



# The Book of DANIEL

## Chapter 12

### “The Time of the End!”

*Go for God!* - At least seventy-one passages from Daniel are quoted or alluded to in sixteen New Testament books, most of them in the Book of Revelation. All of Daniel 6 is referred to in Hebrews 11:33 - *who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions*

> There are three topics of great interest in Daniel Chapter 12:

(v1) The Great Tribulation!

(v2-3) Two Resurrections!

(v4-13) What Shall be the End of these Things?

> (v1) The Great Tribulation!

- “at that time” - Daniel 11:36–45, referring to the last days Antichrist (2 Thessalonians chapter 2; Revelation chapters 6 – 19) during the final tribulation period.

- The Great Tribulation! - “a time of trouble, such as never was since there was nation” - Jeremiah chapter 30; Matthew 24:15-23 - “Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 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. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 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. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

- “Every one who is found written in the book” - Luke 10:17-20- Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

- Revelation 13:8-9 - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the Antichrist), whose names are not written in the book of life of the

***Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.***

***- Revelation 21:23-27 - The city (the New Jerusalem) had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.***

***- The Prophet Zechariah promises that the nation of Israel will see their Messiah as He comes from heaven, recognize Him, repent of their sins, and trust Him, and the nation will be cleansed (Zech 12:10-13:1). Jesus will stand on the Mount of Olives (14:4; Acts 1:11-12), "and the Lord shall be king over all the earth" (Zech 14:9) and will establish His glorious kingdom for a thousand years (Rev 20:1-7).***

***> (v2-3) Two Resurrections!***

***- John 5:24-31- "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 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. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."***

***- Revelation 20:11-15 - Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 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.***

> (v4-13) What Shall be the End of these Things?

(v4a) “Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase” - Transportation, Communication, Technology; but most importantly it is our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the end times! In Revelation 19:10 we read, “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

(v4b) “seal the book until the time of the end” - C.I. Scofield writes: “The time of the end in Daniel begins with the violation by *“the prince who is to come”* (i.e. little horn, “man of sin,” “beast,” the Antichrist) of his covenant with the Jews for the restoration of the temple and sacrifice (9:2), and his presentation of himself as God (9:27; 11:36-38; Mt. 24:15; 2Th. 2:4; Rev. 13:4-6), and ends with his destruction by the appearing of the Lord in glory (2Th. 2:8; Rev. 19:19-20). The duration of the *“time of the end”* is three and one-half years, coinciding with the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel (7:25; 12:7; Rev. 13:5). And this *“time of the end”* is the *“time of Jacob’s trouble”* (Jer. 30:7); *“a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation”* (Dan. 12:10); Jesus said it would be a time of “great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Mt. 24:21).

(v5-7) *Time, times & half a time* is 3 ½ years and *the power of the holy people (Israel) has been completely shattered then all things will be finished.*

(v8-9) “the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end” - In other words this book will be fully understood in the last days, which is today!

(v10) Many will be purified, made white and refined - “Saints”  
- “The wicked will do wickedly” - Matthew 24:36-39; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-3;  
2 Tim. 3:1-7

- “The wise will understand”- Matthew 24:15, 32-35; 1 Thessalonian 4:13 - Ch. 5:1-11; 2 Thessalonians Ch. 2

(v11-12) Understanding the various “days” or timeline:  
- 1<sup>st</sup>- 1260 days - The countdown from the *“abomination of desolation”* (Mt. 24:15; 2 Th. 2:4) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ! (7:25; 12:7; Rev. 13:5).

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 1290 days - This extra thirty days (the 1260 + 30=1290) is believed to be a time of cleansing on earth from the destruction at Armageddon (Dan. 2:35; Mt. 24:28; Rev. 16:13-16; 19:17) and a time of mourning (Matthew 24:30-31 - *Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*)

- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 1335 days - The extra forty-five days (1290 + 45=1335) is believed to be the time of separating the “*sheep & the goats*” for the Millennial Kingdom (Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:1-3).

(v13) *“But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.” (Revelation chapters 21 – 22 – New heavens, new earth, and a new Jerusalem!)*

- It was D.L. Moody who said about Daniel, “Daniel thought more of his principles than he did of earthly honor or the esteem of men. Right was right with him. He was going to do right today and let the morrows take care of themselves. That firmness of purpose, in the strength of God, was the secret of his success.”