

PROPHETIC TRUTH YOU  
PROBABLY NEVER HEARD BEFORE!

Chap. 12

Next Sunday the 22nd (Pentecost Sunday). All right. As we concluded the 11th chapter of Daniel, we were studying about the antichrist, and the last statement about him, there in V. 45 is: 'yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him'. This indicates the antichrist will be ~~the~~ destroyed, which, indeed, he will be.

Now when we come to the 12th chapter, the antichrist is alive very much and we're in the midst of the Great Tribulation. So we're not done with the antichrist. I want you to understand this. The 12th Chap. of Rev. is one of the greatest chapters on the Great Tribulation in all the Word of God and has in it some material that you do not find anywhere in the Bible.

Now if you want to read an extended narrative on the Great Tribulation, you have to read Rev. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18... but there are several facts in this brief narrative, in Daniel 12, that you don't find in all that mass of material in Rev. I must admit I learned some things this week that I simply did not know. That I'm thrilled to share with you and that's the reason of the Title in the paper: Prophetic Truth You Probably Never Heard Before. Let's look at it:

V. 1 (read) 'at that time' (or during that time) and that's the time of the Great Tribulation on the earth after Jes. removes His people. The Hebrew says 'shall Michael stand up' - remember this is given to Daniel. This is the message ~~the~~ that began in Chap. 10:5. This is still that glorious angel who's the preincarnate Jesus, speaking to Daniel. He says 'during the time of the G. Tribulation, Michael, the defender of the Jews, is gonna stand up'.

Here's one of the most interesting things I've ever discovered in the Bible.

You remember in the 10th chap., it was Michael who was allied with Jesus in getting the prayers through to God. He fought against the prince of Persia, (Dan. 10:13) who was a demon over Persia, as we've already studied. In the 12th Chap. of Rev., we're told it's Michael, the archangel, who fights the war against ~~the~~ satan and his demons in Heaven and casts him to the earth and actually delivers Israel in the time of the Gr. Trib. (Read Rev. 12)

Here we have a \_\_\_\_\_ statement of this Truth. That Michael, the archangel, and the defender of the Jews, will stand up, in this time to defend His people. Indeed, He will! It's very interesting ~~xxxx~~ when Jes. comes again, He will come with the voice of Michael, according to I Thess. 4:16. Gabriel is NOT an archangel, according to Scrip. Only Michael is called the archangel. We speak of Gabriel blowing his trumpet and I preached a sermon sometime ago entitled: Gabriel is licking his lips, which indicated the nearness of the coming of the Lord, in popular thought.

But, strictly speaking, it's Michael who's licking his lips. The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel. That's Michael. He's always defending Israel. So we're introduced to him in the very first statement of the chapter. Then it says in the middle of V. 1 'Be a time of trouble, shch as never was since there was a nation even to that same time'.... this says there's a time of trouble unlike any time of ~~xxx~~ trouble the world has ever known, since there's been a nation.

What is this trouble? The time of the Gr. Trib. Jes. quotes Dan. 12:1 in Matt. 24 :21 (read). Jeremiah 30 7 calls it the 'time of Jacobs trouble'. Joel 2:2 says it'll be a 'time of great darkness and great gloom'. Mark 13: 19 calls it a 'time of great affliction'. It means it will be a time of suffering like the Jews have never experienced in their history. If there's

some Jews here today, I have to say it: if I spoke to Begin, I would have to say it: the Jews have suffered under the Babylonians as we've already seen, they suffered under the Medes and Persians, the Greek, the Romans, they suffered under the crusaders; they have suffered under Hitler, but nothing to compare with what they're going to suffer in the time of the Gr. Trib.

The greatest sufferings of all time are yet to come upon the Jews, because of their rejection of the Messiah. Indeed, the suffering is gonna bring them to the place they will receive the Messiah. You're gonna see the Jews continually prosecuted in our day. It will not decrease; it will increase. There's a great war brewing - remember my prophetic message last August on the 'Becca Valley'? It hadn't happened quite as fast as I thought.

