

THE TIME OF THE END

(Daniel 12:1-4)

- I. Background
 - A. Daniel 12:1-4 CONCLUDES the vision begun in Daniel 10:4
 - B. Daniel 11:36-12:3 describes events STILL FUTURE TODAY
 - C. Daniel 12:1-3 relates specifically to ISRAEL in the “END TIME” (cf. 11:35)

- II. The Great Tribulation (Dan. 12:1)
 - A. Occurs DURING the “END TIME” (cf. 11:40)
 - B. Consistent with other passages
 - 1. Israel “in DISTRESS” in the “LATTER DAYS” (Deut. 4:30)
 - 2. Called “the time of JACOB’S DISTRESS” (Jer. 30:7)
 - C. Begins with Antichrist’s breaking the TREATY and desecrating the TEMPLE (Dan. 9:27; cf. Mt. 24:15, 21-22)
 - 1. Unprecedented world-wide DISASTERS
 - 2. Would EXTERMINATE all HUMANITY were it not for the timely RETURN of CHRIST
 - D. Involves the most INTENSE persecution of ISRAEL in history (cf. Zech. 13:8)
 - E. Israel will receive special help from MICHAEL (cf. Jude 9)
 - 1. Commander of the HOST of HEAVEN
 - 2. Special GUARDIAN of Israel
 - F. There will be DELIVERANCE at the END
 - 1. Generally, for ISRAEL
 - 2. Specifically, for “EVERYONE...found written in the BOOK” (cf. Ex. 32:32-33; Ps. 69:28; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27)

III. The Resurrections (Daniel 12:2)

- A. A resurrection to “EVERLASTING LIFE”
 - 1. Occurs at the END of the TRIBULATION
 - 2. Occurs at the RETURN of the LORD
 - 3. Includes OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS and TRIBULATION martyrs
- B. A resurrection to “DISGRACE and everlasting CONTEMPT”
 - 1. Occurs at the END of the MILLENNIUM (cf. Rev. 20:5)
 - 2. Occurs before the final JUDGMENT
 - 3. Includes the unredeemed of ALL TIME

IV. The Reward for the Righteous (Daniel 12:3)

- A. Characteristics of those rewarded
 - 1. “Those who have insight” BELIEVED the TRUTH and OBEYED the LORD
 - 2. They “lead the many to righteousness” through EXHORTATION and EXAMPLE
- B. Nature of the reward (cf. Rom. 8:18)
 - 1. GLORIFICATION
 - 2. ETERNITY

V. Conclusion of the Revelation (Daniel 12:4)

- A. Man’s search for UNDERSTANDING
 - 1. Will be CEASELESS and increasingly FRANTIC
 - 2. Will involve great EFFORT producing little RESULT
- B. The character of the PROPHECY
 - 1. CONCEALED from man’s understanding
 - 2. Intended for those LIVING at “the end of time”