

## “Rumors from the East (8): The Last Sonnet”

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- Daniel 11:40 - 12:2—3 prophetic news bulletins:
  - ◆ Bulletin #1—good news—The King of the \_\_\_\_\_ will come to his end (Daniel 11:45).
  - ◆ Bulletin #2—bad news—We are facing the worst global \_\_\_\_\_ and time of \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of this civilization (Daniel 12:1).
  - ◆ Bulletin #3—good news—Michael will stand up and \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel’s people from out of that awful crisis (Daniel 12:1, 2).
    - Who is this Michael? Review “Rumors from the East (1)” study guide @ the above website.
  
- Who are Daniel’s people (Daniel 12:1)?
  - ◆ Joel Rosenberg, Tim LaHaye, and TV evangelists have concluded that Daniel’s people are the Jews of modern Israel—but is that conclusion biblically defensible?
  - ◆ Four key Bible principles of prophetic interpretation:
    - #1—The Old Testament prophecies regarding the future glory of Israel and Jerusalem are primarily conditioned upon Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
      - Jeremiah 18:1-11—Divine prophecies are conditioned upon human \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Classic exhibit A—\_\_\_\_\_ —“I’m going to wipe you out”—they repented—God changed his plan.
      - Classic exhibit B—\_\_\_\_\_ —“You will be My people forever”—they rebelled—God changed his plan.
    - #2—As a nation, Israel \_\_\_\_\_ God’s appeal through Christ.
      - Not the masses, but the national leadership.
      - Daniel 9:24
      - Matthew 23:37-38
    - #3—God turned from a geographical Israel to a \_\_\_\_\_ Israel and a \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem to become the recipients of the Old Testament’s prophecies of future glory for Israel and Jerusalem.
      - Romans 9:6-8; 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:7, 8, 28, 29; 6:16
      - Through faith in Christ a \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual Israel has been born, inheriting all the promises made to Abraham, the father of the Jews.
      - I Peter 2:9—The new community of spiritual Israel is a “holy \_\_\_\_\_, His own special people.”
    - #4—Therefore, Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel’s future, that would have been literally fulfilled had Israel remained obedient to God, must now be \_\_\_\_\_ to spiritual Israel, focusing on

- spiritual intent rather than geographical detail.
- ◆ Therefore, the deliverance promised in Daniel 12:1 is not for the nation of Israel but rather for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God the world over.
    - Daniel is clear—they are not delivered because they are his people—they are delivered because their names are written in the book—“the Lamb’s Book of \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Rev 21:27).
  
  - What awaits God’s people at the end of time (Daniel 12:1)?
    - ◆ They will face the most dreadful crisis in the \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
      - Jesus—“ . . . unless those days were shortened \_\_\_\_\_ flesh would be saved [NIV—“no one would survive”].” (Matthew 24:21, 22)
      - *Great Controversy* 622: “It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is \_\_\_\_\_ true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal.”
      - “It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Our precious Saviour invites us to join ourselves to Him, to unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits. God’s providence is the school in which we are to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus. The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which seems easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. It rests with us to co-operate with the agencies which Heaven employs in the work of conforming our characters to the divine model. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls.” (GC 623)
    - ◆ Shall we then fear the future?
      - Daniel 12—Michael wins!
      - Martin Luther—“ . . . the right Man is on our side.”
      - And when He wins, we win.
      - Which is an ending you must never forget, as you prepare to face the King of the North (our concluding study next time).

*We have nothing to fear  
for the future!*

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