

The Last Word

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I. Introduction. Text: Daniel 12.

II. In the end, Michael will arise before the great tribulation.

A. He is called a prince here and an archangel in the New Testament. (Jude, Revelation 12, I Thessalonians 4)

B. An unprecedented time of trouble will come after Michael's coming, but it will be the last of Israel's trouble. (Matthew 24)

C. The people would be delivered from the time of stress.

III. The righteous will be risen from the dead for everlasting life.

IV. Daniel is told to seal up the book simply designating the end of the period of revelation.

V. Knowledge of the book of Daniel would increase as people studied it through and knowledge would break out in other areas.

VI. Israel would go on to increased power in world affairs.

VII. The result of studying Daniel.

A. Believers will purify themselves by interacting with the Word of God.

B. Believers will act upon the Word they read thus purifying their outer life for refinement.

C. The wicked will do wickedly upon reading the book—the wicked do wicked things because they do not listen to God.

VIII. The believer must sit under the judgment of Daniel and not judge it.

Application questions:

1. What stood out to you after reading Daniel 12?

2. How can an understanding of end times events lead to a life of purity?

3. How would you respond to someone asking what the end will look like based on Daniel 12? Explain.
