

Resurrection in the Book of Daniel

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Despite recent attempts to assimilate Daniel to the Hebrew Prophets, the hope of resurrection expressed in Daniel 12 is a novelty in the biblical tradition. While Daniel hopes for an eschatological restoration of Israel, the distinctive feature of the book is the hope of individual resurrection. This hope must be understood in the context of early apocalypticism, as found in Enoch and Jubilees. It is focused not on the resurrection of a body of flesh and blood, but on the resurrection of the spirit, or spiritual body.