Gabriel's Review Session... Gabriel is privy to at least the purpose and meaning of that Book of Truth.

Of the seven-sealed scroll, it is noted... *"And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon"* (Revelation 5:3). By the time of the end it was complete and sealed.

This elevated angel is about to share the proleptic appearance of nations vitally important to ancient Israel and extremely fitting to the last generation to live on earth. The *"destiny"* and judicial review is for Christ to unfold when those Seals are broken (Revelation 6–8).

Gabriel's narrative that follows is a fascinating look at **key** future events that will occur during the prophecies already unfolded in chapters 7 to 9. These are reviewed in depth in *End-Time Secrets of Daniel 8–12,* in the three chapter segments on Daniel 11.

Briefly, the structure of Daniel 11 is as follows *(this helps us later to move smoothly into Daniel 12).*

1. Verse 1... Orientation as to when the audition was given.

2. Verses 2-20... Key national leaders who would arise during the 490-year period. These would serve as timing warnings of the ever-shortening probation left for Israel. Intriguingly, their probation actually ran out *before* that period ended (Matthew 21:43, 23:37-38). A three-and-a-half-year period remained for God to see a people address sin and have everlasting righteousness come. A holy people had not been shown to the universe. That is a legal necessity in the judicial battle with Satan. In addition, that period will end when the sanctuary *(in heaven and symbolically with God's people)* is *"anointed"* (Daniel 9:24) or cleansed.

3. Verses 21, 28-29... The first rise of the papacy with key world events. This ties to (Daniel 7).

1. Verses 29, 30-45... The second rise of the papacy. This is divided into two parts, exactly as the book of Revelation is. There is a part where its church/state wielding of power begins to emerge, and a terminal portion where it is a world power. This ties to Daniel 8 and part of 9.

God is riveting deeply into our understanding detailed issues and events that affect His people. First, the Jewish nation, secondly those in the early Christian church and, finally, the greatest emphasis is on the last generation to live on earth. These are prophecies of warning to prepare.

But with correctly anticipating what lies ahead, it reveals that God's mercy has a time limit. A time of trial is soon to come to God's people unmatched in earth's history. This discourse gives insight as to its nature. As it progresses, God's door of probation shuts... forever, all occur during a tribulation period.

- "A time of trouble such as never was" (Daniel 12:1)

- "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world… nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

- "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

- "When Michael *(Jesus)* stands up (Daniel 12:1), all moral and spiritual decisions are completed. The great controversy between good and evil will increase in intensity to the very close of time. In all ages the wrath of Satan has been manifesting against the church of Christ; and God has bestowed His grace and Spirit upon His people to strengthen them to stand against the power of the evil one."

When the apostles of Christ were to bear His gospel to the world and to record it for all future ages, they were especially endowed with the enlightenment of the Spirit. But as the church approaches her final deliverance, Satan's work intensifies with greater power.

He comes down *'having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.'* Revelation 12:12. He will work *'with all power and signs and lying wonders.'* 2 Thessalonians 2:9. For six thousand years that mastermind that once was highest among the angels of God has been wholly bent to the work of deception and ruin.

And all the depths of satanic skill and subtlety acquired, all the cruelty developed, during these struggles of the ages, will be brought to bear against God's people in the final conflict.

And in this time of peril the followers of Christ are to bear to the world the warning of the Lord's second coming; and a people are to be prepared to stand before Him at His coming, *'without spot, and blameless.'* 2 Peter 3:14.

At this time the special endowment of divine grace and power is no less needful to the church than in apostolic days.

This *chazown* message doesn't end until Daniel 12:4. The chapter break is unfortunate. We will begin our Daniel 12 review with those few verses.

To set the stage we must look briefly at the key points of the second rise of the papacy (chapter 12 refers back to them... Daniel 11:30-45). They highlight the antichrist's attitude *["vile person... king of the north"]* and his activities.

- ✓ He is against God's covenant and thereby His law (vs. 30, 32)

- ✓ The true worship will be removed and replaced by a false one (vs. 31).

- ✓ God's people will be active (vs. 32b, 33a).

- ✓ God's people will be persecuted (vs. 33b, c).

- ✓ All this will come at the *"appointed time"* at the *"time of the end."*

- ✓ The antichrist's key characteristics will also include dishonoring women (vs. 36-38)

The final rise to world power is highlighted in verses 40-45. There, the antichrist is called the *"king of the north."* He is involved military and has focused interest in Palestine and world economics. He fears the news of the success of God's people (vs. 44). But he comes to his end (vs. 45).

The antichrist is often referred to as *"he"* in verses 40-45. It will be an important ***"he"*** link in the next chapter. Now beginning with chapter 12... still finishing the *chazown* (*ha hazon*) vision through verse 4.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1).

