

I) **V1-4 INTRO: At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch**

**The first three verses of chapter 12 are a continuation of chapter 11  
These first verses complete the section that began in chapter 10  
What we see is the Great Tribulation will reach its apex, but Israel will be delivered**

II) **The conclusion of the Great Tribulation will be a terrible time on earth  
Three sets of judgments will come upon the earth, progressively escalating in fury  
The Seal, Trumpet and finally the Bowl judgments will devastate the earth**

III) **The Antichrist will rule, heading an international confederacy  
A confederation of nations Led by the E and N will unite against him (Armageddon)  
Antichrist will set up his headquarters in Jerusalem, fighting until the end**

IV) **During the years of the tribulation, Israel will be under severe judgment  
God will use this to cleanse the land of its sinful population  
Zech 13:8-9 Two-thirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die,” says the Lord. But one-third will be left in the land I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘These are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”**

VI) **Antichrist continues his battle against the opposing forces until the return of Jesus**

**Zech 14:1-5 Watch, for the day of the Lord is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city. Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all his holy ones with him.**

VII) **Rev 19:17-21 Gives the prophecy related to the Beast’s and false prophet’s end**

He and his troops gather to make war against Jesus when He returns  
Rev 17:20-21 Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

VIII) Dan 11:45 He shall come to his end

I) At this time, Michael will play (on God's behalf) a very important part in this deliverance

II) Daniel had revealed that there shall be 3 1/2 years of intense tribulation and suffering

III) This comes through the antichrist, in the middle of the Tribulation  
As the coming world ruler, many will willingly follow him as he opposes God

Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

IV) The antichrist will broker a truce and bring a false peace, but it is temporary  
Dan 9:26 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.

Mt 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be

V) It is during this time that the archangel Michael acts as a protector for the believing Jews

VI) This section has special significance to the nation of Israel  
Dan 10:14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.

VII) I have already mentioned that believing Israel will experience deliverance  
Zech 13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'

**VIII) V2 Shows that the hope of resurrection motivates them to faithfulness, even unto death**

**Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!**

**IX) V1 At that time Michael shall stand up the great prince who stands watch over the sons of**

**This reveals that he is continuing what he had begun to reveal (11:40)  
It is occurring at the time of the end, a time of trouble**

**X) This is the Tribulation, also referred to as Jacob's trouble**

**Notice how he says your people shall be delivered**

**Jer 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.**

**I) The tribulation is divided into two sections: Tribulation, and Great Tribulation  
It begins slowly, appearing to be a time of peace and prosperity on the earth**

**II) This does not last for long**

**In the middle of the tribulation the antichrist breaks the treaty**

**1 Th 5:3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.**

**III) The peace and safety is then replaced with suffering and pain for Israel**

**Mt 24:15 speaks of the abomination of desolation and desecration of the rebuilt Temple**

**2 Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

**IV) Jesus taught that when they saw this occur, they were to flee to the mountains**

**Mt 24:16-18 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes**

**V) The people will flee to a place prepared for them (PetraSela is referred to in Is 16:1)**

**Rev 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a**

place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days

Is 16: 4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

VI) **DURING THIS TIME:** The Tribulation will rage and many will be killed  
**IN THEIR DISTRESS:** Michael the archangel will aid them

VII) Finally, notice Every one who is found written in the book (Is delivered)  
This book is also called the Book of Life (Ex 32:32-33; Ps 69:28; Rev 13:8, 20:15,21:27)

VIII) Not every Jew making through the Tribulation is saved  
There are some who will survive, but are not followers of the Lamb  
Ezek 20:38 I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me.  
Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

IX) V2-3 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake some to everlasting life  
Notice that those who are resurrected are separated into two categories  
Those who are resurrected to shame and contempt and those who are wise

I) This is something that Jesus spoke of  
Jn 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

II) V2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake

III) This is not teaching that, in death, the soul sleeps until the future resurrection  
Some say that in death, the soul is asleep: it is called Soul sleep  
This is not accurate

IV) At death, the spirit leaves the body, and the body takes on the appearance of sleeping

The body appears to be asleep, no longer being animated  
Jas 2:26 The body without the spirit is dead

- V) **WHAT HAPPENS: When a Believer dies?**
- VI) **FIRST: The individual retains consciousness, after death**  
**We see this is the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Lu 16:19-31)**
- VII) **The soul of the believer goes to be with the Lord**  
**2 Co. 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.**
- VIII) **SECOND: The body is planted in the ground, like a seed: (1 Co 15:42-44)**  
**At the Rapture, believers receive glorified bodies, suitable for Heaven**  
**Phil 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself**
- IX) **After the Rapture, there will still be believers, some of whom will die**  
**When Jesus returns, there will be a resurrection**  
**Rev 20:4-5 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**  
**This is the first resurrection occurring after the beast and false prophet are in the lake**  
**It occurs after Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years**
- I) **FIRST: Jesus, firstfruits of the saints (Mt 27:52-53), Rapture saints, Tribulation saints**
- II) **AFTER THE 1,000 YEAR REIGN: There is the next phase**  
**The white throne judgment: These are raised to shame and everlasting contempt**  
**Rev 20:13-15 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**
- III) **V3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament and those who**  
**The wise saw through the deception of the antichrist, and came to faith**

in Jesus

IV) They were evangelistic in their faith, seeing through the lies and proclaiming truth

Pr 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise

Mt 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

V) V4 But you Daniel shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end

It is made clear that these things are not simply for Daniel:

VI) Their primary purpose was to instruct those living in the time of the end

1 Pe 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into

VII) V4 Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase

Is this speaking of general transportation and increase in academic knowledge alone?

VIII) FIRST: People will search for understanding, but in the wrong places

SECOND: This will make sense in the last days, when events begin to come together

IX) V5-8 Then I Daniel looked and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other

X) Daniel is still at the side of the river mentioned in 10:4: Hiddekel (Tigris)

Two Angels are speaking to one another:

XI) V7 The answer: 3 1/2 years, the last period immediately preceding Jesus' return

They are broken in the Great Tribulation, though Daniel does not understand (V8)

XII) V9-10 And he said Go your way Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the

During this time, the saints are purified and their faith strengthened (as they are saved)

- I) The tribulation will actually serve to purify and produce faith in Jesus
- II) God will and does allow affliction to enter into our lives, to refine us  
Ps 66:10-12 For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.
- III) It will also manifest the wickedness of others as they harden themselves and reject Him
- IV) V11-12 And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away and the abomination of
- V) According to Dan 9:27, this takes place in the middle of the Tribulation  
This tells us that the last 3 1/2 years are in view here
- VI) When computed in 30-day months, the total is 1,260 days and not 1,290  
Notice how a blessing is given to the one who waits and comes to the end of 1,335 days  
That increases this number by another 45 days, making a total of 75 days
- VII) THE 1,260 DAY PERIOD: Is the time that elapses until the Return of Jesus  
At His return, there will be judgments on the inhabitants on earth and this takes time
- VIII) Mt 25:31-46 speaks of the judgment of the sheep and goats, the judgment on Gentiles  
Ezek 20:34-38 records God's judgment on Israel:
- IX) OBVIOUSLY: Judging this great number of people requires time: 75 days
- X) V13 But you go your way till the end; for you shall rest and will arise to your inheritance at  
You are part of the wise who are resurrected in glory!  
Live out the rest of your life in hope, for a great reward awaits you!