

## THE BOOK OF DANIEL

### "Tribulation and Resurrection"

Daniel 12:1-3

#### Introduction

1. Last chapters in books are most significant. So it is with Daniel's prophecy. Herein is a summary of some major events described in the book - and a forward look!

2. God is not through with Israel. He still designs to work with them. Their future is firmly cast in the will and purpose of the Lord.

3. Let us, then, with fervor consider the three large experiences of Israel shared in this text:

#### 1. ISRAEL'S TRIBULATION. v. 1.

That this text considers the Jews is patent, for the prophet writes that Michael will stand up for "thy people" None but Israel could be in mind. Note:

##### a. Their trouble.

It is referred to as that which is unlike anything ever experienced by Israel before, not to that time. Speaks of the great tribulation (cf. Dan. 9:27; 11:36-45; Rev. 6-19; Jer. 30:7).

##### b. Their help.

Angelic help comes to the fore. Michael resists encroachments upon the nation (cf. 10:13, 21).

##### c. Their deliverance.

At the critical moment, Israel shall be sealed and delivered (Jer. 30:7; Rom. 11:26). Note: only those written in the book are delivered (cf. Psa. 69:28; Isa. 4:2, 3; Mal. 3:16, 17).

#### 2. ISRAEL'S RESURRECTION. v. 2.

Nowhere in the Bible is there the thought of a general resurrection of the dead. This text supports the fact of more than one. Hear the truth:

a. Some to everlasting life.

The phrase "many of them that sleep" concerns "many from the sleepers in the dust . . ." Hence, there is a separation of those in the dust! It denotes a part of the whole. There will, then, be a resurrection of the true Jewish saints at this time (cf. Isa. 26:19).

b. Some to everlasting contempt.

The time is not delineated in this text, just as it is not in John 5:29, but the truth is taught elsewhere that the wicked rise at a different time than the just (cf. Rev. 20:11-15).

3. ISRAEL'S MINISTRATION. v. 3.

Through trouble and resurrection, the Lord brings Israel in order that she might perform a most wonderful service unto Himself. Mark it well:

a. The teachers.

These are described as "wise" and "those that turn many to righteousness". They are the evangelists of the Lord in the last days - at that time (cf. Isa. 66:19). How blessed!

b. The rewards.

The thought expressed by the phrases "shine and the brightness of the firmament""as the stars forever and ever" is that the latter glory of Israel will be greater than their earthly. Hallelujah.

Conclusion God has His purpose in Israel and it shall be accomplished. Such has been our final word on many occasions. Let it never be forgotten, however, that Israel stands as an illustration of the operational activity of the Lord. John 3:36 is still in the Book.