

Getting It All Together in Daniel and Revelation

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I'm Marian Berry. Welcome to Christian Concerns. I want to express a concern. Jesus looked down over the city of Jerusalem, and he said regarding the destruction that finally came upon his people, that it came because they knew not the time of their visitation. You notice it says they knew not the time. And in Daniel 12 it says, "The wicked shall do wickedly. And the wicked shall not understand "--the time that is--"but the righteous will understand."

And so it was in the days of Noah. The wicked did not understand the time of their visitation, but righteous Noah knew when to enter the Arc. It was us that the Sodomites knew not the day of their visitation, but righteous Abraham knew. And it was that way in the days of Jerusalem, when it was destroyed and they did not know the time of their visitation.

When Jesus was born, no one was expecting him, except a very few. The righteous knew. The wise men knew. The man and woman in the temple knew. They saw that it was the Messiah. But even down in 1844 it says the scholarly theologians, they did not know the time of night, but humble faithful servants of God who studied the prophecies knew the time of their visitation.

And so it is today. We need the prophecies which are as a bright light in a dark place, so that we may know the time in which we live, so that we know where we are in the stream of time. And so we're going to look at the chart that gives us an insight into the time--the time of visitation for God's people in the very last generation. Let's look at the chart right here.

First of all, we have the 1335 days--literal days--that come at the very end of time. And it begins with the speaking voice of the nation--a National Sunday Law--and it ends with a speaking voice--the voice of God. This is good news really. It's a wait. It's a 1335 day wait. It's good news, because God's people will know right where they are, and they will have hope, and they will be waiting for the speaking of the everlasting covenant, the blessing of God at the end of this time.

Now, we need to realize that the everlasting covenant speaks of all the blessings that God will give, but the voice of God is not the same as the Second Coming of Jesus. It's not the same event at all. Because after the people of God are delivered, the wicked will still understand that their judgment is yet to come. So, let us remember that the voice of God is the very time when the day and hour of the coming of Jesus is announced. So this event here does not bring us to the great consummation.

Let's look now at why this is so important for us to know, that a National Sunday Law begins the 1335 days. First of all, it brings about--we will know--the Endtime crisis, which will bring about the formation of the Image to the Beast, the Sabbath Sunday confrontation --the final test of God's people--the Seal of God, and the Mark of the Beast. It will bring about the judgment of the living, the Loud Cry, the Latter Reign--the final warning to bring all those out of Babylon. It has to do with the close of probation. After the Loud Cry is given, the close of probation will occur. And then it brings us to the plagues, the time of the plagues.

God's people will know right where they are ever step of the way. They will know day by day where these events are happening. That's the purpose of these prophetic periods of Daniel. The prophetic periods of Daniel extending to the very eve of the Great Consummation, throw a flood of light on events then to transpire. And we're looking at these momentous events of the final crisis and final deliverance of God's people. And so God's people will wait

it out. And this will be a fulfillment of the prophecies of Revelation 13 --the speaking voices of God's government and the government of the nations.

We need to remember that there is no date setting. The voice of God is not the Second Coming, and the Voice of God gives the day and hour of his coming.

Now, we're going to look at the chart again, because there is not only good news--that this is going to be a relatively short time. You see, the great supremacy that lasted from 538 to 1798 was a long period of time --over 1000 years. But this time, at the end of time, it will be relatively short in comparison--just 1335 days until they will hear the voice of God and the great blessing that comes. So we're going to look at the chart again, and we're going to see the fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 13:5. Let's look.

In Revelation 13:5 it says that he--that is, the papacy--will be given a voice, that he will speak. The papacy--the Beast power--will speak. And that refers to legislation, legislative action. And I read here that--from The Great Controversy, page 604-- that "the powers of Earth uniting, to war against the commandments of God, will decree--that is, they will legislate--that all, all shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath."

So we begin here this timeline. You see, the timeline begins with a voice, a speaking voice. This time it is the voice of the Beast himself. It is the voice, it is a fulfillment of prophecy of Revelation 13:5, it's the voice of the Beast and the nations behind him. And all shall be involved in a Universal Sunday Law. This begins the 1260 days of the scattering of God's people. It says that the people of God will be scattered 1260 days.

We come to the end of this, and again there is a voice of G--a voice that has to do with all the nations. And this is found in Revelation 13:15. Let us look carefully at this.

Why do God's people need this sign: "it shall be for a time and times and dividing of time?" We need this sign to know that we're in the final crisis. And it says, "and there was given him, the Beast"--that is the head of the New World Order--" a mouth speaking." This is Revelation 13:5. "A mouth speaking" --legislating a decree--"and power was given him to continue 42 months." Now these 42 months are exactly the same as the 1260 days of Daniel 12:7. This was placed in a future time of fulfillment. When Satan, as an angel of light, presents Sunday as a test, Revelation 13 will be fulfilled.

