

14 – THE SEALING OF THE PROPHECY (DANIEL 12:4-13)

I. The Sealing of the Book (12:4)

A. The command (12:4a)

- Daniel is commanded to seal or preserve the prophecy until the end of time.

B. Increased understanding (12:4b)

- While Daniel found the prophecy hard to understand, many will understand as knowledge increased.

II. Concerning the Tribulation (12:5-13)

A. The two angels (12:5)

- Daniel sees two angels standing on opposite banks of the river.

B. The conversation (12:6-13)

1. The question (12:6)

- One angel asks the other how long will these things last.

2. The duration (12:7)

- The angel states that they will last for three and half times.
- When the power of Israel is completely shattered, these things will end.

3. Daniel's question (12:8)

- Daniel asks the angel about the end of these things.

4. The angel's response (12:9-13)

a. The command to go (12:9)

- The angel tells Daniel to go his way.
- This is because the words of prophecy are complete.

b. The nature of that time (12:10)

- The angel states that believers will be purified during that time.

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- The wicked will do their wickedness.
 - The wicked will not understand the times.
 - However, the wise will understand what is happening.
- c. The length of that time (12:11)
- There is a time between the end of the sacrifice and the placing of the abomination of desolation.
 - That time is 1290 days.
- + Revelation 11:2-3 states that the Great tribulation will be 1260 days. Here Daniel is told 1290 days. There are no clear answers. Some feel the additional 30 days for the cleansing of the temple.
- d. The blessing (12:12)
- The angel speaks about those who wait 45 days beyond the tribulation.
 - They will see the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.
- e. The promise to Daniel (12:13)
- The angel tells Daniel that he will die a natural death in rest.
 - Daniel will also be raised to an inheritance at the end of time.