

Daniel's 2nd "Times" Prophecy

Daniel's last prophecy was given to him after the Jews had started home from the Babylonian captivity during the third year of Cyrus the Persian, 533 B.C.. This final prophecy is a long one (Daniel 10 through 12) and it contains the second reference to a "time, times and half a time."

Dan 12:7 (KJV) "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter** the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

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Daniel 12:7 is quoted from two translations because both are good translations. Below is the definition of the Hebrew word being translated in two different ways:

H5310, na[^]phats (naw-fats') A primitive root; to dash to pieces, or scatter: - be beaten in sunder, break (in pieces), broken, dash (in pieces), cause to be discharged, dispersed, be overspread, scatter.

In the Old Testament, "the holy people" were the children of Israel. As of June 6, 1967, "the power of the holy people" was no longer "scattered" or "shattered." The new nation of Israel has been established, Jerusalem is again under Jewish control and Israel is now the most powerful nation in the Middle East. As a result, this second "time, times and half a time" is fulfilled. We also know, from the phrase, "all these things shall be finished," that ALL of Daniel's last prophecy, from Dan 10:1 up to Dan 12:7, has also been fulfilled.

I'm bringing this to your attention because there's a lot of error out there. Most eschatology scholars, particularly those of the Dispensational school, have a future interpretation for part of Daniel 11, claiming that verses 36-45 are about a future antichrist, or some such. It just isn't so.

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