

The Book of Daniel Chapter 12b Lesson 20 HO

Two final questions answered:

A. One question overheard by Daniel - Daniel 12:5-7

1) Daniel saw two others, one on each side of a river bank

2) One asked the man clothed in linen (cf. Daniel 10:5-6) above the river: "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"

3) The answer: "...a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished."

a) The "time, times, and half a time" (3 and a half years, 42 months, 1260 days) is commonly used to describe a definite, marked, period of tribulation - cf. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 11:2,3; 12:6,13-14;

13:5

b) When the persecution has accomplished its purpose, then the things described will take place

B. The question asked by Daniel - Daniel 12:8-13

1) Not understanding, Daniel asks: "...what shall be the end of these things?"

2) Daniel is first told:

a) To go, for the words are closed and sealed till the time of the end

b) That many shall be purified, and the wise shall understand - cf. Daniel 11:33-35

c) That the wicked shall do wickedly, and not understand - cf. Daniel 11:32

d) That there will be a period of "1290 days" beginning from:

1/ The time the daily sacrifice is taken away - 2/ The abomination of desolation is set up - cf. Daniel

11:31

e) Those who wait and come to "1335 days" will be blessed -- Whether literal or figurative, these numbered days appear to apply to the period of the Antiochian persecution (ca. 168 B.C.)

3) Daniel is then told:

a) To go his way till the end

b) For he shall rest and arise to his inheritance at the end of the days -- This "end" or "end of the days" may refer to the actual resurrection on the day of Judgment, not "the time of the end" spoken of throughout this vision.

CONCLUSION

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." - Romans 15:4