But that's been the major news of this week. The PLO and the Syrian army equipped by the Russian army. Watch it! Watch it and Israel is going to suffer, suffer and it's going to suffer in the Gr. Trib., as it's never suffered. The holocaust of Hitler was nothing compared to the Gr. Trib. That's what Jes. says. That's what Dan. says here.

Then he says, last part of verse 1 "at that time thy people shall be delivered (but not every Jew) 'everyone that shall be found written in the book'. What book? The Book of Life. He says during this time, there's gonna be a great deliverance of Jews. Now we know from Zechariah 14: 8 & 9 (jot the ref. down) there will be one third of the Jews who's gonna be cleansed and spared. The other two thirds not.

In Rom. 11:26, Paul says 'all Israel shall be saved'. He doesn't mean every person that has Jewish blood in his vein. The 'all Israel' of Rom. 11:26 is

the same crowd ~~xxxx~~ Daniel is talking about - one third of the Jews, are going to turn to the Messiah and going to be delivered. He says 'their names are written in the Book of Life'. You find the Book of Life throughout the Bible, both the O. and the N. Test.

Like Exodus 32: 32 speaks of the Book of Life. Rev. - we encounter this. It's based upon the Jewish idea of the genealogical table. God having record of His family, even as the Jews have record of their family - see? It's a Jewish concept - the Book of Life. But here it is the Book of ~~the~~ Redeemed, of those who have received Jesus. It's the same book that's mentioned in Rev. 20: 15(read).

But those written in the Book of Life will go to Heaven forever and ever. So it's speaking of that remnant of Jews that's going to be saved. We know from reading all the Scrip. it will include the 144,000 sealed in Rev. 7: 4 - we studied that in Rev. We know it will include many who are converted under the two witnesses: Moses and Elijah, in Rev. 11. And many who will be convinced when the Lord comes to the Mt. of Olives and they see Him face to face. They're gonna receive Him at that very moment.

And all this crowd is gonna be delivered, who are written in the Book of Life. We'll come back to this in a few moments.

V. 2 (read) it continues the thought of V. 1. It says that 'many that sleep in the dust of the earth' who is it talking about ~~the~~ in the dust of the earth? That's the body. Not the soul. The Bible never speaks of the soul sleeping - only the body dies. Notice it says 'many' - not all; but many 'that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.' That is saying, there's gonna be a resurrection of the body of many who sleep.

What is this? This is the first resurrection. These are Jews who died under the antichrist in the time of the Gr. Trib., who're gonna be raised in their bodies. You see, the Bible speaks of the First Resurrection, which will consist of Christ and will consist of the raptured saints, but here's another group that's in the first resurrection.

But these O.T. saints or these Jews, dying during this time of the antichrist will not be resurrected until at the end of the Gr. Trib. The ~~Æ~~tns will be resurrected when Jes. comes before the Trib. and takes them to Heaven. Here is a part of the First Resurrection - those who are gonna be raised from the dead, out of the dust of the earth.

Then it says 'some to everylasting life.' That's the First Resurrection. Resurrected unto life to live with Jes. forever. But notice it says 'and some to shame and everlasting contempt' now that's the second resurrection. You have this described in some detail in Rev. 20. You see, the first resurrection is the resurrection unto Life. It will occur when Christ comes for the church and then it's gonna occur at the end of the Gr. Trib. for those Trib. saints who died.

Then there's gonna be a resurrection unto shame and everlasting contempt. Now that's a different resurrection. According to Rev. 20 (and you'd have to study Rev. 20 to thoroughly understand this) it says the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years were finished. This resurrection, unto everlasting shame and contempt will not occur until after the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth.

The wicked dead are not gonna be raised at the time of the righteous dead. They will not be raised until after the reign of Christ upon the earth. In

Rev. 20 : 5(read). Then it goes on to say 'blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. On such the second death has no power (that's hell) but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years'. So what you have in Dan. 12:2 are the two great resurrections. The first resurrection of the righteous but here it's referring to Tribulation saints.

