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THE FINAL OUTCOME | DAN. 12:1-3

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- Verse 1 –
  - **at that time** - This phrase is in connection with 11:45, and fixes these events at the end of the Tribulation, coinciding with the death of the Antichrist. The Hebrew demands that the **time** in reference is the *same time* as the preceding verse.
  - **Michael...the great prince** –
    - As in Dan. 10:13, **prince** is *sar*, a leadership word (Czar, Ceasar, etc.), it is used in the context of *spiritual* rather than *physical* forces.
    - Michael is presented in Daniel as the *guardian angel of Israel*. NOTE: do not build a comprehensive guardian angel theology based on this passage alone.
  - **a time of trouble** - This unprecedented **time of trouble** is well-defined in Scripture. See Jeremiah 30:7 and Matt. 24:21. The time is *the Day of the Lord* which is also known as the *Day of Jacob's Trouble* and *The Great Tribulation*. See also the description of the destruction in Zech. 13:8.
  - **thy people shall be delivered** –
    - The theme of Daniel is the "Future of the Gentile Reign and the Jewish Remnant." Now we have seen both. The gentile reign will come to a sure and swift end. The Jewish remnant **shall be delivered**.
    - Paul declares this truth when he says **so all Israel shall be saved** which will take place when **there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer** (Rom 11:26).
    - Note that Jer. 30:7 also speaks of the **time of trouble** followed by a deliverance.
    - Note that the revelation concerns **thy people**, that is, the people of Israel. This is *not* a revelation about the saved people of the church. Every interpreter that sees a post-tribulation rapture must, by necessity, mix Israel and the church.
  - **written in the book** –
    - This specifies that both Rom. 11:26 as well as **thy people** in this verse does not refer to *all Jews*, but only those **found written in the book**.
    - This **book** is first mentioned in Exodus 32:32, where it is seen that God is the author of this book. The method of inclusion in the book is unclear from this verse, but verse 33 states that the sinners will be blotted out of the book. Psalm 69:28 also confirms that one may be blotted out of the book. Other teachings about the book:
      - Psalm 56:8 - the **wanderings** of God's servant are written in the book.
      - Isaiah 4:3 indicates that those who are alive at the end of the Tribulation and are **among the living in Jerusalem** are the ones who are written in the book.
      - False prophets are not **written in the writing of the house of Israel** (Ezek. 13:9), a possible reference to the book.
      - The 70 witnesses were told that their **names were written in heaven** (Lk 10:20).
      - Rev. 3:5 says that the overcomers will not have their names blotted **out of the book of life**.
      - Rev. 13:8 says that those who worship the beast do not have their name in the **book of life**, and such names are written **from the foundation of the world**. Similar teaching in Rev. 17:8.
      - Rev. 20:12, 15 show the requirement of inclusion book of life for entrance into the new heaven and new earth.

- Note: While the *Book of Life* is often taught in Christian churches as the listing of the saved (or, in the case of Reformed Christianity, a listing of the elect), the only references to the Book of Life are in connection to Israel.
- Verse 2 –
  - This resurrection coincides with the two resurrections of Revelation 20:1-15, the only difference being that Revelation expounds on the topic by dividing the resurrection of the righteous from the unrighteous.
  - While some teach that this is the earliest teaching of the resurrection, they fail to consider Gen. 22:5/Heb 11:19, Job 19:25-26, Isaiah 26:19, Hosea 13:14, and Psalm 16:9-10.
  - For those who are post-tribulation in their rapture view, this verse is taken to be a revival of the nation (similar to Ezek. 36-37). When the verse as a whole is considered, however, it becomes very challenging to spiritualize the first part of the verse and take the second part literally.
- Verse 3 –
  - Here is a reward for the **wise** [teachers] and those who **turn many to righteousness**, with the greatest blessing on the wise.
  - Note that this is a teaching directly related to the nation of Israel under the Law. A teaching of rewards for the Christian would have to come from the pen of Paul.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DANIEL | DAN. 12:4-13

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*note: though this section goes through v. 13, this outline only covers to v. 4.*

- Verse 4 –
  - **seal the book** - Some of what was told to Daniel is not revealed in the pages of Daniel.
  - **time of the end**- The **time of the end** is the time referred to in v. 1 as that **time of trouble**.
  - **run to and fro** - This phrase always carries a negative connotation in the Bible. Bullinger makes a good case for the meaning of the Hebrew word being *apostatize*.
  - **knowledge** - Since the context is the Jewish people, it is probably best to confine this to the spiritual knowledge of the Jewish nation. While many in the nation will **run to and fro**, others will be influenced by the two witnesses and the 144,000.