



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

Daniel (Part-21) (Chapter 12)

Daniel's Fourth Vision (Contd.) (1-4): What is the time period referred to in verse 1? Who is Michael and what is his role? What does the trouble refer to? How many years does the trouble last? Who is delivered from the trouble and why? Who is resurrected? How is this different from rapture? What follows the resurrection? How many resurrections do we have? Who will shine, and why? What does it mean to 'seal the book'? Why are people running to & fro?

Daniel's Fourth Vision (Ch.10)

Daniel's Mourning (1-3)

Vision of a glorious man (4-9)

Reason for delayed response (10-14) Spiritual warfare

Daniel's interaction with the messenger (15-21)

Daniel fourth vision (cont.) (Ch.11)

Alexander the Great of Greece conquers Persia (1-4)

Battles between kings of North (Syria) & kings of South (Egypt) (5-20)

Antiochus IV, foreshadow of antiChrist (21-35)

AntiChrist, Battle of nations, victory of Christ, (36-45)

Daniel's Fourth Vision (cont.) (Ch.12)

Tribulation & Deliverance (1)

Resurrection (2)

Shining Witnesses (3)

Sealing of Book (4) ... [prophecy ends in verse 4](#)

Continuing conversation and promise (5-12)

Tribulation & Deliverance (verse 1)

Who is Michael? What is his role?
What do we know about the great
Tribulation? Who is delivered?

Deliverance at Tribulation ... who is Michael?

Michael

- The great prince
 - chief prince, Daniel 9:13,
 - One of the chief princes, Daniel 10:13
 - your prince, Daniel 10:21
 - the archangel, Jude 1:9, Revelation 12:7
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- stands by to guard thy people (Jews) and bring deliverance.

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Deliverance at Great Tribulation ... what is “that time”

Time refers to time of great tribulation (exact date: not revealed)

Jews have faced many troubles (including 6 million killed during Hitler’s Holocaust), but this end time will be the worst

- Time of Jacob’s trouble (Jeremiah 30:7)
- Time like none before (Mathew 24:21-22)
- Day of wrath, hour of judgement, day of distress, etc.

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The time of great tribulation

Orchestrated by the **AntiChrist** (the beast from sea, Revelation 13; little horn, Daniel 7, that emerges from a confederation of nations)

- Timing - not known,
- Who is he? – some hints given but not known with certainty (Russian alliance?)
- He is Supported by **Satan** (red dragon, Revelation 13) and the **false prophet** (beast from the land, Revelation 13)
- The team (AntiChrist, Satan, and False Prophet) crusades against God and Jews
- Reign of terror and tribulation lasts 42 months (2nd half of 7-years) (Revelation 13:5)
- All three defeated and punished at the end (Antichrist, False prophet and Satan thrown in lake of fire, Revelation 19:20, 20:10)
- Great tribulation begins with Rapture, and ends with the Second coming of Christ.

Jesus warned
of **great
tribulation**,
and promised
His **second
coming**
(Mathew 24)

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. ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

²⁹ **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

Time of great
distress ...
death, fire,
darkness,
locusts,
famine, war,
and more

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Revelation 9:3-5 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. ⁵ And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months:

Revelation 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire:

Remnant
preserved ...
and at that time
thy people shall
be delivered,
every one that
shall be found
written in the
book (12: 1)

- Great tribulation ... but great deliverance promised to the remnant
- Those written in the book are spared ... **how many?**
- **Revelation 7:14** And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb

Zechariah 13:8-9 In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; **yet one-third will be left in it.** This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

Revelation 21:27 (Lamb's book of life)
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.**

Resurrection (12:2)

² And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

True or false ... ???

Lazarus was resurrected

Sinners and saints are resurrected at the same time

Prophet Daniel & Bethany Believers will meet the Lord at the same time

Rapture & Resurrection

Rapture

Second Coming

Resurrection – 1

Resurrection – 2

Is there any other recorded resurrection in the Bible?

1. How is resurrection different from rapture?
2. What is the timing?
3. How many resurrections are there?

Daniel 12:2

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The First Resurrection (after tribulation, before 1000- year rule)

- Resurrection of tribulation believers, martyrs, and Old Testament saints
- JOHN 5:28-29 resurrection of life; Luke 14:14 resurrection of the just
- REVELATION 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**

The Second resurrection (after 1,000 years)

- Resurrection of the sinners
- REVELATION 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Another resurrection?

Mathew 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

When did this event occur? Is this resurrection?

Another resurrection?

REVELATION 11:11-12 And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. **And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud;** and their enemies beheld them

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RAPTURE

(I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

1. Before Tribulation
2. Church age believers (living and dead) are lifted up (Revelation 3:10)
3. Jesus in the air (does not descend on earth)
4. Time unknown
5. Christ comes alone
6. Only believers see
7. One time rapture

SECOND COMING

(Revelation 19:11-16, Mathew 24:30)

1. After Tribulation
2. All resurrected (sinners and dead saints)
3. Christ returns to earth (mount Olives, Zechariah 14:4)
4. Timing: 7-years after tribulation
5. Christ returns with saints
6. Every eye shall see Him (Revelation 1:7)
7. Two (or three?) resurrections

What if there was no rapture
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I CORINTHIANS 15:19

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Shining Witnesses (3)

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever

The wise will
shine (3)

Who are the Wise?

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Who are the Wise?

? Two witnesses of Great Tribulation (Revelation 11)

? 144,000 (Revelation 7:4, 14:1)

? Those who turn to Christ during tribulation time

12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The witness ... and the fruit

- REVELATION 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Seal the Book (4)

⁴ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Seal the book

- Preserve it till the end
- So today we know how it is all going to end ... because the vision has been preserved.

12:4a But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end:

Shut up the vision (8:26),
kept in his heart (7:28)

Unfruitful quest for answers

- Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6)
- No other religion or answer from this world will satisfy us ... because ...
 - Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10)

12:4b many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Amos 8:12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

When is Daniel raised from the dead?

At the end (Daniel 12:13)