"Life After Death" Daniel 12

 At the conclusion of this vision given to Daniel, it is revealed that the Jewish people ("your own people" in v. 1) who come to faith in Christ during the Tribulation at the end times will be resurrected.

What does 12:2 say will happen to unbelieving Jews?

2. What does verse 3 say about those who believe in Messiah?

How are you reflecting the light of Christ to our darkened world?

The resurrection of believers martyred in the Tribulation will occur at the 2nd coming of Christ (Revelation 20:4). The Old Testament saints will also be raised and all in Christ will then reign with Him for 1000 years (the Millennium).

3. In vv. 5-13, we see two requests (one from an angel and one from Daniel) and 2 angelic replies. In verse 6, what does the one angel standing on bank of the Tigris ask the other angel (most likely Gabriel-"the man dressed in linen")?

"_____ will it be until the end of these wonders?"

What is Gabriel's reply? How many years is that?

4. As we heard in last week's sermon, the antichrist will reign for 7 years in the Tribulation and the first half will be relatively peaceful for Israel as this ruler will set up a covenant with them. But the antichrist will break that covenant near the middle of the 7 years. After defeating the two armies (the king of the South and the king of the North) who invade Israel, the antichrist will then move into Israel (the "Beautiful Land") and set up his headquarters in Jerusalem. He will establish himself as king and god and will become the greatest persecutor Israel has ever known (Rev. 13:5-7). These final 3 ½ years will be known as the Great Tribulation. What is Daniel's question to Gabriel in verse 8?

What is Gabriel's response in verse 9 (as he has already stated in verse 4)?

- 5. How much time will there be between the abolishment of the sacrifice in the temple and the abomination of desolation (when antichrist will set himself up to be worshiped)?
- 6. Blessings are pronounced on the one who lives to see the end of 1,335 days and enter the Millennial reign of Christ upon the earth. The book of Daniel ends on a positive note of anticipation of the glorious future (*rest, resurrection, and reward*) that awaits God's faithful people at the end of the age!

What about Daniel's life has inspired you as follower of Christ? What are some lessons and take-aways you can take from our series in this glorious book?