

## How to Count the Prophetic Periods of Daniel 12 update

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I'm Marian Berry. Welcome to Christian Concerns. I would like to express a concern that some are fearful of the study of the timelines of Daniel 12 because, from very reliable sources, they have read the statement that prophetic time ended in 1844. What we need to look at is what prophetic time was indicated in the original writings.

The prophetic timelines of Daniel 12 and Daniel 8:14 are different. Let me suggest that the timelines that ended in 1844 were those which pertained to the Daniel 8:14 2300 days. There was a prophecy there that, because it was a prophecy, was prophetic. Because it deals with time, it is prophetic time. In all of those statements it is the prophetic timeline of Daniel 8:14 which ended in 1844, but there are also those statements which indicate that the prophetic periods ended in 1844.

Well, now we need to look at the 2300 timeline to determine what prophetic periods were included within. There is the 70 weeks prophetic period. There are 69 weeks, 62 weeks, 7 weeks, there is a one week prophetic period, and there are two half-week prophetic periods. All of these prophecies, all of these periods, prophetic periods, actually ended together with the 2300 days in 1844.

After 1844 there were some who tried to take these prophetic periods and reconstruct the prophecy and set new dates for the coming of Jesus. So we have been explicitly told that those prophetic periods ended in 1844, the 2300 ended in 1844, but I have never found a statement that would indicate, in all of those writings, that there was any indication that all the periods, prophetic periods, of the scripture that involve time ended in 1844.

Let's look now at one of the statements that is taken from the Review and Herald, September 25, in which it says, 'The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation throw a flood of light on events then to transpire.' First of all, we need to look at some of the words here. The great consummation of all history has to do with the second coming of Jesus. These prophetic periods of Daniel that are mentioned throw a flood of light, not on dates, we do not have any reason to be date-setting or time-setting, but these throw a flood of light on events then to transpire.

So when we look at Daniel 12, that is not the 2300 day timeline, but those are prophetic periods extending to the very eve of the great consummation. Now, there is no statement that I know of that indicates that the prophecies of Daniel 12 ended in 1844 or in 1798 because the very context of the literal language, where it speaks of the end of time, all of those statements there indicate that it's a very border edge, or the very utmost extremity of time, the utmost end, or the cutting off of time, that is mentioned there because twice Daniel inquired, 'How long shall it be to the end of time?' and that, 'How long?' question indicates the need for a timed answer. So he gives three timelines to answer that question.

What is the great consummation? That, of course, is the coming of Jesus and these extend to the very eve and we want to know how to count these lines. How shall they be counted so that we can know these events and what are the events?

Did the seven years that are spoken of in Daniel 4 extend to the great consummation? No. How about the 12 60 days? They did not extend but to 1798. How about the 2300 day prophetic periods? They extended only to 1844, not to the end of time. So this is the very important aspect that we need to look at, in regard to how we should look at the Daniel 12 timelines.

I would to remind us, also, that in Matthew 24:36 it says, 'Of that day and hour knoweth no man.' So we are never to give day and hour, or dates. If this is not the purpose of prophecy, I don't know of any prophecy in all of the scripture that gives a date for the second coming of Jesus, or for the outpouring of the latter rain, or for the close of probation. There is no prophecy, in my understanding, that gives any day and hour or date, so we are only looking, in these timelines of Daniel 12, at events then to transpire. This will help God's people to know where they are in the stream of time. It is not for us to know what God is doing in heaven but it is for us that we may know where we are, that we may have hope and courage in the days that are ahead.

Seven times in the book of Daniel, we are looking at the end of time and that word always means the extremity and we need to look at the context of the timelines and know what they actually have to say. So we're going to pick up the Bible and actually look at what it says.

Let's look at Daniel 12:7. It speaks there of the time as the time, times, and dividing of time. Daniel 12:7 says, '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, onto heaven, and swear by him that liveth forever that it shall be for time, times and in half, and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people all these things shall be finished.' So in this verse we know that this will bring us to the time when all these things that are spoken of, and the four visions of Daniel, will actually be brought to completion. That will be the grand consummation of all of history. Seven times we see that this word, 'End,' is brought to view.

