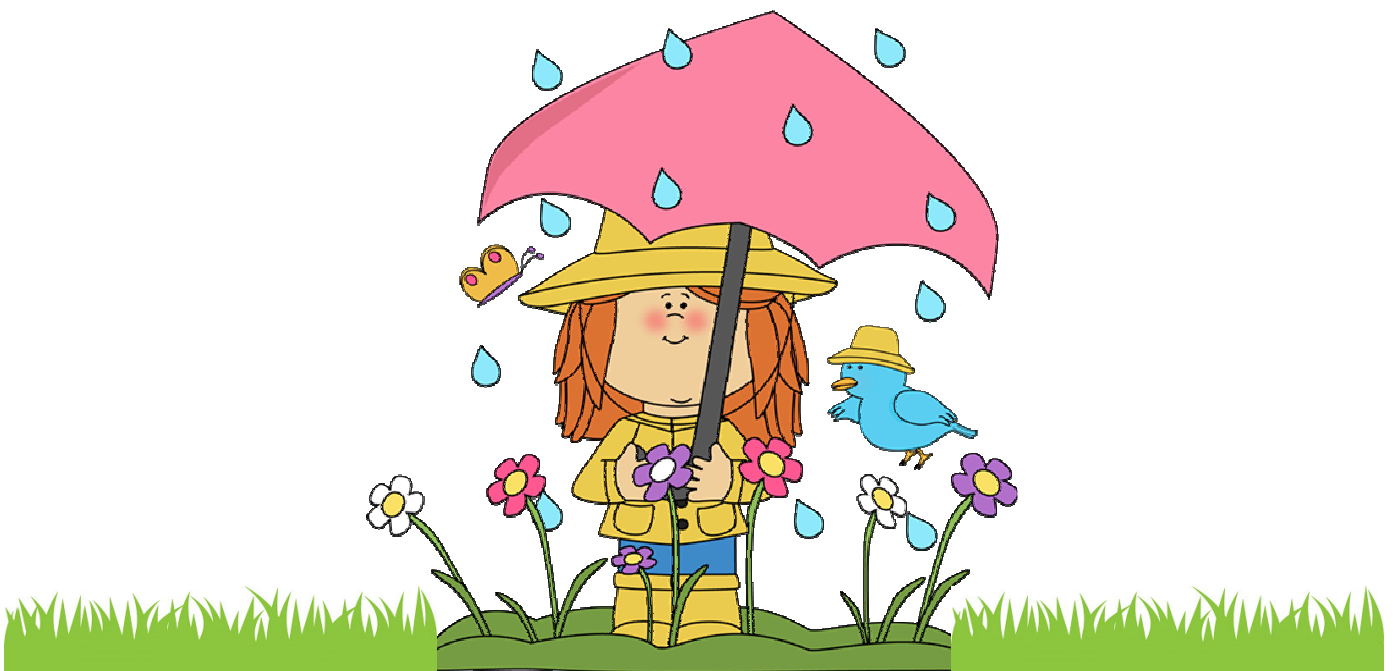
These are only a few translations. But if we take these altogether, we basically come up with this picture: that at the period of the end of this age there will be a huge increase in both travel and information. This seems to imply more than just taking trips or an increase of facts, but refers to an overflow of various concepts and relationships that result in an anxious, rootless displacement of people. This produces even greater inner turmoil, anxiety, and wickedness. The desperate search for meaning and stability will be enhanced by a previously inaccessible means of information-seeking. And rather than helping, it will only increase pain. The punishment of living and acting foolishly will cause a continuous cycle of 'ever learning but never coming to the real knowledge of the truth.' Some will be searching out the Scriptures. But the others who reject God's Word will seek life in all the wrong places. And adding to the pile of trouble, even some who search the Scriptures will be counted with the troubled ones. Yet, if we look at verse 10 (**Daniel 12:10**), we see a very encouraging thing. **Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand. (RSV)**

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. (1 Cor. 8:1) For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. (Eccl. 1:18) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10) It is a relationship with the Holy Spirit that guides us into all truth. It is the relationship with Jesus by His Holy Spirit that will take us to the Father. It is a relationship with our loving Father that will enable us to be stable, peaceful, and effective for good while we are walking through this current flood of insanity. Be wary of when you are overanxious and stirred up by too much information. This results in confusion and feeling rootless, which drives us to desperately seek something to pacify our turmoil. STOP. Regather yourself before Him. And whatever you do, let nothing - absolutely NOTHING - come between you and Him. The best is yet to come.



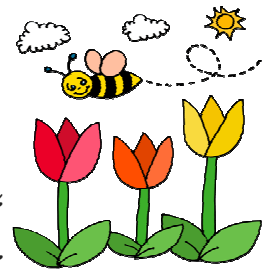
Doctrine of Demons

We use the word *demonic* to refer to that which is obviously evil, and rightly so. But the Scriptures also refer to the demonic in far less dramatic visions. They speak of doctrines taught by devils (see *1 Timothy 4:1-3*). But though less blatant than their Hollywood appearances, these doctrines are just as demonic in their fruit. They enforce ways of thinking that are set against the purposes of God. They are doctrines of demons. And though I do not want to be unnecessarily harsh, I have come to the conclusion that the doctrine of *cessationism* (the gifts and powers of the Holy Spirit given to the Church for the work of the ministry 'ceased' at the close of the apostolic age) is not a mere misunderstanding of Scripture. It is a planned step-by-step demonic weapon set against God's purposes. Yet so effective has this lie been circulated, that many of God's people seem to acquiesce to it. It is as if they need to gain the approval of the part of the church that adheres to it. They seem to equate adherence to this 'traditional' (read that orthodox) system before they can believe in or act on the commands of God. We must not quarrel. But we also must not bow. We must seek to restore the gifts and powers of the Spirit if we are to reach this confused and bankrupted generation. It will take more than clever arguments. It will take more than just information. It will take the anointing that comes with the demonstration of His love through His power and presence, which He is more than desiring to give where there is faith.



Closing Thoughts...

God is allowing everything to become what it truly is. The light is getting lighter; the dark is getting darker. The wicked more clearly wicked, and the righteous? Is it showing that we are getting more righteous? Do we demonstrate the love and character of Jesus in who we are and what we do and how we live? I ask myself that question often. Jesus said the world will know He is real by how we love. So we can see then why the world does not yet fully know. May we more and more simply BE in His presence: receiving His love to us and for us and in us, so that we can then love others from this home within. May we become pictures of His love in the world. 🐞



Blessings, Clay & Mary

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