So here we know that Revelation 13 has a final fulfillment--actually a dual fulfillment. Revelation 13 was fulfilled in the past. It was fulfilled at the time of the papal supremacy, 538, but there is a dual fulfillment here. It actually applies also to the Endtime. Now, Daniel 7 describes the papal supremacy in the medieval era, but Daniel 12 describes it at the end of time, the very end of time.

"Power was given him to continue..." To continue means to continue on from what he did before. "...to continue on 42 months." "Power was given him to make war with the saints. And power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations." He did not have that power in the Old World, but he will have that power in the future. I have been reading from Dan--from Revelation 13, verse 7.

You notice it says here "all kindreds and all tongues". This includes every tribe. All the world shall wonder after the Beast. That is not a past fulfillment, it has to be fulfilled in the future.

So the 1260 ends with another decree, and it is a speaking voice, it's a fulfillment of Revelation 13, and it ends with Revelation 13, verse 15. It says, "the image of the Beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the Beast should be killed." Now this is a decree, because it says he will speak. He will speak--that is a legislative action--and it is a decree that as many as would not worship the Beast should be killed.

So let's look at the chart again. At the 1260, the 42 months, 1260. It begins with speaking voice, it ends with a speaking voice. Here it begins with a Universal Sunday Law. Here it ends with a Universal Death Decree.
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This is a decree very similar to that which was passed in the days of Queen Esther, when it was intended for all of God's people to be annihilated. It was intended that they should be utterly wiped off the face of the earth. So, as it was in the days of Queen Esther, so it will be with this Universal Death Decree.

Now, we need to remember that death penalties are not the same as this Universal Death Decree that occurs at the very end of time. You see, as soon as there are Sunday laws that are legislated and have penalties inflicted for violation of those laws, there will eventually come death penalties. Some will be imprisoned, and some will flee, and some will suffer, give their lives, for the truths of God's word.

And this brings us to the action of the fifth plague, where there is a gathering of the kings of this earth. So we will take a look at Revelation 16. And it says here, in Revelation 16, verse 12: "And the sixth angel poured out his vial." And so we're talking about the sixth plague. And we come over to verse 14, and we see that there are evil spirits that are working. They're working miracles, and they go forth to the kings of the earth and the whole world. So we're looking here at a worldwide action.

And it says, "they go forth to gather the kings of the earth." This is a gathering action. It's spoken of that they are gathering--coming up to--a battle, a great battle. But the sixth plague actually describes just the gathering action, and the battle actually begins in the seventh plague. Now, we see them, in Revelation 16, verse 14. It tells us of the gathering action. So, Armageddon is not described in the sixth plague as a battle. It names the battle, but there's no action there except for the gathering action.

And so the 1260 days of Daniel brings that prophecy of the plagues into action, where the kings of the earth are gathered here to legislate a Universal Death Decree. However, we need to realize that a gathering to legislate and the legislation itself, is not the same as the effective date of a law, when it is actually put into effect. So we have the decree ending here at the legislative action, but the effective date is to occur later.

That is spoken of here, a decree... I'm reading here from The Great Controversy, 615 and 616. And it says: "A decree will be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, giving the people liberty after a certain time." Now, looking back at the chart again, it says a decree will be passed. And after a certain time, the decree will go into effect. So there is a space of time, a certain time in here, between the legislative date and the effective date. We need to understand that that is a time that pushes this timeline back a space until the voice of God deliverance comes at the effective date.

Let's look again here at this certain time, this specific time between the legislative date and effective date. I read here from Revelation. It says...

I'm sorry. I'm going to go back to Great Controversy, 615 and 616. "A decree will be issued against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, giving the people liberty after a certain time, to put them to death." That is the specific time. But how much time is involved in that certain specific time? We have to go to the Scripture. Always it is not human conjecture or opinion, but it is the Scripture that interprets Scripture.

So we're going now over to Revelation, chapter 17, verses 12 and 13, and there we will discover how long that certain time is between the legislative date and the effective date of this Universal Death Decree. It says here, in Revelation 17:12 and 13, that "the ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet; receive power as kings"--how long does it say in your Bible? It actually says "one hour". "They receive power as kings one hour with the Beast. These have one mind and give their power and strength to the Beast." You see, they have one mind because in the sixth plague gathering action of the kings of the earth, they are gathered together to set up

this Universal Death Decree of Revelation 13:15. As they are gathered together, they have one mind, one purpose, to gather with the Beast power, and that is to eliminate or to annihilate what they consider to be the trouble makers of the earth.

The same argument was used in the time of Christ. When they brought him up before the court, it was decided that it would be better for one man to perish than for all the whole nation to be destroyed. So they issued a death decree for Christ.

Now, that is how it will be with God's people at the end of time, because 5 of the plagues have already fallen, and terrible devastations have occurred all over the earth. And the people look around and they say, "What is wrong? We have set up laws to keep the false sabbath. We have done everything in our power to please God. Who is it that is against our form of government and our form of our One World religion? Who is the cause? Who is making God angry with us? Why is the wrath of God falling on us?" And they say, "Well, there are some who are not fitting into the plan. These are those who are not giving reverence to the first day of the week."

