

Gangel says:

The angel repeated his command to the prophet, **go your way**, but this time the word seems more permanent. Daniel **will rest, and then at the end of the days** would be resurrected to receive his **allotted inheritance** . . .

Wood picks up on the obvious but important point: “If Daniel is to be resurrected at this time, then other Old Testament saints will likely be resurrected at the same time, thus giving evidence regarding the probable time for the resurrection of Old Testament saints” (Wood, *Daniel*, p. 158).

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Jeremiah says:

Daniel was in his nineties. He was about ready to check out. God had given him all this wonderful truth, and now it’s over.

He said, “Go back to what you were supposed to be doing. Get involved. Take care of your responsibilities.”

When we study prophecy, we got so enamored with the mystery of it all that we neglect to focus on the reason for our study. God wants us to get so stirred up that we share this knowledge with others. Get involved in the lives of others and pass on these timeless truths.

Then God told Daniel, “Go your way now, my friend, you deserve to rest. But you are going to be resurrected. One day you are going to arise!”

What a great promise. Daniel’s long, strange, wonderful journey was about to end. No more would he be the target for cruel, jealous office seekers. He had seen the last of the den of hungry lions. His righteous soul would cease to be plagued by the sins of Jew or Gentile. Daniel would rest and await the resurrection morning, when he will be richly rewarded by his wonderful Redeemer and King.

When our work is done, may we hear the wonderful words of our Lord, “Go and rest.”

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Jeremiah says finally:

Last, there is the promise of reward. God told Daniel he would receive an inheritance at the end of his days.

We know that Daniel spent all of his life away from his homeland in a foreign culture. He died as an exile, but someday, God said, he would be a part of the redistribution of the land in the kingdom age. Daniel had a special reservation to be with the Lord.

At the end of Daniel's journey, God had another wonderful promise for Daniel. He has told us that we may have a special reservation too.

We are living in the time of the end. Have we learned from the experience of this man who lived more than twenty-five hundred years ago?

After our journey with Daniel, we should be able to read the handwriting on the wall, just as he did in those centuries past.

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Boice says:

Finally, in the very last verse of the book Daniel is told to "go [his] way till the end," knowing that he would eventually rest and receive his inheritance at the end of days. It was a way of telling him that, though the days ahead would be bad, his task was to persevere and not waver in his stand for God. So also with us. Is that what you are doing in this age? Are you wise in spiritual things because you have filled your mind with God's written revelation? Do you spend time with God? And because you have spent time with God, do you reflect his character to our darkened world? Do you lead others to Christ? Are you God's witness? This is what God has given us to do. It is our commission and task and opportunity.

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Lucas say:

The book ends with an assurance to the seer that he will share in the resurrection. The language of rest and arising from it picks up on the imagery of death and resurrection as sleep and awakening used in 12:2.

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Campbell says:

Finally, Daniel was told to go his way till the end of life would come and he would rest in death, later to be raised to share in the glory of Christ's millennial kingdom (v. 13).

Thus the book that reveals so much about God's plans for the nations of the world closes with the comforting revelation that He also has a plan for individuals. And that plan includes eternal life for those who believe.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

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It is beautiful to hear the Lord say to Daniel when his work, as far as prophecy is complete, he now can go his way. He will still experience the Lord's leading and direction right up to that final day of his entrance into glory.

Young says:

The final word of comfort and assurance is given to the prophet. *Go*—i.e., not, go thy way, but rather, go on as thou art until the end of life. *Thou shalt rest*—i. e., in the grave,⁸ and thou shalt arise to receive thy appointed portion at the *end* (the consummation.) *The end of the days* is the final period, the consummation. Thus the salvation of Dan. is announced; his part or lot is to be that of the wise who turn many unto righteousness. Keil very aptly closes his great work with the words, “Well shall it be for us if in the end of our days we too are able to depart hence with such consolation of hope.”

p. 264

Matthew Henry says:

It was a comfort to Daniel, it is a comfort to all the saints, that, whatever their lot is in the days of time, they shall have a happy lot in *the end of the days*. A believing hope and prospect of a blessed lot in the heavenly Canaan, at the end of the days, will furnish us with living comforts in dying moments.

p. 1104

Miller says:

God had revealed many wonderful truths to Daniel over the years, but v. 13 implies that no more revelations would be granted him. The prophet was now a very old man, and he was instructed to cease being anxious about these matters and be satisfied with what he had been told for as long as he lived (“go your way till the end”).¹⁶⁸ Daniel would die (probably soon after this vision) and “rest” from the labors of this life (and his body would rest in the grave; . . . but “at the end of the days” he “will rise” (lit., “will stand,” be resurrected) and “receive” his “allotted inheritance.” The promise of the resurrection set forth in 12:2 is now specifically applied to Daniel.

