

## The time of tribulation and the end



The last chapter of the book of Daniel deals once again with the tribulation period. The second phase of that period of refining of the believing (v10) and judgment on the unbelieving Jews will come to an end after 3 ½ years. These 3 ½ years are shown in verse 7, which speaks of a time (one year), times (two years) and half a time (half a year) (chapter 7:25).

It is good to read in the last verse that Daniel, who in his long life was often much burdened by the many dreams and visions, will “rest”. And his “inheritance at the end of days” is with the Lord Jesus, whom he already saw when he was still alive (chapter 10:5-9).



45. Do you understand the difference in the number of days in verses 11-12?



The end of prophecy is marked by the judgment at the great white throne (Revelation 20:11-15). After the Millennium, Satan will be released once more and then will be cast into the lake of fire, and after that the great and least judgment will come – the moment at which everyone who has not turned to God in his lifetime will be judged. All the dead will rise and will have to stand before the Lord Jesus. All actions, thoughts and words have been recorded and confirm the „guilty“ verdict. God has the last word. The sentence is certain: Lake of fire. The term is certain too: For eternity.



**Saviour or Judge?**  
**What is the Lord Jesus for you?**



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45. 3 ½ years, the second half of the tribulation period, is 1,260 days (Revelation 12:6). Then the Antichrist and the king of the Roman Empire will be put away. The king of the North will also have to be conquered, maybe only after another month (1,290 days, v11). 1,335 days go by until the kingdom is finally established (v12).