

Daniel 12:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Analysis

The book concludes with personal promise to Daniel: 'But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.' The command 'go thou thy way' releases Daniel from anxiety about unfulfilled prophecy—his responsibility is faithfulness, not comprehensive understanding. 'Thou shalt rest' promises death as rest, not annihilation. 'Stand in thy lot at the end of the days' promises resurrection and reward—Daniel will receive his inheritance when prophecy is fulfilled. This grounds resurrection hope in concrete promise to specific individual.

Historical Context

Daniel was approximately 85 years old when receiving this vision (circa 536 BC). He died without seeing prophecy's complete fulfillment—Medo-Persian dominance continued, Greece and Rome lay centuries future, Messiah's coming was 500+ years away. Yet God promises Daniel personal participation through resurrection. Early Jews and Christians saw this as clear Old Testament resurrection teaching. The 'lot' (Hebrew: goral) refers to inheritance portion—Daniel will receive his appointed reward at resurrection.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the command to 'go thy way' free us from anxiety about understanding all prophetic details, focusing instead on present faithfulness?
2. What does the promise 'thou shalt rest, and stand' teach about death as temporary rest before resurrection to receive eternal inheritance?

Interlinear Text

וְאָתָּה	לֵךְ	לְקֵץ	וְתָנָה	וְתַעֲמֵד	לְגִבְלֶךָ
H859	H1980	at the end	be for thou shalt rest	and stand	in thy lot
		H7093	H5117	H5975	H1486
לְקֵץ	יָמֵינוּ:				
at the end	of the days				
H7093	H3117				

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 14:13 (Parallel theme): And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (Parallel theme): For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Zechariah 3:7 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Matthew 19:28 (Parallel theme): And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit

in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Daniel 12:3 (Parallel theme): And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

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