# All Things New: Hope Starts Here

## DAY 8— THE PROPHETIC LITTLE BOOK

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:10).

**Sealed Until the Time of the End**

Near the end of the book of Daniel, just after one of its last prophecies is given, the prophet asks a question that many of us would like the answer to: "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?" He wants to know how all that he has seen will wind up. How will it all end? The answer he was given was no doubt disappointing: "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (Dan. 12:9). Prophecies sealed? Not to be understood till the time of the end? When might that be?

**The Open Book and the Call to Prophesy Again**

A clue is found in Revelation 10, where a "mighty angel" came down from heaven with "a little book open in his hand" (Rev. 10:1, 2). When he cried out with a loud voice, "seven thunders uttered their voices." John was about to write down what they said but was told, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them" (Rev. 10:3, 4). In Daniel the book was sealed, but here in Revelation it's open. However, what the seven thunders uttered is now sealed. Next, John was told to take the little book from the angel, and when he did so, "it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings'" (Rev. 10:10, 11).

The little book represents the time prophecies of Daniel that were not understood until the time of the end. A clue about when that time would begin is given in Daniel 12:7: ". . . it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished" (Dan. 12:7). Revelation 12 mentions this same period but equates it to "one thousand two hundred and sixty days" (Rev. 12:6, 14; compare with Rev. 11:2; 13:5). Based on the prophetic formula of a day for a year, this prophecy refers to 1,260 years. So the time of the end would begin after this period of persecution when God's people would be "completely shattered." Putting all this together, the prophecy refers to the persecution stretching from AD 538 to 1798. The sweetness of expecting Jesus to come in 1844 turned into the bitterest disappointment and required believers to "prophesy again" once they understood the real meaning of Daniel 8:14. Let's pray for an appreciation of this special time in which we are now living and for the opportunity to share Jesus' soon coming with others. Let's pray together.

### Prayer Time (30–45 Minutes)

*Every prayer group has its own way of praying together. We invite you to spend the next 30–45 minutes in united prayer, following the leading of the Holy Spirit. We encourage short conversational prayers (1–3 sentences), allowing more people to participate and pray multiple times. Below are a few examples of praying through Scripture based on today's theme. You may also pray through other Bible passages and include additional prayer topics during your time together. For more prayer ideas, please refer to the Leader's Guide and the World Church Prayer Requests.*

**Praying God's Word — Daniel 12:10**

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

**"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined"**

*Lord, purify us, make us white, and refine us through every trial. Burn away whatever is not of You, and bring us forth as gold. Make us part of the purified people who are ready to meet You.*

**"None of the wicked shall understand"**

*Father, guard us from a hard and careless heart that cannot see Your truth. Keep us humble and teachable, never indifferent to Your Word. Do not let us be among those who refuse to understand.*

**"But the wise shall understand"**

*Lord, give us the wisdom that comes from knowing You, that we may understand the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Through OneVoice27 this year, send us out with one voice to share Jesus' soon coming, that others may understand and be ready too.*

**More Prayer Suggestions**

**Thanks and Praise:** Give thanks for specific blessings and praise God for His goodness.
**Confession:** Take a few minutes for private confession and thank God for His forgiveness.
**Guidance:** Ask God to grant wisdom for current challenges and decisions.
**Our Church:** Pray for regional and world church needs (see separate sheet with requests).
**OneVoice27:** Pray for the OneVoice27 evangelistic emphasis culminating this September—that today's prayers become bold proclamation and that many will hear of Jesus before He comes.
**Local Requests:** Pray for current needs of church members, family, and neighbors.
**Listen and Respond:** Take time to listen for God's voice and respond in praise or song.

**Song Suggestions**

*SDA Hymnal: Whiter Than Snow (#318); Take Time to Be Holy (#500); Cover With His Life (#412)*
*Other Songs: Refiner's Fire; Purify My Heart; Ancient Words; Open the Eyes of My Heart*