

Daniel Chapter Twelve

- The phrase “Now at that time” refers back to verse 11:40 which says “At the end time” setting the time frame for the events in verses 1-3 of chapter twelve.
 - Dan 11:40-45 – the activities of Antichrist.
 - Dan 12:1-3 – the Lord’s provision for His people.
- Michael is the archangel [Jude 9] who...
 - Announces the Rapture of the Church [1 Thess 4:16].
 - Battles Satan and the fallen angels [Rev 12:7].
 - Stands guard over the people of Israel and rescues the believing Jews during the tribulation [Dan 12:1].
- The Great Tribulation is...
 - A time of distress like never before [Dan 12:1].
 - The Time of Jacob’s Distress, a great day and there is none like it [Jer 30:7].
 - A time of judgment upon Israel, unlike anything God has done before or will do after [Ezek 5:9].
 - An ordeal such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world, of such unimaginable intensity that it has the potential to destroy all human life [Matt 24:21-22].
- At the end of the Tribulation, only those whose names are written in the book (believers) will enter into the Millennial Kingdom [12:1].
- Two end-time resurrections are described, one to everlasting life and the other to disgrace and everlasting contempt [12:2].
 - In John 5:28-29 the second resurrection is called a resurrection of “judgment”.
 - In Rev 20:4-6 we learn that these two resurrections actually occur 1000 years apart.
- The believing Jews who are resurrected at the beginning of the Millennium to reign with Christ will shine brightly in the kingdom [12:3 cp. Matt 13:43].
- The faithful Jews who lead many to righteousness (evangelists) will receive eternal rewards [12:3].
 - In the time of Antiochus IV Epiphanes this was the family of Matthaïas the High Priest, resulting in the Maccabean Kingdom.
 - In the time of Antichrist this will be the 144,000 Jews sealed during the Tribulation [Rev 7:4-8].

- Daniel was instructed to write these things down and seal them up so that they would be “unsealed” as the prophecy was being fulfilled [12:4].
- The “back and forth” of the many refers to the current wandering of the Jews under the partial hardening of their hearts [Rom 11:7, 25].
- Knowledge has increased over time concerning these prophecies, but the full understanding of them will not occur until they are fully revealed as they are fulfilled [1 Pt 1:10-12].
- Daniel then had another vision, seeing two angels on either bank of the river and the pre-incarnate Christ above the waters of the river [12:5-7].
 - One angel inquired of the Lord asking how long until the end of wonders.
 - The Lord answered that it would be a time, times and half a time – 3 ½ years.
 - This same time period is mentioned in Rev 12:14 and alternately described as 42 months in Rev 11:2 & 13:5 and 1260 days in Rev 11:3 & 12:6.
- Daniel then inquired of the Lord about the final end (אֲחֵרִית, acharyith - the “after part”) [12:8].
 - Daniel understood the 3 ½ years, but wanted to know what comes after that.
 - Daniel also knew about the stone cut without hands which will crush the Gentile powers and grow into an eternal kingdom [Dan 2:34-35, 44-45].
- The Lord answered Daniel by reminding him that this is sealed – more information about this will be revealed in future dispensations and ages [12:9].
- The Lord then comforted Daniel by telling him about those who will be saved during the Tribulation, even though some will not repent [12:10].
- The Lord then touched upon the “after part” Daniel was asking about by mentioning events that occur 30 days and 75 days after the 2nd Advent [12:11-12].
 - Like Daniel, we do not know what these events are.
 - Guess #1 – 30 days to remove Gentile empires [2:35].
 - Guess #2 – 45 more days to judge the Jews [Ezek 20:33-44] and Gentiles [Matt 25:31-46].
- The Lord then gave Daniel some words of encouragement [12:13].
 - The end of Daniel’s life is near, so he will not live to see most of these things being fulfilled.
 - Daniel will enter into rest and rise again.
 - When he arises, he will receive eternal blessings.
- Amazing things about the future of the Jewish people and Gentile empires had been revealed to Daniel, but it is important to note that the Lord (and Gabriel) attended to him personally.