

God's glorious future for His suffering people

How will God help his end times people?

1. God will rescue. V. 12:1

- **God will resurrect. v. 2. Psalm 17:15** I will awake to thy likeness and I will **not be ashamed.**
- **Phil. 3:20-21**

Many will awake to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2

Why does God say hell is eternal?

- **Hell is eternal because sin is a crime of infinite magnitude. Rev. 15:4-5**
 - **All sin is ultimately against God. Psalm 51:4.**
 - The extent of punishment depends in part on who it is against. Assault on a person will result in some Jail time. Assault against a president will likely result in a lifetime sentence, God is infinitely higher in authority and worthiness of respect.
- **Hell is eternal because man eternally rebels against God.**
 - They refuse to repent even when He shows his kindness. Rom. 2:4-5
 - They refuse to repent even under his judgments and blame God for the consequences of their sin.

Rev. 9:20-21 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands so as not to worship demons and the idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their witchcraft, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 16:11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.
 - They refuse to repent even at His Coming. Rev. 19:11-19
 - They refuse to repent even in his presence when they die. Matthew 7:21-23
 - They refuse to repent even in Hell. Luke 16:19-31
- **Hell is eternal because of man's eternal choice to reject Him.** Eph. 2:3 He is a sinner by nature, a child of wrath, a son of disobedience.
 - **Illustration:** If you are not born again you would rebel even in heaven! The proof is the rebellion against Christ at the end of 1000 years of his reign on earth (Rev. 20:6-10).
 - Tozer: *Believers are those who say to God "Thy will be done." Unbelievers are those to whom God says, "Your will be done."*
- **Eternal Hell does not negate God's love.** He is infinitely loving in providing a remedy at his expense. John 3:16

God will reward His people v. 12:3

Who will be rewarded?

1. **Those with insight.** They understand and belief God's word regarding salvation and His return.

2. Those who obey **by leading many in righteousness**. V. 3 They have a burden that others will know the gospel and they pray and seek for others to know. Acts 1:8-9

Philippians 2:15 *“We are to be blameless, harmless children of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding forth the Word of life.”*

How will God reward His people?

We will shine like the stars = to manifest light, to be noticed, eminent, distinguished as opposed to those who experience disgrace and contempt

- **Matt. 13:43:** “the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”
- They become the stars!
 - **Illustration: The world’s ancient military kings and rulers are regarded as nothing in hell.** **Ezek. 32:30-32** “There *also* are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in *spite of* the terror *resulting* from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those killed by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit. ³¹ “These Pharaoh will see, and he will find consolation regarding all his hordes killed by the sword, Pharaoh and all his army,” declares the Lord God. ³² “Though I inflicted the terror of him on the land of the living, yet he will be laid to rest among *the* uncircumcised *along* with those killed by the sword, Pharaoh and all his hordes,” declares the Lord God.
 - i. We will be presented as Sons - **Rom. 8:14-18**
 - ii. We will inherit all things. **Eph. 1:3** *Blessed by the God and Father of our lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.’*
 - iii. We will be revealed **Col. 3:4** *When Christ, who is our life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory*
 - iv. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-10** He will return encircled in fire *admired by the saints.*
 - v. *We will be like him for we will see him as he is* **1 John 3:2-3**
 - vi. *We will be lavished with the riches of His kindness in the ages to come.* **Eph. 2:7**
 - vii. We will enjoy the intimacy of the Father’s affection and kindness as if we were his only son. **Col. 3:12;** Romans 8:32-39; Ps 16:11: *“in your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever”*
 - viii. **Jude 24** We will be *presented faultless before the throne with exceeding joy.*
 - ix. We will be received in glory by Christ. *I will receive you to Myself.* **John 14:2-3**
 - 1. **Psalm 73:23-24** *“With your counsel you will guide me and after receive me to glory”*
 - x. **Isaiah 25:8** *And the lord god will wipe tears from all faces and he will remove the reproach of his people from all the earth”*

God will reveal Himself to his people through His word. V.4-12

- a. God will preserve the book of Daniel to the end times. V. 4
- b. The knowledge which Daniel contains will be sought and many will understand. V. 4
- c. His word will give specific details for God’s people to endure.
 - V. 7 specific time frame of 3.5 years
 - V. 8-9 It will not be fully understandable until the end. His word gives specific number of days until Christ’s kingdom is fully implemented. V. 11-12