

DANIEL 7	DANIEL 12
The saints worn down and overpowered (7:21,25)	A time of great distress, the power of the holy people completely shattered (12:1,7)
Time, times and half a time (7:25)	Time, times and half a time (12:7)
Time of the judgment and resurrection (7:9-10,22-27)	Time of the judgment and resurrection (12:1-3,7,13)
Concerned the last days (Daniel 2:28 - a parallel vision)	Concerned the time of the end (12:4,9,13)

In light of this parallel, when Jesus quoted Daniel 12:1 in Matthew 24:21, he was clearly identifying Daniel's "time of distress" (which lasted for a time, times, and half a time 3) as the "great tribulation".

“And ***there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation***, until that time....” (Daniel 12:1)

“For then ***there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world*** until now, nor ever will”.
(Matthew 24:21)

Luke's account sharpens the edge of Jesus' words in Matthew by interpreting the great tribulation *to be* the "days of vengeance" (Luke 21:22) and time of "great distress" (21:23) upon Israel, which would be accomplished when Jerusalem was surrounded by the armies of Rome (Luke 21:20) in the first century.

“But ***when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies***, then recognize that her desolation is near.... because ***these are days of vengeance***, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.... for ***there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people***. (Luke 21:20,22-23)

Jesus' application of Daniel 12 in both Matthew 24 and Luke 21 demands that Daniel's time, times and half be understood as the first century great tribulation - the 3 1/2 year siege of Jerusalem between AD66-70.