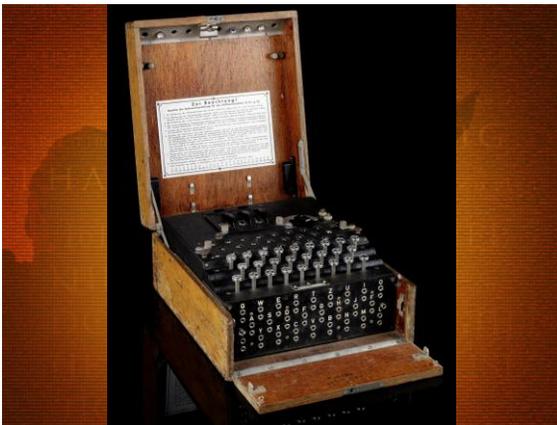


Daniel 12 (NIV) — 1 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. 2 Multitudes 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 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 toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. 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.”



Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Time, Times & Half a Time
or
Year, 2 Years & Half a Year
or
42 Months
or Three & Half Years
or 1290 or 1335 Days

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A Significant Period of Time but Limited,
Cut Short
When Evil Seems to Have It's Way

1. God and His Word can be Trusted

v9 He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.

Matthew 24:35 (NIV) — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

1. God and His Word can be Trusted

2. The Light of Christ is Vital in a Dark World

v10 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.

John 1:4-5 (NIV) — In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

1. God and His Word can be Trusted

2. The Light of Christ is Vital in a Dark World

3. To Persevere is Essential

v11-12 "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

Matthew 24:12-13 (NIV) — Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

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4. Death is Not the End

v13 "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 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT) — And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.

