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Daniel 12:

- 1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.
- 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.
- 4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Revelation 10:

- 1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.
- 2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,
- 3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- 4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."
- 5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven
- 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,
- 7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 22:

- 6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.
- 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
- 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
- 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."
- 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

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Matthew 24:

- 12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

I have wondered in the past just how could this be allowed to happen. During a recent program presented to the Allen Rotary Club by Dwayne Gandy of a company named Power Train, it came to me that it is happening at this very moment. And it is happening just like the proverbial frog in a cooking pot story. You know the one – a frog placed in boiling water will immediately jump out of it. A frog placed in cold water will stay in it, even as you raise the heat slowly until it is boiling, until it is fully cooked.

It is that simple. Just analyze the generations of the past 100 years.

The Generation Mix

- World War II Generation 1901-1927
- Silent Generation 1928-1945
- Baby Boomers 1946-1965
- Generation X 1966-1977
- Generation Y 1978-1994

Each Generation is molded by 5 major influencers

- Parents/Family
- School/Education
- Religion/Morality
- Friends/Peers
- Media/Culture

Members of the WWII Generation:

- Experienced the Great Depression
- Experienced war on both sides of the country
- Felt hatred toward anything German or Japanese
- Men were away from home – often for years at a time
- Began the traditions of shopping early for Christmas – in order to get the shipments to those overseas
- Had a mentality of obedience and duty and responsibility

Members of the Silent Generation:

- Experienced peace under President Eisenhower
- Experienced great national growth
 - Personal home ownership
 - Cars
 - Televisions
 - Beginning of the interstate highway system
- The experienced Vietnam and began to question leadership more
- Demanded change

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- Have never been elected to the Presidential position

Members of the Baby Boomers:

- Heaviest involvement in Vietnam and the protest of it
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Members of Generation X:

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- They grew up in a country totally out of control, with actions and impacts ranging from the Vietnam War to nuclear power accidents.
- Families broke apart by skyrocketing divorces, creating an unprecedented number of single- parent households.
- The surge of mothers into the workplace created "latchkey" kids left alone to fend for themselves.
- This is a generation of children without a childhood.
- Xers are survivors of what the adult world has left behind. They were forced to grow up fast and were overloaded with information.
- Xers are confronted with drug addiction, AIDS, sexual freedom, uncontrollable violence, educational requirements, and environmental and world problems created by past generations.
- This is the odd generation, born on "Friday the Thirteenth", or the generation "cross-out" with a capital "X".

Members of Generation Y:

- do not remember:
 - The Reagan Administration.
 - The cold war.
 - The first President named Bush.
 - Eight track tapes, cassette tapes or albums.
 - Black Monday.
 - Larry Bird and Magic Johnson.
 - Johnny Carson.
 - Typewriters.
 - Corded phones.
- Can't imagine life without:
 - High speed internet.
 - Cell phones.
 - Text messaging.
 - Online chat rooms.
 - DVD players.
 - Cable Television.
 - Block Buster.
 - Video games.
 - Car seats.
 - SUVs.
 - ATMs.
 - Happy Meals.
 - Reality TV.
- Role Models
 - Shaq, Koby, Jeter, and Manning.

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- Paris, Nichole, and Lindsay.
- Music
 - MC Hammer
 - Hootie and the Blowfish
 - Nirvana
 - Brittany Spears
- TV
 - Friends and Seinfeld
 - Bevis and Butthead
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Generation Y

- Politicians and parents are taking an interest in improving conditions today that allows this generation to grow up in a nurturing environment.
- Parents are making a concerted effort to tell children to stay away from drugs, alcohol, profanity, improper TV, and aggressive behavior; beware of AIDS; and avoid teen pregnancy.
- Politicians are taking an interest in the quality of education, media affects on children, and the war on drugs, so this generation is not a "Lost" generation.
- This is the instant generation.
- Teen violence has become commonplace.
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- Gen Y grew up in an optimistic affluent society.
- Two income families (75%)

Negative Characteristics

- Impatient
- Poor face-to-face communicators
- Desensitized
- Limited connection between choices and consequences
- Skeptical – They have to know the "why" before they will do the "what."
- Disrespectful – Demand respect but are slow to give respect

Positive Characteristics

- Great team players
- Adaptable
- Efficient
- Well-balanced
- Givers
- Independent
- Highly educated - Committed to life-long learning and improvement
- Tolerant

Working/Living with Generation Y

- You have to show them you care about them personally.
 - You have to keep things moving. You have to "entertain" this generation.
 - Ask their input when solving problems.
 - Keep positive and optimistic. Don't rain on their parade.
 - Explain why. Don't say, "Because I said so," or "That's just the way it is."
 - Be honest. Remember they are skeptics because they have been deceived so much.
 - Look to reward not, punish.
 - Be flexible.
 - Have an open mind.
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Of these negative characteristics, I focused on 3 issues:

1. Poor face-to-face communicators
2. Desensitized
3. Limited connection between choices and consequences

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One of the Power Train teachings about how to work and live with Generation Y says that you must be ready to explain "why". You can't say "Because I said so" or "That's just the way it is".

They are skeptical. They have to know the "why" before they will do the "what".

Since most modern day, main-stream "Christians" cannot explain many of the "whys" of the Bible; they will not be able to explain the Bible adequately to the Generation Y learners. If they don't understand "why", they will not do the "what".

Mark 13:

- 9 "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.
- 10 "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

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- 11 "But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.
- 12 "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.
- 13 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Do your best to understand the “why” so you can explain it to those who ask. Endure to the end and you will be in the Kingdom of God.