

Even though "end" is not a technical term, "time of end" might conceivably be so used, but examination of its occurrences does not indicate that this is the case. The phrase occurs nowhere in the Bible except in the book of Daniel. In addition to its use in 8:17 it occurs in 11:35, 11:40, 12:4 and 12:9. In most of these the context shows rather clearly that it is a general term rather than a technical designation for a particular period of time.

Daniel 8 contains a remarkable summary of great events that would follow Daniel's time, and gives a considerable amount of detail about Antiochus Epiphanes and the great crisis resulting from his activities. Further detail about this crisis is revealed in Daniel 11:21-35. There is nothing in chapter 8 that refers directly to events that in our day are still future, but much that should increase our faith in God as we realize His goodness in times past. Study of this chapter should enable us more accurately and fully to understand God's dealings with mankind and should be useful as a help in establishing principles for dealing with prophecies in Daniel that have not yet been fulfilled.

Notes

- ^{^1} Arthur E. Bloomfield, *The End of the Days* (Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1961) pp. 163-178; G. H. Lang, *The Histories and Prophecies of Daniel* (London: The Paternoster Press, 1950) pp. 109-118; Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel* (Philadelphia: Rev. Clarence Larkin Est., 1920) pp. 140-41, 165, 247.
- ^{^2} 2 Cf. pp. 24-25 and 139.
- ^{^3} *Jerome's Commentary on Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, trans. by Gleason Archer, 1958) P. 87.
- ^{^4} Renald E. Showers, *The Most High God* (West Collingswood, NJ: The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc.) pp. 99-103; E. J. Young, *The Prophecy of Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1949) pp. 170-181; C. C. Ryrie, *Ryrie Study Bible KJV* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1976, 1978) p. 1235; Bert Hall, 'Daniel,' in *The Wesleyan Bible Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1969) pp. 539-542; C. F. Keil, *The Book of Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, Eng. trans., 1973 reprint) pp. 296, 313.