

IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 17

THE FINAL CHAPTER
An Ending Like No Other
(Daniel 12:1-13)

INTRODUCTION:

"...And there will be a time of distress..."

—Daniel 12:1

1A. THE COMING TIME OF DISTRESS—ITS _____ (v. 1)

"...such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time..."

2A. THE COMING TIME OF DISTRESS—ITS _____ (v. 4)

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time..."

3A. THE COMING TIME OF DISTRESS—ITS _____ (v. 6, 7)

"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?' 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..."

4A. THE COMING TIME OF DISTRESS—ITS _____ (v. 9)

"...for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."

5A. THE COMING TIME OF DISTRESS—ITS _____ :

1B. It will be a time of _____ for God's people. (v. 10a)

"Many will be purged, purified and refined..."

2B. It will be a time of _____ for God's people. (v. 1b)

"...everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued..."

3B. It will be a time of _____ for God's people. (v. 2)

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake..."

4B. It will be a time of _____ for God's people. (v. 13a)

"But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest..."

5B. It will be a time of _____ for God's people. (v. 13b)

"...and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

THE DAY OF THE LORD... (MATTHEW 24-25; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11)

"Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape."

—1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

1. ITS _____ :

- The Day of the Lord is that period of time when God—who has seemed to be _____, _____ and _____—breaks into history and reveals Himself from heaven as the _____, _____ God, executing His _____, restoring His people – the _____ of Israel, and revealing Jesus as _____.

2. ITS _____ :

It will be _____ ("like a thief in the night"), _____ ("like birth pains"), _____ ("they will not escape"), and _____ ("then destruction will come upon them").

3. ITS _____ :

The _____ of History in a manner which is _____ for God and God's people. To bring the _____...

1B. ...of the _____ to an end – _____ out His _____.

2B. ...of _____ to an end – _____ Her of _____.

3B. ...of _____ to an end – _____ Jesus as _____.

4. ITS _____ :

"As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'"

—Matthew 24:1-3

• The Birth Pains:

1. They are descriptive of the _____ age.
2. They will increase in _____ and _____.
3. They are not _____, but _____.

• Practical Exhortations:

1. _____, but don't get _____ with the "birth pains."
2. _____ in your _____ in spite of the "birth pains."
3. _____ the _____ in the midst of the "birth pains."