It wouldn't only include the Jews; it would also include Gentiles, who die righteously during this period. They're gonna be resurrected too. But it's gonna be unto Everlasting Life. Then it says 'some to shame and everlasting contempt'. That's the second resurrection where they will be raised, but raised for the second death. Raised and cast into Eternal Hell.

V. 3 (read) 'brightness of the firmament' or the brightness of the great expanse above. He's speaking of a special reward to a certain group of people and it's primarily to the Jews, but it's also to the Gentiles. He says 'there are certain people who are gonna be stars in Heaven'. You know who they're gonna be? Those who win people to Christ. A special reward is promised to those who, on this earth, turn people to Jesus.

Would you like to be a star in Heaven? Historically we have stars. We have the Caesars and the Charlamagnes and the Churchhills - and then contemporarily we have stars. We have the atheletic stars, we have movie stars, singing stars, TV stars, political stars, all kind of stars. But you see, all of this will fade away. But there's going to be some eternal stars and they will be the people who turned people to Christ and they're gonna shine forever and ever, in Heaven.

In Proverbs 11: 30 it says 'he that winneth souls is wise'. That's one of

the reasons it's wise to win souls. You know that's the reason that that's the last thing satan will ever let you do as a Xtn? If he can keep you from doing it? I've watched this for twenty five years in my ministry. Satan would ~~xxx~~ rather you teach a S.S. class, memorize the Scrip., do great deeds of mercy, but the last thing on earth he'll ever let you do is to win souls.

You know why? When you win souls, you have not only rescued a life from destruction here, but you will shine in brightness forever, in Glory. Now I don't understand how it's going to work out, but I know this is what the Bible teaches. Just look around you today - who's gonna be a star in Heaven? Will you be a star in Heaven? Most people would break their neck to be a movie star or be a great star. That's nothing compared to being a star in Heaven.

I was thinking a little man, back in another city who every Sunday, practically I'd preach, I'd see him bring someone down the aisle. He was not an educated man at all. He was a very limited understanding. He worked in the ~~text~~ tile mills. But I can see him bringing people down. He's been dead - he died in 1966 or 67. I thought of the great people in the city where I lived - it was a great industrial educational city where I lived. Where will they be in Eternity? Who were the great peoples, say in 1370 in England.

Who were they? Who were the great lords and dukes? I don't know. But I know <sup>of</sup> a man by the name of John Wickly, who went all over England, preaching the Gospel. He's shining forever in Glory. Think about 1660 - who were the great people in the world in 1660? I don't know. Except I know John Bunyon who gave his life to win people to Christ. Shining in Glory forever!

We can take our choice - do we want to shine on this earth just for a few days

or do we want to shine forever in Heaven? This Scrip. says 'they that turn many to righteousness shall ~~shine~~ shine as the brightness of the stars forever and ever and ever'. It's marvelous. We don't have to be a great in this world to be a great in Eternity.

V. 4(read) what a statement! But not understandable in the English text. 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up...' that means 'preserve the words' you just have to have the help of the Hebrew here. Preserve the words - that is the words of the prophecy that the preincarnate Christ has given him and 'seal' that means 'keep safe' the Book. 'Even to the time of the end'. What is he saying? He's saying 'Daniel, I'm giving you a special word that's gonna be needed at the End Time. Make a copy of what I'm telling you and preserve it for the people who'll be living out yonder.'

Then he says (last half of verse) now in the context, who are the many who are gonna run to and fro? This is the time of the Gr. Trib. Many, he says, during the time of the Gr. Trib. are going to run to and fro and say 'what's happening'? What's happening? AND he says 'knowledge shall be increased'. How will they get knowledge? From the Book of Dan. Beautiful thought. Never understood this in my life.

This ~~is~~ has been, universally, taken out of context. It's true that knowledge will increase in the End Time, but in the context, that's not what it's saying here. This refers to the Gr. Trib. He's saying 'Dan., keep this Book safe; be sure to make copies of it; save it for the final generation because they're gonna run across the earth, asking what in the world is happening?' As they read the Book of Dan., they're gonna understand exactly what's happening. The Book of Dan. will be read in the time of the Gr. Trib.

