

Daniel 12:1-13

The end times

12 'At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. **3** Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. **4** But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.'

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. **6** One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, 'How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?'

7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand towards heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives for ever, saying, 'It will be for a time, times and half a time.'^[b] When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.'

8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, 'My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?'

9 He replied, 'Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.'

11 'From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. **12** Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.'

13 'As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.'

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'^[a]

⁵⁵ 'Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?'^[b]

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

