

ANSWERING WITHOUT ANSWERING

(Daniel 12:5-13)

- I. How Long Until the Time of the End? (Daniel 12:5-8)
 - A. Two messengers to CONFIRM the point (cf. Deut. 19:15; 31:28)
 1. Probably ANGELS (cf. Daniel 10)
 2. Standing on either SIDE of the [TIGRIS] RIVER (cf. 10:4)
 3. One asked the OBVIOUS question—“How LONG...?”
 4. The ORIGINAL messenger RESPONDED
 - B. The reply that wasn’t really an ANSWER
 1. Stated in the form of a solemn OATH, sworn by “Him who LIVES FOREVER”
 - a. A promise ENDURING for eternity
 - b. A promise GUARANTEED by omnipotence
 2. Until “a TIME, TIMES, and HALF” (cf. Dan. 7:25; 9:27)
 - a. Horrors will last for 3 ½ YEARS
 - b. Period will coincide with the LAST of Daniel’s 70TH WEEK
 3. Until the ANTICHRIST has consummated his PERSECUTION of ISRAEL
 - C. Daniel’s CONFUSION
- II. The Angel’s Closing Explanation (Daniel 12:9-13)
 - A. The prophecy is “CONCEALED and SEALED UP” until the END TIME (9)
 1. DANIEL would not understand
 2. NO ONE would understand before the TIME

- B. The twofold PURPOSE of the end-time events (10a)
 - 1. To PURIFY the saints, manifesting the character of GOD
 - 2. To CORRUPT the wicked, manifesting the character of MAN/EVIL

- C. The twofold IMPACT of the prophecy (10b)
 - 1. The wicked will be BLIND and REBELLIOUS
 - 2. The wise will be ENLIGHTENED and ENCOURAGED

- D. The twofold SIGNAL of the BEGINNING of the END
 - 1. Daily SACRIFICE will be FORBIDDEN
 - 2. “Abomination of desolation” will be ESTABLISHED (cf. Mt. 24:15)

- E. The twofold COUNTDOWN to the END
 - 1. 1290 days
 - a. 3 ½ YEARS (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:14), plus 30 DAYS
 - b. 1260 DAYS (Rev. 12:6) plus 30 DAYS
 - c. 42 MONTHS (Rev. 11:2; 13:5) plus 30 DAYS
 - 2. 1335 days—an additional 45 DAYS
 - a. Time for judgment of the NATIONS?
 - b. Time for regathering ISRAEL?
 - c. Time for purging the world of UNBELIEVERS?
 - d. Time for world-wide CLEANSING and organizing of the KINGDOM?

- F. The instruction for Daniel—essentially, “DON’T WORRY ABOUT IT”
 - 1. You must KEEP GOING to the END
 - 2. You will soon ENTER your REST
 - 3. You will RISE for your REWARD at the “END of the AGE”