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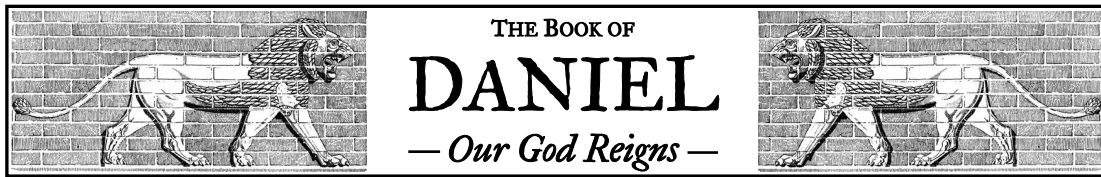
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## Further Questions & Personal Comfort (12:5-13)

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1. Daniel saw two other angelic beings who asked the divine figure how **long** this time of persecution under the end-time Antagonist would last.
2. The divine/human figure then swore an **oath** and answered the angel's question.
  - ⇒ The time period would be roughly 3 1/2 years ('a time, times, and half a time' - 7:25) at which time Israel would finally be humbled from her pride and rebellion and be ready to receive Messiah.
3. Daniel then asked the divine/human figure about the ultimate **outcome** of these events.

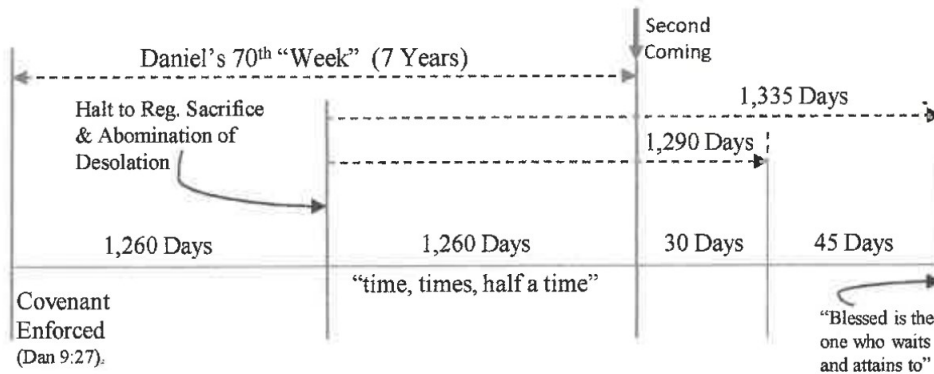
"Daniel was asking, not about all the events related to Antichrist's persecution of Israel, but about the last event related to that persecution—namely, the final deliverance of Israel as foretold...in Dan. 12:1. Daniel wanted an explanation of how that deliverance would be accomplished."  
—Renald Showers

4. The divine/human figure then gave a brief summation of how these things would be brought to a **conclusion**.

*Some will walk in wisdom* → "purify...white...be refined" → "shall understand"

*Some will walk in wickedness* → "act wickedly" → "none...shall understand"

*Many who are righteous will heed the signs and many will survive until the coming of Messiah*



5. The divine/human figure concluded His words to Daniel with a message of personal **encouragement**.

*"you shall rest"*

*"you shall stand in you allotted place"*

**Key Point:** The consummate deliverance of God's people will come in the form of resurrection because **death** is the great enemy of them serving God in the world that He has made.

## Implications for Eschatology (Future Events)

1 Cor. 15:21-26—<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### The Order of the Resurrections

1. Christ (Matt. 28:6)
2. The Church (1 Thess. 4:16)
3. OT & Trib. Saints (Rev. 20:4)
4. Kingdom Saints
5. Unsaved Dead (Rev. 20:5)

⇒ Associated with these resurrections will be judgments whereby believers are judged for the purpose of rewards so that they might continue in service to the Lord during the Millennial Kingdom and into the New Creation.

## Living Faithfully in "Babylon"

- The sovereign God has given us new **life** in Christ, and He will bring that work of salvation to completion in our resurrection.

Phil. 1:6—*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*