



Daniel 75 – Epilogue: Shut and Seal = Mysterion

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Daniel 12:9-10



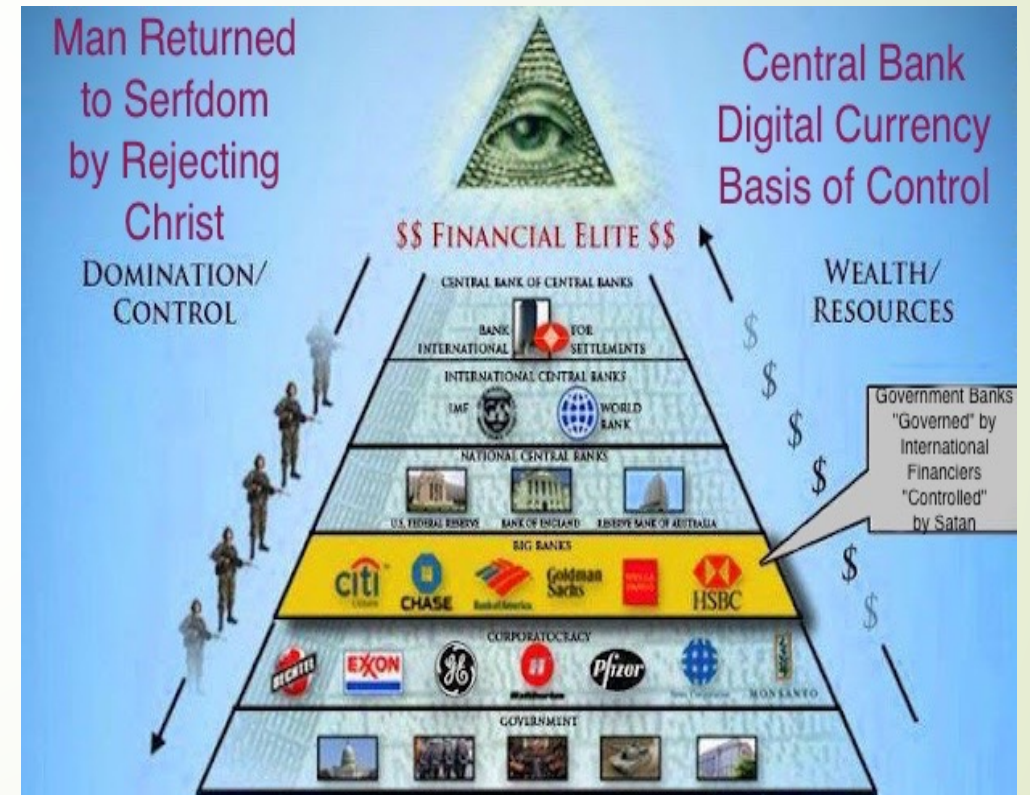
Prologue: Daniel's Confused – God's Intel – “*Need to Know*”

- ▶ Daniel *unsettled* by these later visions which is why he is usually at the river: he is Praying {Possibly too few *True Jews* for a faithful synagogue}
 - ▶ Only four *True Jews* depicted: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah
- ▶ Daniel asked what all still ask, “...what shall be the outcome of these...?”
 - ▶ Daniel told, “Go your way...”; i.e., his ministry completed by faithfully recording the visions for later generations (Hab 2:2-3; 1Pe 1:10-12)
 - ▶ Old Testament saints could not have a complete understanding until Shavout, wheat first fruits {Spirit-Church} had come based on Christ's sacrifice {Torah} (Le 23:15-21; Ac 2:1-4; He 11:39-40)
 - ▶ Exact representation cannot occur **until** those times actually arrive; i.e., who is Antichrist/False Prophet; what is what the Mark of Beast; etc.
 - ▶ However, there are broad lessons everyone can learn and apply to one's present situation; only that generation has a *need to know* except the Father {Cf. *Epilogue: Applying Daniel's Vision*} (Mt 24:36)

Prologue: Understanding Daniel – Understanding History and Trends

Egypt Metaphor:
God Allowing
Then Breaking
Socialism

- Satan is the Master Manipulator
- Elites may or may not understand their relationship to him (Jn 8:44)
- Development of NGO Financiers supersede family-based financiers
- Governments and Corporations require financiers to survive; thus, become subservient to NGOs
- Concentration of resources by the Elites {Satan's Antichrist}
- Control of essential masses: Goal





Daniel's Ministry Finished: "Go Your Way"

- ▶ Daniel is told to, "Go your way," his ministry is completed; i.e., everything God was going to accomplish through Daniel was accomplished (Mt 25:20-21)
 - ▶ Daniel epitomized Christ's parable of the faithful slave who was given a little, visions, and by interpreting them for their respondents and for us readers, demonstrated his faithfulness; i.e., doubled his *return*, accomplished his mission
 - ▶ This is Daniel's portion of sowing for the harvest to come in which the wheat will be separated from the tares (Mt 13:24-30; Jn 4:34-38)
 - ▶ Daniel's visions show the Lost reveals themselves, *tares*, thus confirming God's judgment is righteous and just by their unrighteousness in spite of His warnings (Ps 51:4; Ro 3:1-8)
 - ▶ With his mission fulfilled, Daniel is *retired*; Christians could hope for no better praise from Christ as we are to study and to show ourselves approved (2Ti 2:15)



