

Daniel 12:1-13

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**DIVINE DOMINION**

**Introduction:**

**I. RESURRECTION OF THE SAINTS (vs. 1-3)**

A. The Ministry of Michael (vs. 1a)

“Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise.”

B. The Time of Trouble (vs. 1b)

“there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time”

“at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued”

C. The Resurrection of the Righteous (vs. 2-3)

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt”

“those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven”

“those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever”

**II. REVELATION OF THE SCHEDULE (vs. 4-7)**

A. The Closing of Revelation (vs. 4)

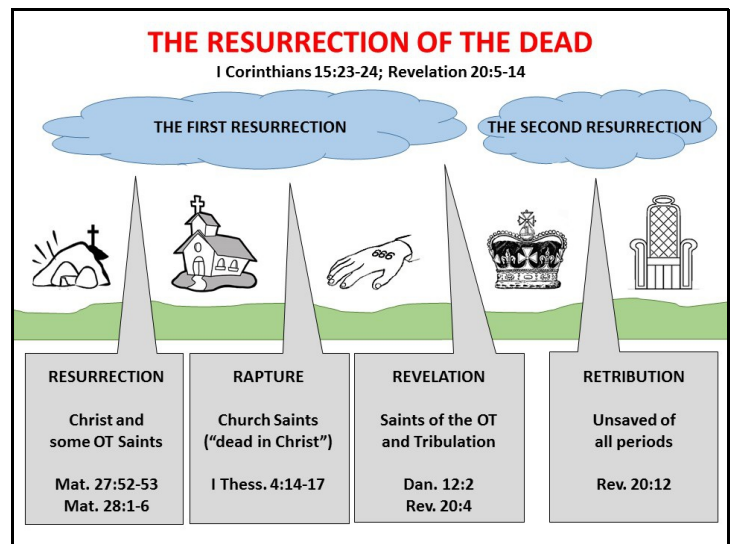
“but as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time”

“many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase”

B. The Chronology of the Great Tribulation (vs. 5-7)

“two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river”

“the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river”



“How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

“the man dressed in linen...raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever”

“it would be for a time, times, and half a time”

“as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed”

### III. RECOMMENDATION TO THE SAGACIOUS (vs. 8-13)

#### A. The Perplexity of Daniel (vs. 8-9)

“I heard but could not understand; so I said, ‘My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?’ ”

“Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.”

#### B. The Purifying of the Righteous (vs. 10-12)

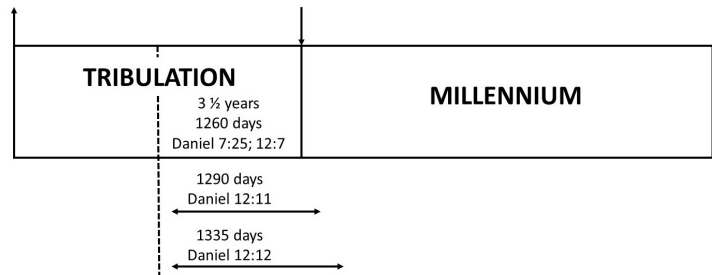
“many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly”

“none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand”

“from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up...”

“there will be 1,290 days”

“How blessed is he who keeps waiting  
and attains to the 1,335 days!”



#### C. The Promise for Believers (vs. 13)

“but as for you, go your way to the end”

“then you will enter into rest and rise  
again for your allotted portion at the  
end of the age”

“What will be the need of these forty-five days? It may be the time necessary for setting up the governmental machinery for carrying on the role of Christ. The true and full border of Israel (from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates, Genesis 15:18) will have to be established, and appointments made for those aiding in the government. A period of forty-five days would seem to be reasonable in which to accomplish these matters.”  
– Leon Wood, *A Commentary on Daniel*  
(pp. 328-329)

### Conclusion:

- 1) God’s absolute control of the past, the present, and the future encourages us to rest in Him and turn away from all fear.
- 2) Angels may be invisible, but they are very real and very much involved in our lives.
- 3) Sharing the gospel and leading others to righteousness brings satisfaction and future reward.
- 4) Seek to maintain a biblical balance between looking forward to the future and living in the present.

### Food for Thought:

- 1) Explain the biblical position of different future resurrections.
- 2) How should the expectation of resurrection affect believers? unbelievers?
- 3) What is the meaning of the additional 30 and 45 days in the chronology of the Tribulation?
- 4) How do “those who have insight” gain their understanding?