

# **The Great Tribulation, Part 2**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 12:4-14.

B. The only true source of knowledge about the future is the Bible, and Daniel is one of the great prophetic books about the future in the Bible.

C. God tells us about the future to authenticate his Word, to reveal his sovereignty, to motivate and comfort his people and to admonish the wicked.

D. The Lord clarifies some final features in this section of Daniel.

## II. The content sealed.

A. The time of the end refers to the Great Tribulation.

B. The information was to be preserved until the time of Revelation.

C. Many during the time of the tribulation would be looking for information, but Daniel would not be able to reveal it all.

D. However, Daniel would be used to turn many to righteousness at the end.

## III. The chronology set.

A. God swears that the Antichrist would reign for three and a half years.

B. The people will be so crushed that Israel will only look to Christ. (Revelation 13, Matthew 24:39)

## IV. The confusion stated. One cannot fully understand until the Tribulation time arrives.

## V. The cleansing secured.

A. Many will be purified. A reborn remnant will be born during this period. (Zechariah 13:8)

B. There will be thirty days to finish the purging to determine who will belong in the Millennial kingdom.

## VI. The commendation sworn.

A. Responsibility.

B. Resurrection.

C. Reward.

**Application Questions:**

1. What is the purpose of the Great Tribulation?

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2. Why is there some ambiguity about those events?

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3. What hope should we look forward to regarding the Great Tribulation? Explain.

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