

Master Outlines of Daniel

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Historical Outline of Daniel Continued

Daniel 12:1-13

Note: Daniel 12 begins at the very period that Daniel 11 ends (“At that time”). Refer to historical outline of Daniel 11, point III,B,6, for the history that precedes chapter 12.

III. Focus On Israel (Continuing from historical outline of Daniel 11)

- C. [Christ’s birth initiates] a new era of spiritual battle in the heavenlies over the nation of Israel [4 B.C. - 70 A.D.] (12:1-13)
 - 1. 12:1a-b is a summary statement of the whole period
 - a) “At that time” (12:1a) (Beginning in 4 B.C. [see Revelation 12:1-17])
 - b) “And there shall be... a time of trouble” (12:1b) = the Great Tribulation of 66-73 A.D. (cf. Matt. 24:21; Mark 13:19; Luke 21:22)
 - 2. What happens “at that time” (12:1c), i.e., the period just named of 4 B.C.-73 A.D. (12:1c-13)
 - a) redemption from the hand of Satan (12:1c) [30 A.D.]
 - b) a resurrection of “many” and “some” but not all [30 A.D.] (vv. 2-3; cf. Matt. 27:52-53 with Hos. 6:1-3; Is. 26:19 [notice this too is followed by a tribulation period in vv. 20-21]; Dan. 12:13; John 5:24-29; Eph. 4:8-10; Heb. 12:23; Ezekiel 37;¹ Revelation 20:1-6; Matt. 12:39-42; Job 19:25-27 [where Christ’s resurrection is tied to Job’s]). This is the “first resurrection of Revelation 20:4-5.
 - c) many shall run to and fro (v. 4) - the Great Commission
 - d) increase of knowledge (v. 4) - the result of the Great Commission
 - e) a three and a half year period after which the holy people will be shattered and “all these things shall be finished” (v. 7) [66-73 A.D.]
 - 3. Recap [30-73 A.D.]
 - a) purification of the righteous (v. 10)
 - b) increase of wickedness (v. 10)
 - c) delusion sent to wicked while the righteous understand what will happen (v. 10)
 - d) daily sacrifice taken away & abomination set up in the temple [70 A.D.]
 - e) The significance of the 1290 days and the 1335 days.

¹ Notice that this prophecy of a resurrection from the “graves” to a heavenly land follows the same order as in Revelation of 1) a resurrection (Ezekiel 37:1-14 with Rev. 20:4-6), 2) then a period of peace and prosperity (Ezekiel 37:15-28 with order of events in Rev. 20:1-6) and then 3) the battle of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39 with Rev. 20:7-10). There are differences between the Gog and Magog accounts, but the similarity in order is striking.

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More Practical Applications

- We can trust every detail of God's Word
- Christ's birth ushered in the greatest time of spiritual warfare this world has ever seen, and we must not be ignorant of spiritual warfare or the work of angels and demons. (v. 1a)
- The salvation and eternal security of the elect is guaranteed (v. 1c)
- We must all be involved in evangelism (vv. 3b,4b)
- God cares about the physical world and our physical bodies (v. 2)
- God purchased us to be holy and to grow in wisdom and we dishonor the Lord when we either disdain knowledge or fail to be holy (v. 3).
- God continues to bring judgment on nations who reject Him (v. 1b,7 occur after Christ's resurrection)
- God only gives us the information that we need, not all that we might want to know (v. 9)
- God purifies His people with the same events that harden the wicked (v. 10)
- There is an inheritance stored up for all God's people (v. 13)