“At the end of the days”¹⁶⁹ refers to the end of this present age. The prophet was not to be concerned, for he would be resurrected and receive an “allotted inheritance”—a great reward and a part in the kingdom of God (predicted in Daniel’s own prophecies) that will someday come upon the earth and then continue into the eternal state. Keil has aptly commented: “Well shall it be for us if in the end of our days we too are able to depart hence with such consolation of hope!”¹⁷⁰ This “consolation of hope” belongs to all who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. May every person who reads these words be part of that great host of the redeemed who “will shine like the brightness of the heavens” and “like the stars for ever and ever!”

pp. 326–27

Feinberg says:

The book of Daniel closes with a tender touch concerning the now-aged prophet. He was told to go his way, the way of all flesh. He had lived to see many of his prophecies fulfilled; others lay far beyond the horizon of his day, centuries in the distant future.

When God finally sets into motion the consummation of the ages, Daniel will be among those raised in the first resurrection “to everlasting life” . . . His body will respond to the Lord’s command to “come forth” and enter into eternal life . . . He will then receive his portion and will lose nothing of the reward that was promised him.

p. 187

Showers says:

Once again Christ commanded Daniel to go on in life without further inquiry until he died. The Lord clearly indicated that he would die (“will enter into rest”), but He also declared that Daniel would be resurrected from the dead. The time of Daniel’s resurrection would be “at the end of the days.”¹⁶ This meant that Daniel would take part in the resurrection of believers at the second coming of Christ at the end of the days of the seventieth seven of years—the resurrection which Christ had foretold in Daniel 12:2.¹⁷ Since Daniel was an Old Testament saint, this would seem to imply that the resurrection of Old Testament saints will take place at the second coming of Christ at the end of the Tribulation Period.¹⁸

Christ told Daniel that he would be resurrected for his “allotted portion” (“to receive his inheritance lot”).¹⁹ Since he will be resurrected at the second coming, certainly part of his inheritance lot will be to enter and enjoy the blessings of the future Kingdom of God which God had made known to him in chapters two and seven . . . In light of the clear demonstration of God’s sovereign rule over kingdoms, events and persons witnessed by Daniel during his lifetime, he had every reason to believe that these personal promises to him would be fulfilled.

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Keil & Delitzsch say:

After these disclosures regarding the time of the end, the angel of the Lord dismisses the highly-favoured prophet from his life’s work with the comforting assurance that he shall stand in his own lot in the end of the days.

p. 505

Fyall says:

This verse finely illustrates the habitual emphasis of biblical eschatology. This always has two sides: the first is to live faithfully in the present and the second is the promise of future reward. **Go your way** is a reminder that, old as he is, Daniel's earthly life is to be lived for God until the very end. **You will rest** probably echoes Isaiah 57:2: 'Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.' This suggests that he will soon die; after all by now he is a very old man. However, that is temporary. He is to be one of the wise of verses 2 and 3 who will be raised to be part of an eternal and glorious kingdom.

This is well expressed in the following benediction:

Now to God Almighty, whose plans for us do not end in death, to our Lord Jesus Christ, who entered our world so that we might enter his, and to the Holy Spirit, who works in our hearts constantly preparing us for that great day, be all our praise and love until we meet him face to face. Amen.⁵

pp. 194–95

Walvoord says in Every Prophecy of the Bible:

Daniel was told simply that he would go his way, that is, he would die, and then at the end of days, namely, at the time of the second coming of Christ, he would be resurrected, "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 you allotted inheritance" (Dan. 12:13).

p. 279

Walvoord says further in his commentary:

Anticipating that Daniel would not completely understand these additional revelations, the angel informs him, “But go thou thy way till the end be.” The angel predicts that Daniel will “rest,” that is, die, and “stand in thy lot at the end of the days,” that is, be resurrected in the resurrection of Daniel 12:2 and participate in the glorious triumph of Christ as the millennial kingdom is inaugurated. Inasmuch as resurrected saints are declared to reign with Christ . . . it is conceivable that Daniel, who reigned under Nebuchadnezzar and Darius the Mede, will be allocated a future executive responsibility in the kingdom of Christ on earth for which his earthly experience could constitute a preparation.