Now that doesn't mean we're not to study it and let me say to you, the Book



of Dan. is more valuable today - far more valuable - than it was fifteen years ago. As we get closer the End Time, the Book of Rev. and the Book of Dan. will become more and more valuable. The Book of Dan. today is much more valuable to me than it's ever been, in my life. But think how valuable it's gonna be to the people who actually are in the very period it's describing and they read it and say 'here's the answer! We've wondered about this, here it is!'

He even gives the mathamatics of the time it will last. Newton, in his day, said 'knowledge would increase' and Newton said 'it may be the time will be that people might travel at fifty miles an hour' and Voltair said 'you see, what a fool Xtnity makes of people'. He said 'if a man traveled at fifty miles, ~~hexjmsixmigh~~ he'd just vaporize!' That's what Voltair said.

Oh, knowledge has increased and is doubling every five years. If you went to school five or 10 years ago, and studied science, you'd have to start all over, if you went back. I don't even read my science books that I studied years ago. I wouldn't even read them - they're so outmoded. But in the ~~next~~ context, the knowledge is gonna come from the Book of Daniel and the Word of the Lord is 'keep this Book safe, Daniel, for that generation that will need it to understand what they're going through'.

V. 5(read) 'other two' or two others. 'This side of the bank of the river' or the bank of the Tigres. In other words, he said I looked at the Tigres River and on the right there was an angel standing and on the left there was an angel standing. Now in

V. 6(read) 'man clothed in linen' we met him in Chap. 10: 5 (this is the glorious angel, who is the preincarnate Christ - this is Jesus, before Beth-

lehem. So one of these angels said to him, the preincarnate Christ, clothed in linen, 'which was upon' literally 'above' the waters - that is, in the sky, I would take it. See? Which was upon the waters of the river (above the Hebrew says - that's in the sky) 'How long ~~xxx~~ shall it be to the end of these wonders'? You see, one of these angels turns to Jes. and says 'how long is it gonna be until these wonders take place?' What does the word 'wonders' mean? That means something that's unique and unprecedented.

In other words, how long will it be until these unusual activities of the antichrist and this most terrible time that's coming upon the world? Dan. had received the message and then the question is raised 'how long will be; how long will it be until this occurs?' The answer comes in two forms, in

V. 7(read) 'man clothed in linen (that's the preincarnate Jes.) which was above the waters of the river..... unto heaven'. What does this mean? That was a solemn oath; that was often done in Scrip. And if it included your right hand and your left hand, it was the most solemn affirmation. This was a way of taking an oath. So He held up His right and He held up His left hand and swore by Him (that would be the <sup>Father</sup> ~~xxxx~~ in Heaven): two things:

'It shall be for a time, times and a half'. What is that? Time, times and a half time. We've already met that in 7: 25 when we studied about the little horn. That includes the activities of the little horn. The little horn is the antichrist. Time is one year; times is two years; a half a time is a half a year. That's three and a half years; forty two months; one thousand two hundred and sixty days. That is the length of the time of the intense Great Trib.

Now in a few moments, we're gonna see one thousand, two hundred and ninety days. This is one thousand, two hundred and sixty days. And we're gonna

see one thousand three hundred and thirty five days. Which you find no where else in the Bible. But here we run across this number which, ~~XXXXXXX~~ occurs throughout the Book of Rev. - time, times and a half time - which is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs.- forty two months; three thousand two hundred and sixty days. That's the last half of the Gr. Trib. when the antichrist will pour out his wrath upon the Jews and they will suffer, as they've never suffered in the history of the world.

That was the FIRST answer he gave. But then there was another answer: he gave an answer as to time but then he gave an answer as to conditions there. in the last part of the verse. He says 'it'll be for three and a half years' but then he says 'when he shall have accomplished to scatter' it really is 'shatter'. When he shall have accomplished to shatter the power of his Holy people, all these things shall be finished'.

