



Daniel 71 – Epilogue: Great Tribulation

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Daniel 12:1

Christ in the Air – Shouts Two Hear His Call

Christians – Rapture (1Th 4:16-17)



Jews – Regathering (Ez 37:4-10)



Beginning – Great Tribulation



At That Time: The Appointed Time

- ▶ At the appropriate time determined by the Father, and not before, the Jews will be revealed to themselves, World and Satan (Hab 2:2-3; Mt 24:36-39, 42-44)
- ▶ Daniel is being told about the Jews' future and who their *appointed* angelic *general* will be; i.e., Michael {Who is like God?}
 - ▶ Day Star {Jupiter}, Heylel {הֵלֵל; helel}, was supposed to reflect God's, Christ's, glory; he sought his own *light* to become darkness (Is 14:12-17; Ez 28:11-18; Re 4:1-3)
 - ▶ Michael points to God, Christ, for **none** is like Him; Satan despised Him from the moment of His *monogenesis* which presaged the Creation and Man whom he would serve (1Co 6:3; He 1; Re 4:1-4; 5, 9-11; 5:11-13)
 - ▶ There is no need for Michael to assume this role until Christ *calls* the *True Jews* out of every nation and culture wherein He has *hidden* them (De 28:63-67; Re 12:14, 17)
 - ▶ These *True Jews* will become Christ's missionaries to all nations (Re 7:2-14)



Michael: Angelic Parakletos

- ▶ One would expect the epilogue to end on a positive note encouraging Jews to faithfulness; well, Christ meets **needs**, not *wanttas*
 - ▶ They will need Michael as their angelic advocate, parakletos, to guide, protect and fight for them because Christ is not promising them peace but thlipsis
- ▶ This is the fulfillment of Moses' warning to them for rejecting the Law and embracing Satan; just as Man and Woman did and their world ended in Cataclysm (De 28:15, 36, 47-51, 58-67)
 - ▶ By worshipping demons and rejecting their Rock, Christ, they will be provoked to zealousness by a *foolish* people and Tribullation (De 32:15-29; Ze 12:10; Ro 10:18-21)
 - ▶ Malachi condemned them for being as Moses described, not serving God in gladness and joy; therefore, they were taken into captivity by a hard-faced nation, Rome; the *revived* Roman Empire will bring them Antichrist (Mal 1:6-10; 2:7-9, 17)



Time of Trouble: Jacob's Trouble

- ▶ Purpose of Daniel's book, especially this last vision, is to prepare the Jews for this time because of the deliberate lawlessness of humanity
 - ▶ If they had fulfilled their mission as a nation of priests, they could have avoided this time of Tribulation for their sin (Ex 19:5)
 - ▶ Instead, their faithlessness allowed the World to enter this period of wantonness without a witness; indeed, the *False Jews* facilitated this Great Tribulation (Re 17)
 - ▶ God allows Man a World without Him(ish) filled with violence and degradation based on lies, corruptions and force; why? Sin! (Jn 8:44; Ro 1:18-28; 2Th 2:3-12)
 - ▶ This period is Jacob's Trouble used of God to purify His people while the Lost reveal themselves as worthy of judgment by killing His witnesses (Je 30:7; Re 14:12-13)
 - ▶ This will be the greatest tribulation ever seen, including Noah's Cataclysm; a world without God based totally on what Satan, Man, deems as *better* (Mk 13:19-20)



Book of Life: Rejoice

- ▶ Christ warned Nicodemus that salvation is a *birthing* process; this Great Tribulation is the birthing process for Christ's *True Jews* and His Kingdom
- ▶ Everyone whose name is in the Book of Life shall be delivered; Christ leaves no one behind {Election and Sovereignty}
 - ▶ Moses referenced this *book* when he asked for his name to be removed rather than God abandon Israel (Ex 32:32-33)
 - ▶ David referenced this book when he acknowledged that all he was and would be would be recorded by God in this book (Ps 139:16)
 - ▶ Christ told his apostles to rejoice that their names were written in this book rather than Controlling demons {which they were not doing; i.e., Spirit} (Lk 10:17-20)
 - ▶ Lost are not found in Book of Life; they are judged from their books of Works which condemns them to Lake of Fire (Re 20:11-15)



Without Discipline: No Salvation

- ▶ Jacob's Trouble is not punishment but discipline to bring to salvation those written in the Book of Life
 - ▶ Decisions have consequences; saving a person from consequences is not love but hate as it condemns them to life without Christ (Job 5:17; Ps 94:12-15; 119:75; He 12:5-8; Re 3:19)
 - ▶ Until the Jews endure the curses of Mt Ebal, they will not realize the blessings of Mt Gerizim (De 28:1-14)
 - ▶ Until they realize the Great Tribulation, they cannot be the nation of priests of Christ during the Millennial Kingdom (Is 61:6; Ze 14:20-21)
 - ▶ This is God's promise that they, *True Jews*, are legitimate children of God while *False Jews* are illegitimate and will be destroyed by Antichrist in whom they trust (He 12:5-8)
 - ▶ Discipline holds for Christians also; i.e., judgment {Bema} seat of Christ (2Co 5:10)



Being Priests: No Guarantee of Peace

- ▶ If the Jews had remained faithful to God and been the faithful priests to the Gentiles; it would not have assured Gentile salvation
 - ▶ The Jews will be priests of Christ to all the nations in the Millennial Kingdom
 - ▶ Lion will lie down with the Lamb; child will play with the snake (Is 11:6-9; 65:17-25)
 - ▶ Only the saved will enter this idyllic Kingdom; but, only sinners will be born into it (Ps 51:5; Mt 25:31-34, 41, 46)
- ▶ When Satan is released he will incite majority of peoples, sinners, to war against Christ and His believers who gather at Jerusalem (Re 20:1-3, 7-10)
 - ▶ Jews remained faithful witnesses thus sinners bear their own responsibility (Ez 3:16-21)
 - ▶ In the Old Testament Jews did not remain faithful and are accountable hence the Great Tribulation; but Daniel did remain faithful in witnessing to everyone



Christians: Faithful Witnesses or Meddlers

- ▶ Christians have same mandate as faithful witnesses, not priests, as the Jews
(Mt 28:16-20; Ro 11:13-32)
 - ▶ Christians are not responsible for people's decisions but only for being consistent, faithful witnesses to God's truth; otherwise we bear blood-guiltiness for their eternal destiny
 - ▶ Christians are not responsible for making this World a *better* place: it is passing *away* (He 1:10-12; 2Pe 3:10-13; 1Jo 2:15-17)
 - ▶ Christians are responsible for keeping themselves *unspotted* from the World (Ja 1:26-27; 4:1-4)
 - ▶ Christians are responsible for being faithful workers rightly handling God's word (2Ti 2:15-16; 3:16-17)
 - ▶ Like Daniel and his three friends, we are not to deny Christ; but when we stumble in faithlessness, He remains faithful to discipline us and return us to Himself (1Co 13:11-13; 2Ti 2:11-13; He 13:7-15)