

1. The events described in the fourth vision of Daniel has its climax in the tribulation and resurrection recorded in chapter 12:1-3.
2. There are 3 very important pieces of information we can draw from these verses:
  - A. The “time of the end” has a special relationship to the “the children of your people,” Israel.
  - B. Israel will experience at that time a special deliverance to be realized by those in Israel who worship God.
  - C. The doctrine of resurrection which climaxes the time of the end is the special hope of those who are martyred.
3. The entire section from Daniel 11:36 to 12:3 provides a revelation of the major factors of the time of the end:
  - A. A world ruler
  - B. A world religion
  - C. A world war
  - D. A time of great tribulation
  - E. Deliverance for the people of God at the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week
  - F. Resurrection and judgment
  - G. Reward for the righteous
4. Chapter 11 had dealt primarily with the political and religious aspects of the time of the end.
5. Chapter 12 relates this now to the people of Israel.
6. Chapter 12 verse 1 states in clear terms what will occur in the future for Israel. (Deuteronomy 4:30; Jeremiah 30:7; Zechariah 13:8)
7. The phrase “at that time” speaks of both a deliverance (v1) and a resurrection (v2).
8. Christ described the time of great tribulation as beginning with the “abomination of desolation” spoken of by Daniel the prophet. (Matthew 24:15, 21-22)
9. The words of Jesus in Matthew affirms Daniel’s revelation.
10. The second fact that consoled Daniel is found in verse 2-3. The promise that those who sleep will be resurrected.
11. Many Jews will lose their lives at the hands of Gentiles in the events revealed in chapter 11.

12. Unbelieving Jews will be resurrected to shame and everlasting contempt and will not partake in the covenanted blessings.
13. Jews, however, who believe the Messiah will be resurrected bodily to everlasting life and to positions of honor in Christ's millennial kingdom.
14. Then - being glorified in the kingdom, they will shine like the brightness of the heavens.  
(Matthew 13:43)
15. This message that God will remember His covenant and will fulfill all He promised to Israel will be a consolation that will in turn cause them to lead others to righteousness.
16. In verse 4 Gabriel was instructing Daniel to preserve "the words of the scroll," not merely this final vision but the whole book for those who will live at "the time of the end" when the message will be needed.
17. This future generation will undergo the horrors of the tribulation and will need the precious promises contained in the Book of Daniel—that God will be victorious over the kingdoms of this world and that the suffering will last for only a brief time—to sustain them.
18. The purpose of this search will be "to increase knowledge."
19. As the time of fulfillment draws nearer, the "wise" will seek to comprehend these prophecies more precisely, and God will grant understanding ("knowledge") to them.
20. In verse 5-7 two more angels arrive on the scene, one on each side of the Tigris River. The man clothed in linen refers to the one Daniel saw at the beginning (10:5-6), probably Jesus Christ.
21. When one of the angels asked, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" the Lord replied "for a time, times, and a half," that is, three and a half years (7:25).
22. The Lord Jesus spoke this under oath, raising both hands to heaven, so it is certain.
23. The questions in verses 8-13 - "How long?" and "How will it end?" - are the same questions that we ask when the times are difficult and the future in doubt.
24. He did promise that all these things would be clearer for those living in the end times, which is an encouragement for us to prayerfully study the prophetic Scriptures.
25. But the Lord did reveal that, in the end times, as trials come to the people on the earth, these trials will make the believers purer and wiser, but the wicked will only become more wicked.
26. The starting point here is the middle of the Tribulation. The 1,290 days would take us 30 days beyond the return of the Lord, and the 1,335 days another 45 days beyond the end of the Tribulation.
27. It was not for Daniel to know everything before he died. He will one day be raised from the dead and receive his reward from the Lord.