In other words, it's gonna be three and a half yrs., but also, it's going to be a time longe enough that the Jews are gonna be completely shattered. The power of the Jews are going to be broken. They're going to be humbled until they will accept the Messiah! Now ~~they~~ they're not in that condition today. They're very prideful, very defiant - it's very, very difficult to witness to them. Now you can imagine how intense their sufferings are gonna be. But the answer from Heaven is it will be so severe until it will ~~shatter~~ Gods people; it will break them! My can you imagine what's gonna happen?

The holocaust didn't break them. They didn't turn to Jesus after six million were killed; many of them cremated. They didn't turn to Jesus. But they're going to turn to Jes. by the thousands and the sufferings are gonna bring it on. Then in

V. 8 (read) now he understood the three and a half years. When he says 'I understood ~~not~~ not' doesn't mean he didn't understand the time table. What he didn't understand is what's in the next part of the verse. Then said I 'O my Lord, what shall be the End of these things' - see? Hebrew says 'the latter end of these things'. Oh, I understand the three and a half years, but I don't understand this shattering and I don't understand the very last things and the extreme things that you're talking about. I just can't conceive of this.

After all, he'd been in the Babylonian captivity. He knew about the fiery furnace. He was cast in to the lions den. How could anything be worse than this? Kind of a logical question for a man like Daniel. How could anything-- how could anything be worse than the holocaust? People say 'well, the times through which we're passing, you know, it's hell here on earth and we've had times like the black plague; the hundred years war and all this - just as bad as the Gr. Trib. that's gonna come upon the earth!

Don't you believe a word of it. The times described in Rev. 6 through 18 are unlike any times this world has ever known! That's the reason we ought to be deeply concerned about every lost friend we have and ought to witness and to seek to get them ready before Jes. comes and leaves them under the beast and the Gr. Trib. If we love our loved ones, we could not - we could not rest - with their being unsaved, until we'd done all we could to lead them to JC. BEcause if Jes. comes, they're gonna be left.

Gentiles as well as Jews. Now, in this time we're talking about. 'What shall be the latter end of these things?'

V. 9(read) in other words, 'Daniel, don't be concerned about that'. It seems

Daniel was asking too much. ONE scholar says (and I respect him more than any man who ever wrote on Daniel) Daniel got overly curious here!! He got overly curious. He was asking, kinda for curiosity sake. The Lord's already told him it's not for him - it's somebody future. YEt, he keeps on asking.

He says 'Daniel, go thy way'. In other words, 'Daniel, tend to your business. You're asking too much.' 'For the words are closed up (that's the word 'preserved') and sealed (or kept safe) till the time of the end'. In other words, Daniel, these are for the people who are gonna live again. I told you this. Why are you asking needless questions?

Is there a lesson here for you and me? There really is. Sometimes people get so caught up in the details of prophecy, ~~they~~ they miss the whole point. They are so concerned about the minushi until they forget their responsibility to witness and to get the central Truth and move on with God and they spend all of their times with charts and little details of prophecy and never do anything for God.

We can be too curious. We can be too curious - I can't answer all the details about the Millennium. People ask me questions I can't answer. There are some mysteries I can't answer. I'm not to get bogged down in the mysteries; I'm to go down the main line with God. There's no question about the main message and that's what the Lord ~~has~~ is saying to Daniel; 'Daniel, you just cool it! This is for the people in the End Time.'

V. 10(read) not all notice, many will be purified. Zechariah says one third of the Jews. I don't know how many Jews there are in the world. I don't know how many will be in Palestine at the time of the Gr. Trib. Not all - many. Zechariah says 'one third'. One third part is the way he says it.

'Many shall be purified and made white and tried!! But the wicked shall do wickedly' this two thirds of them that's not going to be purified. But they will continue in their rebellion. They'll take the mark of the beast. They won't ever turn to the Messiah.

'But the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand' - they won't even know what's going on. Evidently, won't even read the Book of Daniel. If they did, they wouldn't understand it, they're so closed. They wouldn't have the H.S. to interpret. 'But the wise shall understand'. The wise, of course, refers to those who are believing. The wicked are those who are reflecting the Truth, and the Messiah. The message of the 144,000; they're gonna be preaching!

