

Hope Beyond The Grave

(Daniel 12:1-13)

Intro: The twelfth chapter serves as the conclusion to Daniel's fourth and final revelation recorded in chapters 10–12. While chapter 10 serves as the introduction to the revelation, chapter 11 provides a prophetic panorama of the conflicts that would plague the nation of Israel from Daniel's day to the end of time. Chapter 12 concludes this revelation with a description of the sufferings associated with the Great Tribulation period, and a prediction of the resurrection of all the righteous Old Testament saints at the second coming of Christ. The final words spoken to Daniel in verse 13 are words of comfort and hope.

I. Israel's Future Distress And Deliverance (vv. 1-4)

- A. Israel's future distress (v. 1)
- B. Israel's future deliverance and judgment (vv. 2-3)
- C. Daniel is instructed to seal up the words in his book (v. 4)



II. Two Questions Concerning Israel's Future Sufferings (vv. 5-12)

- A. The length of Israel's distress (vv. 5-7)
 - 1. The angel's question (vv. 5-6)
 - 2. Gabriel's reply (v. 7)
- B. The outcome of Israel's distress (vv. 8-12)
 - 1. Daniel's question (v. 8)
 - 2. Gabriel's reply (vv. 9-12)

III. The Final Command To Daniel (v. 13)

Conclusion: Daniel 12 is the crowning chapter of this extended prophecy (Dan. 10-12), as well as its conclusion. It takes the believer to the high-water mark of Christian hope—the assurance of resurrection from the dead.