

Be Faithful to the End

Daniel 12:4-13

Conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

The prophecies expressed in the last chapters of Daniel are reserved for the end time. They cannot be understood in the absence of unfolding history. However, as the time approaches, many will research the Scriptures and understanding will unfold more clearly with the passing of time. We see this in our own day.

I. The angels at the Tigris

- A. As Daniel looks at the primary messenger, he sees two other angels with him, one on each bank of the river. One of the angels asked, "How long will it be to the end of these wonders?"
 - 1. It will be for a time, times, and a half time (3.5 years)
 - 2. When the power of the holy people has been shattered"What will be the outcome of these events?", Daniel asked
 - 3. Many will be purged, purified and refined
 - 4. The wicked, will not understand, but those who have insight will understand
- B. From the time the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up
 - 1. There will be 1,290 days
 - 2. How blessed is the one who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days*

II. Our task in the present time

- A. "Work for the night is coming when our work is done" (John 9:4), "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)
- B. Daniel, as for you, keep doing what you are doing to the end
 - 1. Then you will enter into rest
 - 2. And rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age

**Jesus said no one knows the day or the hour when He will return, not even he. That was said to the disciples in the 1st Century. But, by the time of the great tribulation, as understanding of these prophecies increases, the accuracy of the prediction will be much more likely, and when the Antichrist breaks the treaty with Israel and the abomination is set up in the temple, it will be about 1,335 days until the return of Christ.*