

## ***“The Final Word for the End Time”***

This last chapter is about “the end times.” The time of Great Tribulation as recorded in Revelation. Neither Daniel nor us have seen these days. These days will be characterized by:

### ***I. Rough Times of Trouble are ahead***

Daniel 12 is the conclusion of the long prophecy Daniel began receiving in Chapter 10.

Then last week in Chapter 11, we followed the historical outline the angel Gabriel gave Daniel. In the first 35 verses there were predictions about the rise of the Greek Empire and the ongoing battles between Egypt and Syria. There are 135 details in those verses and every one of them has been precisely fulfilled. It was prophecy to Daniel writing in 530 B.C., but it is history to us now. Again, if there is anyone who doesn't think this book is the supernatural word of God, I challenge you to honestly compare the amazing prophecies to how they have been fulfilled in history.

Beginning Daniel 11:36, we traced the career of the final world leader—the Antichrist. In the last verse of that chapter, he is terminated at what the Book of Revelation calls the Battle of Armageddon.

Then there is a “time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.” (12:1)

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There will be trouble like as never been seen.

## ***II. Revival***

12:1 promises that in this midst of deep trouble there will come deliverance of God's people.

Ezekiel 20: 5-6

Things will happen in such a way that even Israel will turn to the Messiah and God will do what He has said He would do even for Israel.

## ***III. Resurrection and Reward***

Let's see what else the Bible says about this: "A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned." (John 5:28-29)

"Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them." (Revelation 20:6)

Those who know Jesus, whose names are written in the book of Life, will be resurrected to eternal life. We will live with Jesus forever. Throughout the Bible we are taught there are two and only two eternal destinies. The Bible calls

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it heaven and hell. Daniel says some will be resurrected to eternal life and some to eternal shame and contempt.

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Revelation 20:6a

12:13 “and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."  
"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13

#### ***IV. Righteousness***

Tribulation tends to purify the genuine people of God and to confirm their faith.

Many will be turned to the right over against the false.

... children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. *Philippians 2:15-16a*

#### ***V. Resolve***

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Daniel 12:8-9. "I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, 'My Lord, what will the outcome of all this be?' He replied, 'Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.'"

God gives a personal word to old Daniel. Picture this faithful saint of God, probably in his 90s at this time, still on fire for God, praying and serving His Lord. Here is God's final truth to Daniel in verse 12: "As for you, go your way till the end (that means just keep on doing what you've been doing until you die). You will rest, and then at the end of the days (end of the world) you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."

'In the ancient Near East, important documents such as contracts, promissory notes, and deeds of conveyance were written out in duplicate. The original document was kept in a secure repository, safe ('closed up') from later tampering, in order to conserve the interests and rights of all parties to the transaction. Though copies might be made from it, the original was to remain secure so that it might be consulted if any future challenge of its terms were made (Archer, 153).

Daniel suddenly sees two additional angelic figures standing on either side of the river. One speaks to the man dressed in linen, i.e., the being (Gabriel? Pre-incarnate Christ? Another angel?) already graphically described in 10:5-6. In response to a question from one angel concerning the duration of the prophesied distress, the man in linen raises both hands toward heaven and swears 'by Him who lives forever (v. 7a). Raising the hand when

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giving an oath was customary (cf. Gen. 14:22; Deut. 32:40), 'but raising both hands and swearing to keep the oath in the name of the eternal God (cf. Rev. 10:5-6) gives the greatest possible assurance that the words spoken are true.

Then in verse 11 and 12 Daniel is given some kind of “final answer.” “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up there will be 1,290 days.” Remember, after Jesus comes to rapture the church, the last 3-1/2 years of the reign of the Antichrist will be a time when he does something so horrible (an abomination) that the Jewish temple (which is going to be rebuilt) will once again be deserted (desolate) by the faithful Jews. Actually 1,290 days is exactly 3-1/2 years *plus* 30 days. What does it mean? You may not be ready for my answer. What does it mean? I don't know. I believe this will not make any sense until this happens during the Great Tribulation and only then will God's faithful followers read this verse and understand what it means. The same is true for verse 12: “Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.” This is an additional 45 days. Again, I believe in the future, when God's people are under terrible persecution, they will read those two verses and gain great strength. They will be able to match those words with what Antichrist has done and they will be able to encourage each other by saying, “Just 30 more days...just 45 more days.. hang in there, be faithful!” That's what the angel means when he says that the words of this prophecy are “sealed up” until the end of time. Isn't that amazing?

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God's answer to Daniel's question is to be patient and  
steadfast - vs. 7, 11, 12

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I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be  
steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the  
Lord...."

12:13 "Go your way..." Keep doing what you are doing.

### ***VI. Rest***

12:12 (waits) and 12:13 describe a rest. I believe this rest  
is based on the knowledge of the Word of God and that  
God is in control.

Would you dare to be a Daniel?

"Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone,  
Dare to have a purpose firm,  
Dare to make it known."