How about Moses and Elijah? You say 'well, if Moses and Elijah were to come to Ft. Smith, everybody in the world would be saved. No, they wouldn't. If Moses and Elijah held a meeting at the Municipal Auditorium, there'd be many, many people in Ft. Smith who wouldn't repent! Moses and Elijah are gonna appear in this time. Fair preachers, I'd think! But many people will reject Moses and Elijah.

So it says 'many' here will be unwise. While many shall be wise and be purified.

V. 11(read) now I dealt with what the abomination of desolations was two lessons ago. The abomination of desolation was the great desecration of the Holy altar in the Temple; the slaughtering of a pig; all kinds of desecration to such ~~an~~ a point the whole Temple was desolate. That is, no one would go about it. Desolation means 'abandoned'. He says in V. 11 'from the time the daily sacrifice shall be taken away'... or the customary sacrifice that was

made daily in the Temple and the abomination that maketh desolate set up;' (which was about the middle of the Gr. Trib.) there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days'. Very interesting.

In V. 7 'how long'? Time, times and half a times - that's one thousand two hundred and sixty days or forty two months. Here you have thirty more days. Thirty days added to the twelve hundred and sixty - one thousand two hundred and ninety. Why is this? Well, as you read all the Scrip. about these End Times events, in Matt. 25:31 thru 46 you read about a special judgment that is going to occur at this time.

Also in Ezekial 20 you read of a judgment that Christ is gonna conduct to the nations in which He's going to purge the nations, according to the way they treat Israel. In my judgment, the thirty days here is that time of judgment; of purging and this will be just before He sets up the Millennial Kingdom. The thirty days will be required for this judgment, beyond the 3½ years of the Trib.

The antichrist has been destroyed; he's been put down; the Jews have gone through their suffering; Jesus now judges the nations. Of course, that's quite a task - to judge the nations. You say 'well, Jesus could do anything in a moment; in the twinkling of an eye'. He could, but He doesn't. Here's thirty days extra. Now in V. 12, we have another mathematical figure.

V. 12(read) now here is forty five more days. Or seventy five days beyond the one thousand two hundred and sixty. But he says 'blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to this time (of one thousand three hundred and thirty five days'. What is this? This, evidently, is a time beyond the thirty days that was needed to prepare for the actual reign of Christ in the Millennium.

You say 'well, what are they gonna need to do during that time?' Well, one thing they're gonna need to do is establish the borders of Israel. They're gonna have to establish the old borders of Israel. Another thing they're gonna have to do is to allot to the Jews the part that was theirs. And to allot to the Gentiles. It's gonna be quite a government. This is about the time of transition we have in the U. S. between the outgoing President and in-coming President. Tremendous assignments in the Millennial Kingdom.

Tremendous! Operation indeed. You say 'well, the Lord doesn't need time'. Well, it's gonna be on the earth. It says 'blessed are they that wait until one thousand three hundred and thirty five days!' What is the 'blessed'? It's the Kingdom. That's the actual beginning of the Millennial, time being needed between that one thousand two hundred and sixty days to judge the nations and after the judging of the nations, time needed to set up the Millennial reign of Christ and to establish the borders of Israel and to set the government of the Millennial for a thousand years \_\_\_\_\_.

You do not find this anywhere else in the Bible. But look what He says to Bro. Daniel and the last word in the Book is to Daniel. What a precious thing it is.

V. 13(read) I would translate it like this: 'as for you, DAn., go thy way!! Daniel, don't worry till the end of your life, for thou shalt rest (in death) and stand (that's resurrection) in thy lot at the end of the days'. My, what a statement that is! Daniel, you don't understand all these things, relax. It's a pretty good for us today! Since I read this, I've been relaxing a little more! There's a lot we can't figure out, let me tell you.

And God says to His people 'just relax, relax, for thou shalt rest in death'.



