

A Final Message of Hope

Chapter 12, Daniel 12

Discovering Daniel, by Amir Tsarfati

1. Daniel 12 begins with a warning. In verse 1, why does Michael stand up?

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2. What is the setting in which the archangel Michael finds himself? What does Jeremiah 30:7 say about this situation?

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The Tribulation—Israel's Great Distress

3. Where will the center of global attention be during this Great Distress?

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4. What does Revelation 13:5-8 say will be happening at this time?

5. How does Zechariah 13:8-9 describe the tribulation?

6. Based upon present day population numbers, the author considers that 10.5 million Jews won't survive that time. What is the one hope the author clings to for the Jews during the tribulation?

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A 1,000-Year Leap

7. What does Paul say about the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:20-24?
8. What will all believers have like Christ when they get up from the dead?
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9. What does 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 say will happen to the followers of Christ who are still alive when He returns?
10. Is the resurrection just for believers? If not, who else will be there? See Revelation 20:12-15.

The Most Important Decision of Your Life

11. The author is not a proponent of “soul sleep” in which we are essentially “unconscious” from the time of death to the time of our resurrection. What does Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus, as told in Luke 16:19-31 tell us about our life after death?
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12. “The only time allotted for making that eternal decision is in this life.” What does Hebrews 9:27 say will happen after death?
13. Who is mentioned in Daniel 12:3 and also in Revelation 7:4?

Box It Up Until Later

14. The messenger's interpretation of Daniel's vision was coming to a close in verse 4. "Did God send the messenger with an interpretation of the vision that was solely for the prophet's personal consumption? And did Daniel sin against God by making it available to the masses?"

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15. The author illustrates this partial interpretation of Daniel's vision by the angel with a puzzle that arrives in the mail with only the edge pieces. The inner pieces of the puzzle will be coming in a few weeks. How does this illustration relate to Daniel's vision and the interpretation given?

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16. The angel stated that "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (verse 4). How does the prophet Amos describe it in Amos 8:11-12?

17. The author talks about how even Christians can spend too much time in front of screens and look like those described here as running to and fro. What does Ephesians 5:15-16 admonish to do instead?

How Long?

18. Daniel's messenger stopped above the waters of the river to give the old prophet an answer. What does Daniel 12:7 say?

19. The author writes about two kinds of people described in Daniel 12:10, "wise ones will understand that there are consequences to one's actions. When a person rejects God, they should expect repercussions." How does Proverbs 1:7 describe the necessary

discernment that is needed between these two kinds of people?

20. As he departed, the angel left Daniel with a wonderful promise. What does Daniel 12:13 say?

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21. God wants us to understand His plans. That is obvious by the large percentage of Scripture that He commits to informing us about what He is going to do. How does Paul exhort us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13?
22. God has shown you that as a believer, you will be taken up to Him at the rapture. How do you know He won't forget you?

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