

those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Verse 1 describes in general terms the unparalleled time of trouble that will result from the activities of the Antichrist. There is here no description, as in 11:32-33, of a time of great fighting and conflict in which the people of God will resist the forces of evil. After predicting an unparalleled "time of distress," the end of verse 1 presents a clear assurance of deliverance and verse 2 contains the wonderful promise of resurrection and everlasting life. Verse 3 describes the eternal glory of those who turn many to righteousness. These verses, like verses 40-45 do not fit the time of Antiochus, but definitely point to something that has not yet occurred.

Thus we have noticed the remarkable parallel between the three sections dealing with Antichrist and the three earlier ones about Antiochus Epiphanes, and also have observed the striking differences between the two groups of passages. Many have tried to build a detailed picture of future events from this latter group of passages. Such an undertaking is outside the scope of the present writing.

It is easy to see that Daniel 11:2-20 gives a remarkable summary of the history from the time of Cyrus to the accession of Antiochus Epiphanes and that verses 21-35 give a very accurate account of the principal events in the reign of this wicked king. The exact relevance of practically every statement in this long section is easily demonstrated. As these events unfolded, believers could see that the predictions were being fulfilled. Thus their faith in God would be strengthened and they would realize anew that the Lord controls all things and makes everything come to pass at His "appointed time."

Yet here, as in the case of the predictions about the life of Christ, it is doubtful that a reader could know in advance much detail about the events that would occur. While the great outlines are clear, the details are often given in rather cryptic language. After the event it is easy to see that prophecy has been fulfilled, but it is usually impossible to