Shut and Seal: But, Not by Daniel

- ▶ Daniel is then informed that his words will be *shut* and *sealed* until the end; an enigmatic proposal that confuses eisegetical and immature readers
 - ▶ Shut { סָתַם; saṭam } – To keep secret; given in the passive voice showing Daniel is not the one to keep his words secret; indeed, he publishes his writings
 - ▶ Seal { סָתַם; ḥaṭam } – To obstruct; also in the passive voice showing God, giver of visions, as the One who is obstructing understanding (Lk 10:21-24;)
 - ▶ God does not teach the Lost because they cannot be taught; they do not have nor wish to have the *mind of God*, they live from their own wisdom (Mt 7:6; Ro 1:18-28; 1Co 1:18-29)
 - ▶ The Saved are taught by the Holy Spirit but this is an arduous process only partially accomplished while in the fleshly body of sin (Ro 7:14-24; 1Co 2:14; 13:12; 15:50-55)
 - ▶ Now we must understand the Greek word, mystery { μυστήριον; mysterion }



Mysterion: Two Distinct Types

- ▶ One mysterion totally withheld until revealed by God to Lost and Saved
 - ▶ The best known mysterion of this type is the Church which was not revealed to anyone prior to Shavout: Offering of wheat loaves, metaphor of the Church
(Ac 2:1-4 {Jews}; 8:14-17 {Samaritans}; 10:44-48 {Gentiles}; 19:1-7 {John's Disciples of Repentance})
- ▶ Another mysterion referenced in Daniel; mystery due to sin's blindness
(Ro 1:18-28)
 - ▶ Paul's first *miracle* was to temporarily *blind* a Jewish wise man {Ἐλύμας; Elymas} thwarting Gospel on Cyprus; keeping himself and others in darkness: Metaphor
(Mt 23:13-15; Ac 13:6-12)
 - ▶ This was Isaiah's ministry, to teach *False Jews* who would reject the Truth keeping themselves in blindness until called forth by Christ (Is 6:8-13; Lk 8:10-15; He 3:7-12; 4:1-11)
- ▶ God is shutting and sealing His meaning from the Lost who trample His Truth, and His Son, to promote the *rightness* of their sin {as they do today}



Shut and Sealed: Until End Times

- ▶ God will reveal the mystery to the Lost during the Great Tribulation (Re 10:5-7)
 - ▶ This revelation to the Lost is linked with the angel standing on the Sea and *praying* to God that there would be no delay {See previous lesson}
 - ▶ Trumpets reveal the mysteries for the Lost and curiously idle; not the Saved who already understand God's Truth by studying the Law and Prophets (Lk 24:13-27)
 - ▶ Lost, though understanding the Truth still call on the Rocks to hide them from God rather than repent unto salvation (Re 6:12-17)
- ▶ Reinforced by the angel's next words comparing Lost and Saved {Duality}
 - ▶ Saved shall be purified, saved, by God's saving them via His Word(s) and refined by persecution from the Lost
 - ▶ Lost act wickedly, it is what defines Lostness, showing they do not understand though they make many books detailing their supposed *wisdom* (Ec 12:11-12; 1Co 3:18-23)



Mysterion: Israel's Partial Hardness

- ▶ God reveals that a *partial hardness* remains on the Jews during *First Fruits* Dispensation so God can harvest His Gentiles {Church} (Ro 11:25-29; Ep 1:3-14)
 - ▶ This is to drive them to zealotry for God realizing they are not special simply because of genetics but for of faithfulness also (Ro 3:5-11)
 - ▶ The Elect obtain understanding, as discussed, but the Lost remained hardened in their sin; God gives them up to achieve a *world without God* (Ro 1:18-25)
 - ▶ In their eagerness to *rule the world* they dismiss Christ's example that He who is greatest is least or slave, in God's Kingdom as Himself (Lk 9:46-48; 22:25-27; Ph 2:3-11)
 - ▶ Jews saved in this Dispensation enter the Church, as Paul, who claimed he was *born out of time* because of this fact (1Co 15:3-10)
 - ▶ But, ALL Elected Jews shall be saved; now and during the Great Tribulation (Ro 9:1-8, 30-33; 10:1-4, 18-21; 11:1-10)



Mysterion: God Reveals to the Church

- ▶ God reveals His Mysterion to us, the Church; however, many Lost infiltrate the Church and the immature fall victim to pride replacing Jews (Ep 1:7-10)
 - ▶ Marriage is a metaphor for relationship between Christ and His Church (Ep 5:22-33)
 - ▶ Church as the Body of Christ hidden throughout the Old Testament until revealed by revelation to Paul and written for our edification (Col 1:24-27)
 - ▶ Faith is a mysterion to the Lost but the Saved are to cling to it with a clear conscience lest they return to sinning; it is not a blind leap (1Ti 3:8-9; 2Pe 2:20-22)
 - ▶ Christians must guard against pride lest they also fall victim to pride as the Jews (Ro 11:17-32)
- ▶ Mysterion of Lawlessness at work in Modern Era using The Delusion (2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ This is not a mysterion for the Saved but neither should it be the focus of one's faith
 - ▶ We are to know its patterns while evangelizing the World for Christ so we do not fall prey to the Delusion (Mt 28:18-20)