

# “FROM TROUBLE TO TRIUMPH”

Daniel 12:1-3

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## INTRODUCTION

Do you desire honor? Do you want to “shine”?

So many do! But, most seek honor and praise from the world.

If any group seems destined to “dust” and not to glory, it is the Jews of the tribulation period.

Compare Daniel 12 with Revelation 12.

Sun moon, and stars

Satan, Michael, Antichrist

3 ½ year persecution, etc.

Likewise Christians today may seem weak compared to the strong things of the world.

Note how many believers around the world are suffering persecution and death.

**However, WE ARE SCHEDULED FOR GLORY, NOT DUST!**

### I. TROUBLE (v.1)

Compare Rev. 13:4-8, 15-17

A. The Distress: Unparalleled—the *Tribulation Period* (cf. Mt. 24:15, 21, 29, 30)

B. The Defender: Michael (cf. Rev. 12:7-9; Dan. 10:21, 13)

C. The Deliverance: Of God’s People

1. Not of those who merely profess faith (Mt. 7:21-23)
2. Of all those who are written in the Book. [**Are you in the Book of Life?**]
3. Those not rescued are cast into the Lake of Fire—see Rev. 20:15

### II. TRIUMPH

A. Resurrection (2)—cf. Jn. 5:28-29

1. The Number: “Many”—this is “the first resurrection” to **life**: Rev. 20:4.  
It is of “those who ‘sleep’ in the dust of the earth”—**they were physically dead!**  
As in John 11:11-14.
2. The Destiny: “Everlasting Life”—Note that they were “asleep” and “awake” bodily.  
See John 3:16; Rom. 6:23
3. The Excluded: Those not written in the Book
  - Theirs is the second resurrection—Rev. 20:5, 12
  - They experience “disgrace and everlasting contempt” or abhorrence.

B. Reward (3)

1. Subjects

- a. Wise—i.e. teachers, instructors
  - b. Soul-winners—“turn ‘the many’ to righteousness”; such as:
    - John the Baptist: Jn. 5:35
    - Believers who witness by life and word: Mt. 5:16
    - Believers who are Lights in the world: Phil.2:15
2. Substance
    - a. They will “shine brightly as the sun”—lit “firmament”
    - b. They will “shine as the stars”
    - c. Their light will never be extinguished—“forever and ever”

## CONCLUSION

God’s people will shine—Will You?

You will if you are in God’s book, are wise, and turn many to righteousness!

How do you get into God’s book?

Romans 10:9-10, 13

Are you in the Book of Life?

How many are not but want to be?