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The Resurrection

Daniel 12:1-4

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and The Knowledge shall increase.”

- v. 1 “Michael”- whom we have seen earlier in this same vision (chapter 10)
“charge over your people”- in charge of heavenly warfare in their defense
“time of trouble”- Jesus says this comes right before His return (Mt 24:29-30)
“written in the book”- Book of Life (Ex. 32:32-33; Is. 4:3; Ps. 69:28; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 21:27)
- v. 2 What a clear picture of the resurrection of all flesh – some to Life, some to Damnation
- v. 3 “Those who are wise” could also be “Those who make (others) wise”
“shine like the brightness...” see Phil. 3:20-21 and 1 Cor. 15:47-57
“those who turn many to righteousness” – think of those who taught you the Faith
- vv. 3-4 Here wisdom and knowledge are attributes of those enlightened by the Holy Spirit
“until the time of the end”- begins with the first coming of Christ (conceived, born, etc.)

The Conclusion

Daniel 12:5-13

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?" ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" ⁹ He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. ¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."

- v. 6 "clothed in linen" - more like "vested in linen" like the Divine Man described earlier
"these wonders" - the 'wonderful things' blasphemously proclaimed by the Antichrist in Dan. 11:36
- v. 7 the phrase shows that it is symbolic- three and a half "times" is half of Seven - a number symbolizing the complete, divinely ordered course of the world
- v. 10 they should all be passive verbs, rather than reflexive- *be purified, be made white, be refined*
"none of the wicked shall understand"- they may be educated, but lack the Spirit who enlightens
"wicked shall act wickedly"- crucifying Christ, later generations rejecting Him, persecuting His Church
"those who are wise shall understand"- this insight is given by God through grace (Daniel 1:17; 9:22)
- v. 11 1,290 Days- a multiple of 30; a symbolic number for 43 months (three and a half years)
- v.12-13 The 1,335 days applies to Daniel alone since he is personally addressed in verse 13

Figure 16

The Symbolic Periods of Time in Daniel 12:7, 11-12