You're gonna die, Daniel, but you're gonna stand (that's always resurrection) the word 'resurrection' is 'anastotic' which means 'to stand' and stand in thy lot. Isn't that amazing!! 'In thy lot'. When Canaan was occupied lots were assigned to the tribes. Canaan will be repossessed. Jesus said to Peter in Matt. 19:28 - Peter said 'Lord, what are we gonna get for all the sacrifice?'

Jesus said 'Peter, don't worry a minute. If you've forsaken houses and lands, and mother and father, in the regeneration (and that's the Millennium) in the restoration, in the regeneration, Peter, you are going to sit on the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. That's promised to the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Here DAN. is promised a lot in the Kingdom, in the Millennial Kingdom. How about the Gentile Xtns?

In Col. 1:12 Paul speaks of the inheritance - that's the word 'lot'. 'Claros' in Greek - that's a lot. He promises to His people the Claros - the lot. Oh, I don't understand it all but that's what the Bible says. So Dan. is a type of the O.T. saints, who are gonna be raised at the end of the Gr. Trib. Now, there's gonna be some Gentile saints, that's gonna be killed during that period. I think most people have assumed that when Jes. came again, ~~then~~ that every Xtn who's ever died would suddenly be resurrected.

After studying Daniel, I don't believe that. John represents the church, in Rev. 4:1. John's caught up to Heaven - that's the Rapture of the Church. Daniel represents the O.T. saints - who are gonna be resurrected at the end of the Gr. Trib. You say 'well, how about at the marriage supper of the Lamb?' 'Aren't there gonna be some O.T. saints there?' Invited guests, according to Rev. 19. But they're gonna be there in their souls.

Moses is in Heaven today and if Jes. were to come today, we'd go to the

Marriage Supper of the Lamb and Bro. Moses would be there, but not in a body. His body will not be resurrected until at the end of the Gr. Trib. So, John is the type ~~for~~ of the Xtn. - the resurrected Church. Daniel is the type of the O. T. saints. who's gonna be raised at the end of the Gr. Trib.

Isn't that very, very logical and very appropriate? God knows better than we do and better than the scholars do. When all Israel is coming to the Lord and when the nation of Israel is being restored, ~~isn't~~ isn't that a wonderful time for O. T. Jews, who were Jews, to be resurrected? That's the VERY time and that's the ideal time for them to be resurrected.

Let me visulize some of it here with my overhead, as quickly as I can. What a lesson it is and we have to think. The chapter can be outlined very, very easily and I've already expounded it. In it you have

1. SPECIAL DEFENDER - that's Michael.
2. SPECIAL DISTRESS - that's the Great Tribulation.
3. SPECIAL DELIVERANCE - that's the first resurrection.
4. SPECIAL DIVIDEND -
5. SPECIAL RESURRECTION
6. SPECIAL REWARD - Eternal stars in Heaven. I've already expounded that.
7. SPECIAL DIRECTION - given to DANiel. God told Daniel what to do and how to behave.
8. SPECIAL DAYS - these three prophetic numbers I've already explained to you. V. 7: 1260. V. 11: 1290. V. 12: well that's 1335.
9. SPECIAL DESTINY - for Daniel. Daniel is the type of all O.T. saints, as JOhn is the type of the N. T. saints.

So that's a quick outline for you. Now, I want to deal with the four parts

of the First Resurrection, (which is a part of this) :

FIRST PART: Christ, the first fruits. Whrist was the first person resurrected. I Cor. 15: 23 'He is the first'.

SECOND PART: On the day Christ was resurrected, according to Matt. 27: 52, many saints came out of the grave. They're a part of the First Resurrection. They never died. We don't know who they were. They appeared in the streets of Jerusalem, Matthew says, and talked to people who had known them, before they died. That's a part of the First Resurrection.

THIRD PART: The church. That's the Rapture. That's the next resurrection that's going to occur, but it's a part of the First Resurrection.

FOURTH PART: The raising of the O. T. and Tribulation saints at the end of the Gr. Trib. O. T. saints will be at the Marriage Supper in their souls, not their body.

