

The Book of Daniel

God's Prophet and Statesman

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12 "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**.

² **Many** of those who **sleep** in the **dust** of the ground will **awake**, these to **everlasting life**, but the **others** to **disgrace and everlasting contempt**.

³ **Those** who have **insight** will **shine brightly** like the **brightness** of the expanse of **heaven**, and those who **lead** the **many** to **righteousness**, like the **stars forever and ever**.

⁴ 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**.”

⁵ Then I, **Daniel**, looked and behold, **two others** were standing, **one** on **this bank** of the **river** and the **other** on **that bank** of the **river**.

⁶ And **one said** to the **man** dressed in **linen**, who was **above** the **waters** of the **river**,

“**How long** will it be until the **end** of **these wonders**?”

⁷ I heard the **man** dressed in **linen**, who was **above** the **waters** of the **river**, as **he raised** his **right hand** and his **left** toward **heaven**, and **swore by Him** who **lives forever** that it would be for **a time, times, and half a time**;

and as soon as they **finish shattering** the **power** of the **holy people**, **all these events** will be **completed**.

⁸ As for **me**, I heard but could **not understand**; so I said, “**My lord**, what *will be* the **outcome** of these **events**?”

⁹ **He** said, “Go *your way*, **Daniel**, for *these words* are **concealed** and **sealed up** until the **end time**.

¹⁰ **Many** will be **purged, purified** and **refined**, but the **wicked** will act **wickedly**; and **none** of the **wicked** will **understand**, but **those** who have **insight** will **understand**.

¹¹ From the **time** that the **regular sacrifice** is **abolished** and the **abomination of desolation** is **set up**, *there will be* **1,290 days**.

¹² How **blessed** is he who keeps waiting and **attains** to the **1,335 days**!

¹³ But as for **you**, go *your way* to the **end**; then you will **enter** into **rest** and **rise again** for **your allotted portion** at the **end** of the **age**.”

Prophetic Summary—Daniel Chapter 12 **{Israel in the End-times}**

A. **Israel** will face a time a **terrible Tribulation**

Now at **that time**...there will be a **time of distress** such as **never** occurred since there was a **nation** until that time;.. (12:1a)

“For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has **not occurred** since the **beginning** of the **world** until **now**, nor ever will.” (Matthew 24:21)

B. A certain **number** in *Israel* will be **Saved**

;..and at **that time** **your people**, everyone who is found **written** in the **book**, will be **rescued**. (12:1b)

It will come about that he who is **left in Zion** and **remains in Jerusalem** will be called **holy**— everyone who is **recorded for life in Jerusalem**. (Isaiah 4:3)

Isaiah cries out concerning **Israel**,
“THOUGH THE **NUMBER** OF THE **SONS OF ISRAEL** BE LIKE THE **SAND OF THE SEA**,
IT IS THE **REMNANT** THAT WILL BE **SAVED**”; (Romans 9:27)

C. There will be a **bodily Resurrection**—many to **everlasting life**, others to **everlasting contempt**

Many of those who **sleep** in the **dust** of the ground **will awake**, these to **everlasting life**, but the **others** to...**everlasting contempt**. (12:2)

D. In the **end time**, there will be those in *Israel* with “**insight**,” who will “**shine brightly**,” and lead many to **Righteousness**

Those who have **insight** will **shine brightly**...and...
lead the **many** to **righteousness**,..(12:3)

“**He (John)** was the **lamp** that was **burning** and was **shining** and **you** were willing to **rejoice** for a while in **his light**.” (John 5:35)

E. The **Prophetic words** of **Daniel** would be “**sealed up**” or **kept intact** until the **end time**. At that time **many** will “go **back** and **forth**” (**search intently**), and **knowledge** will **increase**. (12:4, 9)

F. *Israel's* time of “**great tribulation**” is to last for **3 1/2 years**.

And **one (angel)** said to **the man dressed in linen**,..
“**How long** will it be until the **end** of **these wonders**?”

I heard **the man dressed in linen**,,as he raised his **right hand** and his **left** toward **heaven**,

and **swore by Him** who **lives forever** that it would be for **time, times**, and a **half a time (31/2 years)**; (12:6-7a)

But the **two wings** of the great **eagle** were given to the **woman (Israel)**, so that she could fly into the **wilderness** to her place, where she was **nourished** for a **time** and **times** and **half a time**, from the presence of the **serpent**. (Revelation 12:14)

G. During **this time** the **Power** of **Israel** will be “**shattered**”

...and as soon as they **finish shattering** the **power** of the **holy people**, **all these events** will be **completed**. (12:7b)

H. The **Starting point** of the “**great tribulation**” will be when the “**regular sacrifice is abolished**, and the **abomination of desolation is set up**.” (12:11, see also 9:27)

From the time that the **regular sacrifice is abolished** and the **abomination of desolation** is set up,

*there will be **1, 290 days** (1, 260 days (31/2 years) plus **30** more days).*

How **blessed** is he who keeps waiting and attains to the **1, 335 days!** (12:11-12) (**1, 260 days (31/2 years)** plus **75** more days).

“Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**, **standing** in the **holy place** (let the reader understand), then those who are in **Judea** must **flee** to the **mountains**...

For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the **beginning** of the **world** until **now**, nor **ever will**. (Matthew 24:15-16, 21)

Closing Commentary **Reflecting on the Character of Daniel**

1. His **Pious Life** (1:8) (10:2-3, 12)
2. His **Persistent Prayer Life** (6:10) (9:3-4) (10:12)
3. His **Preeminent Wisdom** (1:20) (4:18) (5:11)
4. His **Prominent Positions** (2:46-48) (6:1-3)
5. His **Pronounced Faith** (2:20-23) (6:10, 16)

6. His *Prophetic* Ministry (Chapters 7-12)
7. His *Passion* for Understanding
8. His *Promised* Reward (12:13)