Let's review some of the key words and phrases.

"At that time" refers back to the previous verses and more specifically to verse 40's timing statement... *"at the time of the end."* This refers to the time of the antichrist and, specifically, when he has become a world power (11:40-45).

Michael "stands up." Though not part of this review, Michael is Jesus Christ. The Hebrew is translated in many Bibles as *"will arise"* (NIV, LXE, NET, NAS). A heavenly task is completed. He superintends over events at the very *"time of the end."*

This is a transition in Christ's role. A similar transition is portrayed in Revelation 5 and 6, where He takes the scroll from God, seated on His throne, and breaks the first seal. That begins another transition in time. His *"Standing up"* here prepares for its final phase.

"When our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out."

But an assurance message comes to God's people... *"Standeth for the children of thy people"* means He is preparing to do a special work for the saints [He was seated on His throne... now is standing]. Daniel 10:13 notes figuratively that Michael *"stands over the sons of thy people."*

There, it was to protect them. Here, it will be to deliver them!

"There shall be a time of trouble" when *Christ changes His activity,* at which time the world's greatest tribulation or *"time of trouble"* begins. Our legal divine advocate (I John 2:1), our *"great high priest,"* interceding for us (Hebrews 4:14-16) ceases that advocacy role.

When He stands up, trouble follows (cf. Jeremiah 30:7). This is what Christ portrays in Matthew 24:21.

Man's probation is over... God's people is given a special rescue mission called *"deliverance."* Heightened drama comes to the saints. Presently the anticipation of a marriage and an everlasting covenant is anticipated. God's people will be given a special rescue mission called ***"deliverance."*** Special protection comes to them at this time.

"Deliverance" comes to all who are *"found written in the book"* (12:1). This references the Book of Life (Exodus 32:32, Isaiah 4:3, Psalm 69:29). Christ confirms this record of citizens (Luke 10:20).

He notes that all those who are victorious *(over sin)* will be in that book (Revelation 3:5; cf. I Corinthians 15:57, I John 5:4). Those who are not there will be destroyed by fire (Revelation 20:15). The sequence of events that has emerged at this point...

11:30-35
Antichrist rises in religious/secular power (identified previously as the "vile person")
(cf. Revelation 17:5)

11:36-45
Antichrist becomes World secular power ("king of the north")
(last 3½ years shortly
(Revelation chapter 13; 17:12-13)

12:1
Michael/Christ ceases priestly advocacy role
(end of probation)

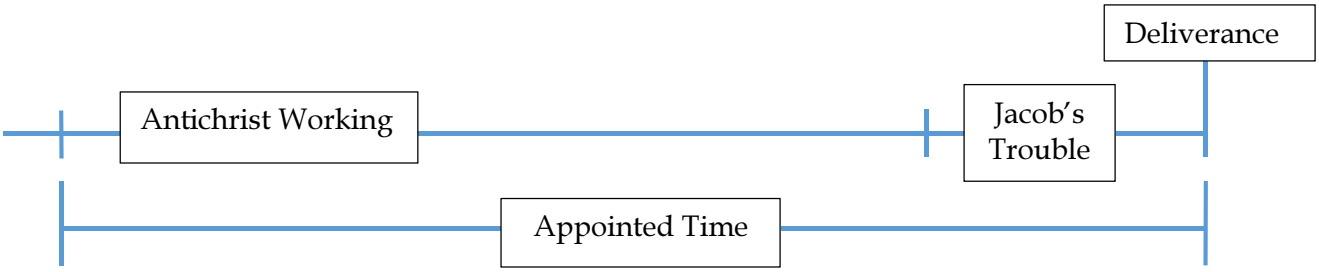
12:1
Tribulation "Jacob's Trouble"
(Jeremiah 30:7)

12:1
God's people " delivered" – special protection
(Day of Atonement – fall of year)

Another concept that is introduced with Michael standing up reveals that it is when Christ's victory over Satan is complete. This occurs when one of Satan's chief loyalists, the antichrist papacy, passes off the scene (Daniel 11:45).

This is the culmination of prophetic events covering an *"appointed time"* (Daniel 8:19, 11:35), which will shortly be shown to be *"time, times, and an half"* (Daniel 12:7). The restricting of Satan's activities by Christ leads him to realize that his time (Revelation 12:12) is about up.

There follows a three and a half times (Revelation 12:14) review of the persecution of the "woman"/church. All these verses share the exact same message.



The final prophetic events cover an *"appointed time"* (Daniel 8:19) that will be shown to be *"time, times, and an half"* (Daniel 12:7).

The *"casting out"* or restricting of Satan's activities by Michael leads him to realize his *"time is short"* (Revelation 12:12).