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Phillips & Vines say:

Daniel’s days were drawing to a close. The angel turned to him with a final prophecy, one for him personally. He would continue on his way. Death would overtake him and he would rest. Time would pass. The things he had seen and heard would be fulfilled. Empires would rise and fall. The Christ would come, only to be cut off. The ages would pass. The antichrist would come. The messiah would come again.

Yes, Daniel would rest in death, but that was by no means all for him. He would stand in resurrection. He would receive his “lot” of inheritance. He would enter into his reward and have his share in the glories yet to come. Thus, abruptly, the book ends.

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Stortz says:

Daniel 12:13 says, “As for you, go your way till the end.” The Lord is not talking about the end of the reign of the Antichrist or the end of the world, because Daniel would not live to see that day. When the Lord Jesus uses the word “end” here for the fifth time, He is speaking of the end of Daniel’s life. He tells Daniel two things in the face of the reality of his own death.

You Must Live

The first message is this: “Until your death, Daniel, you must live.” The Lord says in verse 13a, “As for you, go your way till the end.” And in verse 9 he says, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.”

In the first phrase the Lord says, “Daniel, I have given you prophecies that are beyond your comprehension. I want you to take that prophecy, realizing that you will not understand it, and seal it (with seven seals) until the time of the end.” What is absolutely magnificent is that when we read the book of Revelation and come to chapter 5, we see John, the writer of Revelation, weeping because he is standing before a book that is sealed. It has been sealed for centuries, and he wants to know what is in the book. He is weeping because he thinks no one has the power or the authority to open the seals. An angel walks over to John and says in essence, “Do not weep! See, the Lamb who is seated on the throne has the power and the authority to break the seals” (vv. 5-7). He breaks the seals that have sealed up the prophecies that were first revealed in the book of Daniel. The book of Revelation repeats a lot of what is recorded in Daniel, but it tells us much more about the coming of the Lord.

So in essence the Lord told the prophet, “Daniel, I don’t want you to worry about the future right now. I want you to ‘go your way.’” The phrase “Go your way” . . . means to live your life. Keep on doing what you are doing. Don’t quit your job, and don’t sell your possessions. Live your life to the full. This was true for Daniel, and it is true for you.
pp. 230–31

Stortz says further:

Die Your Death

The Lord said to Daniel in essence, “Until your death you must live, but after your death you will rest.” Daniel 12:13 ends by saying, “You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.” You will rest, you will rise, and then you’ll receive.
pp. 231–32

Haskell says:

DANIEL’S WORK WAS OVER. The story of the world was written. His prophecy would stand until the end. He slept with his fathers, after more than seventy years of faithful service in the courts of Babylon and Shushan. Men could find no fault with him except concerning the law of his God, and Jehovah called him a “man greatly beloved.”
pp. 264–65

Lange, speaking of verse 13, says:

Concluding exhortation and promise. But go thou thy way (rather, “on”) **till the end.** . . . properly, “and thou,” with conclusive . . . but which may also be taken in an adversative sense, because it leads over from the foregoing to the close in an encouraging manner.
p. 269

Gowan says:

Finally, Daniel is offered a blessing. “Rest,” in this context probably means death, since rising for his reward at the end of days clearly is a promise that he will share in the resurrection of the wise promised in 12:8.
p. 155

Longman says:

God knows that there is an end that he has determined, but we cannot figure it out because we are not supposed to. Leave it to God, the angel says to Daniel, and through him he speaks to us. Once again to Daniel, but also to us, he says: “Go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance” . . .

This is a fitting conclusion for Daniel and for the book. You may suffer now, but God has given you a glimpse of the coming glory. God will set things right. Your reward is coming, but for now “go your way.” By these words, God gives Daniel and all of his heirs the confidence to persist in the light of continuing persecution and trouble.

