

“Final Trouble and Final Reward”

Daniel 12:1–13

- I. The Great and Terrible Climax of Redemptive History (verses 1–4)
 - A. Michael’s Final Stand and the Saints’ Final Tribulation
 - A Time of Unparalleled Trouble (Great Tribulation)
 - Matthew 24:21–22, 29–31; Mark 13:19–20
 - Michael Shall Arise
 - Revelation 12:7–9; Jude 9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14–17
 - “Everyone Whose Name Shall Be Found Written in the Book”
 - Exodus 32:31–33; Psalm 69:27–28; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27
 - B. Resurrection to Everlasting Life or to Everlasting Shame
 - John 5:26–29; Matthew 25:46
 - The Wise Who Turn Many to Righteousness
 - Daniel 11:31–35
 - The Righteous Shining in the Kingdom of Their Father
 - Matthew 13:41–43
 - C. This Prophecy’s Preservation for the Time of the End
- II. The Sworn Limitation of the Saints’ Tribulations (verses 5–7)
 - “A Time, Times, and Half a Time”
 - Daniel 7:24–25; Revelation 11:1–12; 12:1–9, 13–14; 13:5–8
- III. The Limited Understanding of This Revelation (verses 8–10)
 - A. Daniel’s Inability to Grasp This Revelation
 - B. The Wicked’s Perpetual Lack of Understanding
 - C. The Eventual Understanding of the Pure and Wise
 - Revelation 22:10–13
- IV. The Necessary Wait for the End of Days (verses 11–13)

- A. The Two Mysterious Periods of Waiting after Desolation
The Abomination of Desolation
Matthew 24:15–22; Mark 13:14–20; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12
- B. The Promised Rest and Reward for Daniel

Concluding Applications

- 1) The affairs of men and nations are interwoven with the unseen affairs of angels. Do not judge what God is doing by the events you can see.
- 2) As long as the saints are in the world, they face more tribulation to come. Our blessed hope of deliverance is Christ's Second Coming and nothing else.
- 3) Though in this life the wicked often prosper and the righteous are often trampled, all will be made right in the resurrection. We must live prepared for the resurrection.