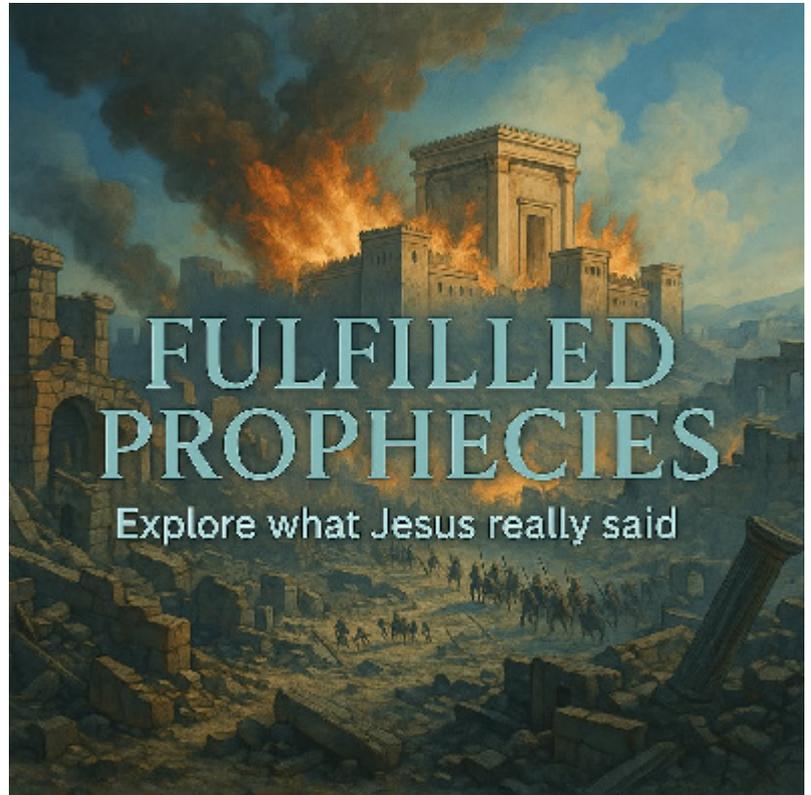


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Knowledge - What Did Daniel Mean About Knowledge Increasing in the Last Days?



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What Did Daniel Mean About Knowledge Increasing in the Last Days?

Many today claim we are in the "last days" because of modern technology. They point to Daniel 12:4 and say, "See, knowledge is increasing!" But that is not what Daniel meant.

Daniel 12:4 says, "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will roam about, and knowledge will increase."

This is not about smartphones, AI, or the internet. This is about the knowledge of God being revealed through Jesus Christ in

the first century, in the final days of the Old Covenant system.

The knowledge Daniel spoke of was the knowledge of the Lord, not science or gadgets.

Isaiah 11:9 "They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14 "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

This knowledge came through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

This gospel message was spread throughout the known world in the first century.

Romans 10:18 "But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? On the contrary: 'Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'"

The Old Covenant was full of shadows and types, but the New Covenant brought clarity.

2 Peter 1:19 "And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts."

Daniel was told the words would be sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:9 "Go your way, Daniel, for these words will be kept secret and sealed up until the end time."

By the time of Revelation, the book was no longer sealed, because the end was near.

Revelation 22:10 "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Those last days were the final days of the Temple age, not our time today. The first Jewish Christians from all twelve tribes took this knowledge across the Roman Empire, spreading the gospel before the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. The end Daniel saw was not the end of the physical world, but the end of the Old Covenant age.

Knowledge increased then, as the mystery of God was revealed in Christ. That is the fulfillment of Daniel 12:4.

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