

Daniel 12:13 - Rest, Resurrection, & Rewards

Intro - We have been on a walking tour of Daniel for the last 10 months and now our adventure has come to an end. You might have noticed that I put us on the slow train out of town...that's so we could take note of three main sights: 1] The Promises of God - Prophecies are a Promise. 2] Suffering is promised - we are to be Patient in Affliction. 3] - As we look over our shoulder leaving this landscape...not neglect to point out some wonders of the world in the last verse. The truths here tie this world to the next world. *A Rub, A Rest, A Resurrection, & A Reward*. If these truths become indelibly marked in our minds; they will bolster us as we walk the life of faith from this world to the next. These "4 R's" are a basic education in our transition to eternity

A RUB

1. Remember the context Daniel is old and has been 70+ years in captivity.
 - a. In chapter 9 he prayed about the return to land - others got to go....he didn't
 - b. Chapter 10 - Daniel is sad and in mourning for 3 weeks
 - c. God sent an angel to strengthen, encourage and inform about the future (10-12)
2. Daniel is still stuck in captivity...being consoled by promises of the future...but...
 - a. ...but he doesn't understand all the promises - 12:8-9
 - b. 12:13 "...go your way..." Daniel was left in a lurch in this life.
3. There is "A Rub" to this reality.
 - a. Heb. 11:13 "...died in faith without receiving the promises...welcomed them from a distance"
 - b. Abraham was promised a bunch of land....only owed a tomb...in this life
 - c. Job never got his "why" questions answered.
 - i. He learned about the WHO of life not the why's of life
4. If Job, Abraham and Daniel felt "The Rub"we will too and will need to "go our way"

A REST

- 12:13 "...then you will enter into rest..." (go...die....rest)
 - This life is restless for the redeemed, but a rest is coming/promised.
 - Heb. 4:9-10 each Christian Sabbath we are reminded of a Rest
- Matt. 11:28
 - Faith is a "resting in Christ." We cease from our works and rest in His
- Those who die in faith enter into rest. (Isaiah 57:2 - NIV)
 - Rev. 14:13
 - 1 Sam. 28:15 Samuel was "resting" and didn't appreciate being disturbed.
 - 1 Thess. 4:14 "sleeping in Jesus" is a beautiful euphemism.
 - "The grave, with Christ is a comfortable place" (J. Flavel)
 - Those who trust in Jesus can rest in Jesus.
- RIP only truly applies to the redeemed.