### SECOND RESURRECTION

It consists of only one part because it's only the wicked dead. It will occur one thousand years after the First Resurrection. The First Resurrection is unto everlasting life - that's with God. The Second Resurrection is unto everlasting contempt - that's hell. Then the First and the Second Resurrection are referred to by Jes. in John 5: 28 & 29. I have to move quickly through this material.

### STARS

Historically, I've already mentioned some historic stars.

Contempararily, we've got stars.

Futuristically, stars will be the

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..... BUT I have no doubt that it's very, very real and we ought to take heed to this great Word of God.

Now the four prophetic numbers - this is what we call gamotria. Gamotria is spritual meaning of numbers in the Bible. 666 is a great number, not mentioned in Dan. 12, but that's the number of the antichrist. That's man raised to highest level, under 7. But that's the economic control number. It will be with that number the world will be controlled, economically. It's also the religious control number.

That's the number of the antichrist and the economic and religious number of the world. Then the 1260 days is equal to forty two months, three and a half years or this time of <sup>1260</sup>unprecedented trouble that's gonna come upon the world.

Then, you see time (one year) times (two years) half a times (a half year) that's  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. That's the time to the end of the Gr. Trib. and the anti-christ is put out of business. But you see, we have two other numbers. We have 1290 days. These are the thirty days added for the Judgment and purging prior to the Millennium. Then we have 1335 days - that's forty five more days required for the preparation to enter the Kingdom or the Millennium.

Now I thought this would be interesting to you and I will do a complete study on this because this is one of the most interesting things I've ever studied in my life. Where are the O.T. saints now? Before the resurrection, they were in the upper part of Sheo (called Paradise). A half-way station or holding place.

2. They could not enter fully into Heaven until Jes. paid for their sins.

3. After the resurrection, Jesus descended into the upper part of Sheo (Paradise) Eph. 4 - and took the souls of the righteous into Heaven. Their bodies remain in the grave until the end of the Great Tribulation. This is very interesting. Jesus met the thief in Paradise. YOU remember He said 'today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise'? He met the thief in Paradise, or the upper part of Sheo, the day he died and led him into Heaven.

He didn't go to Heaven on Friday. He only went to the upper part. But he met him there, along with the O.T. saints, into ~~MYX~~ Heaven - the trophy or spoils of victory. Today, where do all righteous dead go at death? Paul answers in II Cor. 5:8 (read) there's no half-way station. There's no Paradise. There's no Sheo. No half-way station; no souls to ~~wait~~ sleep.

Stephen is the first person that we see die, as a Xtn., after the resurrection. He's the type. If you want to know what happens to your dead loved ones, look at Stephen, not the thief. The person who died and you know he looked squarely into Heaven, into Paradise, into Heaven and says 'Lord, receive my spirit' and looked right at Jesus. Stephen went immediately to Heaven. The righteous dead go immediately to Heaven at death. No Paradise, no waiting stations.

Jesus has done His work; they go IMMEDIATELY into the presence of God. YOU say 'but isn't there going to be -- isn't Jesus preparing a place now?' There is a final estate, but that does not mean the person does not go to be with Jesus, immediately at death. There is no such thing as waiting; there is no such thing as Paradise; there is no such thing as unconsciousness. The

righteous dead go immediately into the presence of the Lord.

I read a little story that I'll close with. Daddy, is your face looking at me? I read of this little boy that was frightened at night. He had a nightmare and he was just terrified. He woke up and began to scream and hid daddy rushed into the room where he was and he said 'don't be afraid, son, Daddy's here, daddy's here'. The son said to his daddy 'daddy, is your face looking at me?' And he said 'yes, son! My face is looking at you'.

I thought how marvelous it is that God's face is looking at His people. He hasn't forgot a one of us! The O. T. saints have been dead for thousands of years. They're sleeping all over the earth in their graves. He's gonna call them forth one day. His face is looking at us and He says to us what He says to Daniel:: 'don't worry. Relax! You're gonna rest in death but you're gonna be raised!' Isn't it wonderful!! And the Lord completely in charge of it. Praise His Name!!

Let's stand and pray.