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We all would do well to remember that God did not save us to become sensations, but rather to become servants.

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In his final days Bill Bright gave his staff a charge, which ended with these words: “By faith, walk in His light, enjoy His presence, love with His love, and rejoice that you are never alone; He is with you, always to bless!”

p. 337

(The 8th Habit by Stephen R. Covey) New York, NY: Publisher. Free Press /
Simon & Schuster – FranklinCovey Co., 2004.

*One ship drives east and another drives west
With the self same winds that blow.
‘Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
That tells us the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;
As we voyage along through life,
‘Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm, or the strife.*

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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*When the morning’s freshness has been replaced by the weariness
of midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb
seems endless, and suddenly, nothing will go quite as you wish—
it is then that you must not hesitate.*

DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

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One of Martin’s stock encouragements to me in the jungle, when he could see I was about to collapse, was “Just keep going, Gracia . . . who knows, tomorrow you may get to *go home*.” Yes indeed! This world is not my home, as the old gospel song says. I’m interested in the real home above.

People still come up to me with sober faces, now more than two years later, and say, “I’m so sorry Martin died.” I take their hand and thank them for their concern. But inside I’m thinking, *Well, yes, death is a rotten thing. But even worse would be to live a long life unhappily. I’m glad Martin lived a full and happy life, even if it was short.* I can’t change who I am, and I can’t be sad when I think about him enjoying heaven. I wouldn’t wish him back here.

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That's the hard thing about finishing this race we're in. We don't know what is around the corner. Perhaps we have fallen farther down the track and have managed to get back up again, but what's around the corner? That's when we need to return to the twelfth chapter of Hebrews: "Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it? (12:1, MSG). Jesus did it by total obedience to God the Father. His love for God blazed through every day of his life.
p. 164

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Father, when I am sick or injured and the "anguish of the grave" comes upon me, free me from the chains of fear. Comfort me with the knowledge that when your Son willingly sacrificed his life, he freed me from the "cords of death."
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WALKING AWAY

After winning a bronze medal in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, wrestler Rulon Gardner took off his shoes, placed them in the center of the mat, and walked away in tears. Through that symbolic act, Gardner announced his retirement from the sport which had defined his life for many years.

Times of walking away come to all of us, and they can be emotionally wrenching. A loved one “walks away” in death. A child moves away from home. We leave a job or a community and it feels as if we’ve left everything behind. But when we know the Lord, we never have to walk into an unknown future alone.

It’s worth pausing to reflect on how much the children of Israel walked away from when Moses led them out of Egypt. They left the heavy burden of slavery, but they also left everything stable and predictable they had ever known. Later, when the Lord told Moses, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest” (Exodus 33:14), Moses replied, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here” (v.15).

During our most difficult times, our stability comes from the presence and peace of God. Because He goes with us, we can walk into the future with confidence.
—David McCasland

*I never walk alone, Christ walks beside me,
He is the dearest Friend I've ever known;
With such a Friend to comfort and to guide me,
I never, no, I never walk alone. —Ackley*

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Every loss leaves a space that only God’s presence can fill.

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I feel confident that Daniel's experience at this moment is similar to that of the **APOSTLE PAUL** in:

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

One saint said:

*“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming . . .
WOW . . . WHAT A RIDE!”*

—Lon Holden

Randy Galloway said of Billy Martin:

“He came, he went, he left a long skid mark.”

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Ruth Graham Bell said she wanted to her tombstone:

“End of Construction! Thanks for your Patience.”

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Lord God, You are my Liberator and Savior. Thank You for setting me free from the disabling power of sin and death, and giving me a life of fresh, new boldness in You. Help me to rise up and soar ever higher in this new liberty. I know that the more I give You the controls of my life, the freer I will be.

As I consider how limited and vulnerable I am, how encouraging it is to hear You say, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness”! In new ways may Your power rest upon me and govern me, so I can say with confidence, “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9–10).

Thank You that I’m on the winning side; I’m an eternal victor with You. I can face the future with boldness and without fear, knowing that You will give the strength I need to be an overcomer in any trial that comes my way.

Thank You especially for Your wise and trustworthy guidance, as day by day You lead me in paths of righteousness for Your name’s sake.

Father, enable me to stand on these truths boldly and consistently, with an ever-growing confidence in You.

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