So, we look now at the ten kings. Who are these ten kings that gather together? Are they specific kings? Well, we need to look at the symbolic language, because we're dealing in symbolism here. There is the Beast that is spoken of here, and this puts the language into the language of symbolism.

So, as we look at the parable of the ten virgins--which is also in symbolism--we notice that there are ten virgins, but they represent all the Christian believers. So again, this number ten is a symbolic number. And in Revelation 16 it says... it qualifies that. And it says that the kings of the whole world, of all the earth, are gathered together. So all the kings make a Universal Death Decree that will end the 1260-day timeline.

And what about the symbolic language? These ten kings reign together for one symbolic hour. Now, how do we compute a symbolic hour? Well, we must go back to the day... year- day principle. That's the only way that we have of converting symbolic time to literal time. And that beautiful principle of conversion was not ever done away with, it's still effective. And so we have this one hour and we need to use the year-day principle.

Now, in a year, there are only 12 months. But in a day there are 24 hours. So we need to divide up a literal year into 24 parts. And that would give us a half month. Now if a month has 30 days in it, and a half month would then have 15 days in it, that one hour of time represents 15 literal days. Now, the Bible is very consistent--consistent in context, consistent with its web of symbolism from one part of the Bible to the other, from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

And so we see here that we have the one hour of time, the 15 days. This is the specific, a certain time, that is from between the legislative date and the effective date. And what time does a law go into effect? It goes into effect at midnight. And so we know that it is at midnight that God will deliver his people.

This time in here is known as the reign of the kings. The reign they exalt, because they are going to get rid of the trouble that is causing the plagues. But at that same time, this is known as the time of Jacob's trouble, where God's people know that a death decree has been passed against them, that they're all to be annihilated. So this is the time of Jacob's trouble.

And Daniel and Revelation are one. They interpret each other. Daniel gives the timelines, and Revelation specifies the beginning and the ending times for them to occur. And Revelation tells what happens, and Daniel describes the length of time that it shall occur.

In Revelation 16:17 the voice of God is actually the deliverance from the Universal Death Decree. And plague six tells about the Universal Death Decree legislation, where the kings meet to do that very thing. There has been a great deal of confusion in regard to what is happening in Revelation. Because in Revelation 16 we have always

wondered what is the battle of Armageddon all about. It's about the gathering of the kings to set up a Universal Death Decree for the people of God.

So now we're going to look at the interlocking nature of these timelines. The events there all have an effect with each other. They are interlocking. In other words, the legislative date, the certain time of 15 days, and then the time when the decree is to go into effect, but they will be delivered at midnight at the voice of God. That is their great deliverance.

Now, let's look at the 1290 days--the reign of the Beast power, the reign of the New World Order. Let's look at this. It is called the Abomination that makes desolate. You see, the Beast power has many different names. He is called the man of sin. He is called the Abomination that makes desolate. He's the little horn power. He's the Beast in Revelation.

So, we look now at this Abomination of desolation, and why does the 1290 extend beyond the 1260. Well, the voice of God is not the Second Coming. It simply announces his coming, but there are events which occur after that. And so we're going to look now at the fall of Babylon.

Here we have a statement from Revelation 16:17-19. And this is what it says about the fall of Babylon which occurs after the voice of God. You'll notice that in Revelation 16, verse 17, it tells about the fall of Babylon. It follows the voice of God. It says: "And the seventh angel poured out"--that is the seventh plague. "And there came a great voice "--the voice of God--"and great Babylon was divided, and came in remembrance to give her the cup of the fierceness of his wrath." This does not happen until after the voice of God.

Now, I'm going to read something to you from Great Controversy. It says: "When the voice of God occurs, there is a terrible awakening of the wicked. They see they have been deluded. All unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the false ministers. These teachers confess before the world their deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. They turn upon the false shepherds, and the weapons which were to destroy the people of God, to slay the people of God, are... to destroy the wicked. The weapons that are used--intended to be used--on the people of God, are used to destroy the wicked. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. And the slain of the Lord at that day shall be from one end of the earth to the other."

But how long does it take for the fall of Babylon to occur? Again, we have another one hour period. 3 times it says in Revelation "in one hour will be the fall of Babylon. In one hour she will be destroyed." So here we have two one hour periods: The reign of the kings for 15 days, and the one hour again is a 15-day period. So the two of them together make a 30 days. The 30 days are the difference between the 1260 and the 1290. You see, these timelines are completely interlocking. The fall of Babylon occurs--it says, in verse 10, Revelation 18--"In one hour is thy judgment come. In one hour so great riches is brought to naught. In one hour is she made desolate." This is the victorious climax of all the prophecies of the book of Daniel. God's people will be delivered from a Universal Death Decree. Revelation 13:15.

Now, what is the summary of all of this? We see here that the Bible is its own interpreter, where there is no need for human speculation. We are living at the very end of time. It's time for us to understand, because it says at the end of time, the book of Daniel will be unsealed. [music] [music] [music] [music] [music]