

Prophecies Concerning Israel's Final Distress & Deliverance (Daniel 12:1-13)

I. Israel's Future Distress & Deliverance (12:1-3)

- A. The Time—note the words, "at that time" (12:1a)
- B. The Tragedy—"a time of distress such as has never occurred" (12:1c)
(see Matthew 24:21 and Mark 13:19)
- C. The Triumph—Michael's rescue of believing Jews & Gentiles (12:1a, c)
 - 1. Michael, Israel's archangel, will come to believer's aide (12:1a)
 - 2. He will rescue everyone who has his/her name written in the book of life (12:1c)
 - 3. The resurrection of Old Testament & tribulation saints (v. 2)
 - a. Many who sleep in dust of the ground (the Old Testament & tribulation saints) will awake to everlasting life (12:2a);
 - b. But the others (the unsaved dead), will awake to disgrace and everlasting contempt at the Great White Throne Judgment (12:2b; see Rev 20:11-13)

II. Daniel is Commanded to Preserve His Prophecies (11:4)

- A. A time marked by rapid travel (11:4c)
- B. A time marked by increased knowledge (11:4d)

III. Daniel's Final Instructions & Questions (12:5-13)

- A. Daniel witnesses three unidentified figures: Christ & two angels? (12:5)
- B. The exchange between the angels and the glorified Christ (12:6-7)
- C. Daniel's interchange with the glorified Christ (12:8-13)
 - 1. Daniel's confusion & question (12:8)
 - 2. Christ's response (12:9-13)
 - a. Daniel's prophecy would remain sealed until the end time (v. 9b)
 - b. Many will be saved during the final tribulation period (v. 10a)
 - 1) The wicked will act wickedly and not understand (v. 10b)
 - 2) Those with insight (righteous) will understand & be saved (v. 10c)
 - c. The time of intense persecution (v. 11)
 - d. The blessed are those that remain until 1335 days after the mid-point of the tribulation, or until Christ establishes His Millennial Kingdom on earth (v. 12)
 - e. Daniel's promised rest and resurrection (v. 13)