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"MODERN WONDERS"

Daniel 12:4 ASB "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase." Verses 8-9 "As for me, I heard but I could not understand; so I said, "My Lord, what *will be* the outcome of these *events*?" And he said, "Go *your way* Daniel, for *these* words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."

In the Book of Daniel there are many writings that have been difficult to really understand, and yet in the days we are now living in, many of them seem a lot clearer than in times past. *Two sayings seem very pertinent for today!*

Until the twentieth century, travel over long distances took a long time and was often filled with many dangers. One of Daniel's sayings is "*many will go back and forth*". Today a person can go anywhere in the world by airplane in a few hours! Man has explored outer space and walked on the moon. As a child in the 1930s' I read the funny pages about *Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers* and other such "fiction" that was exciting, *but impossible for me to think* what they were doing would ever be possible! People go back and forth across America and around the world daily in these modern times! I have actually lived long enough to see the development of many amazing modern wonders!

Daniel also speaks in this short verse about the increase of knowledge in what is referred to as "end times". The Bible is filled with scriptures and prophecies that tell about events that will occur during this time frame. Over the years we have heard many predict the exact date of Christ's Return and how and when all these things will happen. Their prophecies have failed and they have looked like fools! I find this has caused much confusion and even discouragement, among believers and non-believers alike!

Listen to Peter's instruction about all this in 2 Peter 3:3-4 KJV

"Knowing this first, that there shall come scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning."

This subject is far too deep to address all the aspects in this short letter. Carefully read Second Peter, as it has a short summary of many things that concerns the *Last Days*, so to speak. In Daniel's topic of *increased knowledge*, I have seen many changes in my life time. While my children were introduced to the age of technology before they graduated from high school, they just could not imagine a time when

TV, telephones, electricity, airplanes and even space travel were not a part of daily life! Now my grandchildren and great-grandchildren cannot even consider life without computers, cell phones, credit cards, GPS, and many other modern wonders we older folks look at in amazement. If we can't program our cell phones, we ask the children to do it for us. They learn how to use a computer before attending school, and nearly every school uses computers in the classrooms. Talk about *increased knowledge in these days!*

Many satellites circle the globe daily and transmit all kinds of information! *Knowledge has increased in the past few years!* Scientists and researchers have discovered that DNA can identify any individual by just a tiny hair. RFID [radio frequency identification] works with a tiny chip to locate animals on land or sea, read our information as we go thru a toll booth, among many other uses! Stores have scanners that read barcodes and keep track of inventories and price changes, etc. Our credit cards can instantly tell the clerk if our credit is good, or not!

The Internet speeds information via satellites and computers around the world in seconds. Search engines can provide information about millions of subjects in moments! Medical breakthroughs have extended the many of many, yet multitudes die each second! It seems man wants to live forever, but many shut their eyes to the only way it can happen! Where is the *wisdom that should increase with all the knowledge* we have in the world today? With all these modern wonders and knowledge in the world today, you would think all these smart people could resolve any problem mankind could have!

Now look at Daniel 12:1-3 ASB “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, while others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. And those who have insight [wisdom] will shine brightly like the brightness of heaven, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Rev. 21:1a, 2a, 27b CEV “I saw a new heaven and a new earth.” “Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God.” “Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be in the city.”

Will you be there? What wonders will we see there? Isa.64:4b KJV “Men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what he hath prepared for him that waits for Him.”

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