

The Book of Daniel

What Can We Expect in the Future?

I. Introduction

- A. Daniel 12:1-4 (NLT) ¹"At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. ²Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who turn many to righteousness will shine like stars forever. ⁴But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase."

II. What Can We Expect in the Future?

- A. We can expect difficult times.

1. Daniel 12:1a (NLT) "At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence."
2. Matt. 24:7-11 (NLT) ⁷The nations and kingdoms will proclaim war against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. ⁸But all this will be only the beginning of the horrors to come. ⁹"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because of your allegiance to me. ¹⁰And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. ¹¹And many false prophets will appear and will lead many people astray."
3. John 16:33c (NAS) "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
4. Phil. 3:10 (NAS) That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.
5. I Peter 4:12 (NLT) Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

- B. We can expect the protection of God.

1. Daniel 12:1a (NLT) "At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise."
2. Daniel 12:1c-2 (NLT) ^{1c}"But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. ²Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

- C. We can expect a great separation of humanity.

1. Daniel 12:2 (NLT) "Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

- D. We can expect people to be running here and there looking for answers.

1. Daniel 12:3 (NLT) "Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who turn many to righteousness will shine like stars forever."
2. Daniel 12:4 (NLT) "But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase."

III. Conclusion