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C. Let us live like those who have been set free from the _____.

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-----See **Daniel 12:3**

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- **Matthew 24:12–13**

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- **“Take care of #1”**
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