

Notes on Daniel 12

12:1 at that time. The time of the events of 11:36-45, the **Great Tribulation**. Michael, Dan 10:13, *such as never occurred*. Jesus' words in Matt 24:21.

10:13 - The prince of the kingdom of Persia. A supernatural creature who tried to direct the human rulers of Persia to oppose God's plan. Evil angels seek to influence the affairs of nations. Michael, which means "who is like God?" (21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev 12:7), is the special guardian of the affairs of Israel (12:1) and is designated the archangel (Jude 9). one of the chief princes shows a hierarchy among the angels (Eph 1:21). I had been left there with the kings of Persia. The good angel (vv. 5-6), with Michael's help, was left in a place of preeminence in influencing Persia. But the battle between good and evil angels over the control of nations continues (v. 20 and Rev 20:3).

Matt 24:21 ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

12:2 The verse predicts the resurrection of the righteous dead of Old Testament times as well as the righteous martyrs of the Tribulation at the second coming of Christ (Rev 20:4-6). Believers of the church age will already have been changed and raised at the Rapture. (The resurrection of the wicked does not occur at the same time, but after the Millennium; Rev 20:5.)

12:3 Those who have insight will see through Antichrist's deception. They will also lead others to the truth during the tribulation period. (**And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament**)

12:4 seal up the book. Not that its meaning was to be left unexplained but that the book was to be kept intact so as to help those living in the future tribulation days. many will go back and forth. As the end approaches, people will travel about seeking to discover what the future holds.

12:5 Likely two angels.

2:7 The events of the Tribulation will be consummated when the time, times, and half a time (the last 3 1/2 years of that seven-year period) come to a close. These last 3 1/2 years constitute the Great Tribulation (Matt 24:21).

12:8 Even Daniel did not understand all these prophecies. **And I heard, but I understood not**

12:11 the abomination of desolation. At the midpoint of the tribulation "week" Antichrist will abolish the Jewish sacrifices (9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4). From that time to the end will be 1,290 days. Normally 3 1/2 years (of 360 days per year) would include only 1,260 days. The extra 30 days mentioned here allow for the judgments that will take place after the second coming of Christ. Ezek 20:33-44; Joel 3:2-3; Matt 25:32.

12:12 Because the one who lives 75 days after the second advent (1,335 days from the midpoint of the Tribulation) **is called blessed**, this must mark the beginning of the actual functioning of Christ's millennial kingdom.

12:13 you will enter into rest. Daniel would die but is promised that he will rise (be resurrected) and receive his inheritance (portion) in our Lord's millennial kingdom.