

Resurrection and Reward

Daniel 12:2,3

Resurrection: awakening to everlasting life (12:2)

- ❖ First time in Bible (only 1x in OT) for phrase “ever-lasting life” and for a mentioning of a resurrection of the wicked. For OT life after death see Isa. 26:19, Job. 19:26, Hos. 13:14, Heb. 11:19
- ❖ Metaphor of *sleep* for death: 1 Thess. 4:13, 1 Cor. 15:51
- ❖ Why “the many” awakened? Implication = multiple resurrections. 1st = 1 Cor. 15:23, 1 Thess. 4:16, Rev. 20:4-6 / 2nd = Rev. 20:11ff.
- ❖ Between 12:2a and 12b there must be yet another un-introduced time gap as in 2:41, 9:27, 11:3,36.

Reward: shining as stars forever and ever (12:3)

- ❖ Unlike vs. 2 which contrasts the fates of two groups of people, vs. 3 twice describes the same group (synonymous parallelism).
- ❖ These insightful guides seen in 11:33,35,12:10 = “Insight” in Daniel: 1:4,17, 9:13,22,25, 11:33,35, 12:3,10
*Q’s: Do I have insight? Am I leading people to righteousness?
- ❖ How can we shine as bright stars? 8:10, Mtt. 5:16, 13:43, Ps.19:1
Besides a reward of a “higher wattage,” our future reward can be pictured as *greatness, treasure, rule*: Mtt. 5:19, 6:19,20, 25:21ff.
Consider how the bright glory of the godly is “forever and ever” in comparison to the fleeting glory of those earlier empires.



