

The Time of the End

“The Book of Daniel” (12)

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1. The Book of Life

- A. The Book of Life was a symbolic list of those living (Exod 32:32-33)
- B. It became a metaphor for those delivered from judgment
 - 1) 1 Enoch 108:3 (100 BC)
*And wait ye indeed till sin has passed away, for their names shall be blotted out of the **book of life** and out of the holy books, and their seed shall be destroyed forever, and their spirits shall be slain.*
 - 2) Revelation 21:27 (90 AD)
*Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's **book of life**.*

2. The Great Resurrection

- A. OT Jews believed the body and soul went to *Sheol* (Isa 38:18)
- B. Second Temple Jews believed in the resurrection of the body
 - 1) Daniel 12:2
*Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will **awake**: some to **everlasting life**, others to shame and everlasting contempt.*
 - 2) 2 Maccabees 7:14 (124 BC)
*When he was near death, he said, “One cannot but choose to die at the hands of mortals and to cherish the hope God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no **resurrection** to life!”*
 - 3) 1 Corinthians 15:42
*So will it be with the **resurrection** of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable.*
 - 4) John 11:24-26
*Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the **resurrection** at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”*
- C. Hellenistic Jews believed in the eternal life of the soul
 - 1) 4 Maccabees 10:15 (20-130 AD)
*By the eternal destruction of the tyrant, and by the **everlasting life** of the pious, I will not renounce our noble family ties.*
 - 2) 2 Corinthians 5:8
*We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be **away from the body** and at home with the Lord.*

3. The Judgment of the Righteous and Wicked

A. Chapter 69:27

*And he sat on the **throne of his glory**, and the sum of **judgement was given unto the Son of Man**, and he caused the sinners to pass away and be destroyed from off the face of the earth, and those who have led the world astray.*

B. Matthew 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne . . . he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

C. Matthew 25:46

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to **eternal life**."*

4. The Seal of the Prophecy

A. Daniel 12:9-10

*He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and **sealed** until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will **continue** to be wicked . . . but those who are wise will understand."*

B. Revelation 22:10-11

*Then he told me, "Do not **seal** up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. Let the one who does wrong **continue** to do wrong . . . and let the holy person continue to be holy."*