We will look now at Revelations 13:7. It says in Daniel that he shall scatter the power of the holy people, but let's look now in the text of Revelations 13:7, where it says, 'And it was given unto him to make war with the saints,' now that is to persecute them. To make war with the saints is to persecute them and to overcome them, 'and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations. Now, we need to look at this word, 'All.' We look at the beast power, as it reigned in the people's supremacy from 538-1798, but that was limited to the area of Europe. That was a people's supremacy which extended over the European nations, but this particular prophecy, in verse 7, indicates that the persecution of the saints, where he overcomes them, will be given at a time when all nations, all kindreds, all tongues and all peoples will be involved. That has not happened yet. So the medieval supremacy of 538 of the papacy, was over the old world only, not over the whole world. It was not a global reign. That is yet to come, in the future.

In Revelations 12:17 it says, 'The dragon was wrath with the woman and went to make war and with the remnant of her seed.' Now, the remnant, when we look at the very last part of the remnant, sometimes spoken of as the remnant of the remnant, then we are dealing with a prophecy that speaks to the last generation, the last people who shall live on Earth.

As Jesus said in Matthew 24, it was a two-fold prophecy. It had to do with the destruction of Jerusalem and with the last scenes of Earth's history. So there we see a papal supremacy that comes at the very end of time. What it says here in Daniel 7 is really a very simple statement. It simply says, 'That when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, it shall be a time, times, and half the time.'

Now what does it mean to scatter the power of the holy people? We need to look back at the original meaning of the word scatter, and it has a meaning like if you had a mortar and pestal and you put something in it and then you took it and you pounded it and rubbed it around and crushed it completely. That is the meaning of the word scatter, and it says, 'He will scatter the power of the holy people.' Well, the power there, this word in Hebrew also refers to the hand. In other words, it is with the hand that God's people do their work, their missionary work. The missionary work that we are doing all over the world today. It says this power to do this work will be crushed. This is something that is coming in the future and it says that he will have accomplished this, to crush or persecute the power, the ability to work of the holy people.

So we are going into a time of trouble. This is what it speaks of in Daniel 12, a time of trouble such as never was. We look then that Jesus also said, in Matthew 24:21, 'There shall be a great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world. To this time known or ever shall be.' So we're looking forward to a time of great difficulty in the future, and the reason for these prophecies to be given in Daniel 12 is that they are to give us hope and courage for that which is to come. If we entered into a time of trouble and had no idea as to when it was going to end and we just went on and on, in the worst time of trouble that ever occurred, it would be extremely difficult, but if we have the word of God and the timelines, and we can count it out from one event to another, not to make a date for the coming of Jesus, but if we can see these events as they occur, one after another, it will give God's people great hope and courage at that time.

Now, let's look then at these timelines of Daniel 12. First of all, we need to realize that they do not refer to the medieval era of time, that Daniel and Revelation are one, and that Daniel 12 and Revelation 13 actually explain each other. Now we're going to take a look at the second timeline of Daniel. Here it says, in Matthew 24:15, 'When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet,' and that is spoken of in Daniel 12:11. It says, 'When you shall see him stand, or stand up, or be established,' to stand up is to be established or to rule or to reign. It says, 'When you see the abomination that is Rome, stand up and be established. Then it will be time to flee to the mountains.'

In Daniel 12:11 this is what it actually says, let's read it right from the scripture, 'And from the time that the daily shall be taken away and the abomination maketh desolate setup, there shall be 1,290 days. This describes the reign of becoming abomination that makes desolate. The word 'makes desolate' means to persecute. In verse 7 it explains that God's people will be persecuted for 1260 literal days. Here it describes the reign of the persecutor that will be for 1290 days. The abomination shall be setup or established, then it says that it will be time to flee to the mountains.

Daniel and Revelation are one. Revelation names the beast. It describes his action. It tells about the mark of his authority. It describes the number which will be imposed. It tells about the buying and selling decree that will make difficulties for the people of God. It explains the situation very well, but Daniel 12 tells exactly how long he will reign.

This is a very interesting thing because the third timeline of Daniel is found in Daniel 12:12 and I read again from the scripture. It says, 'Bless is he that waits and comes to the thousand three hundred five and 30 days.' So this is often called the 1335 day wait. 'Bless is he that waits.' Now, from the sign, the very first sign that God's people have, to know that they have entered into the final crisis, the final scenario, from that time on they will wait it out. This is literal time. We know this 1335 is literal time because no one could live long enough to come to 1335 years of time. Not even Methusala lived that long, so we know that this is a literal time. Now, God's people will wait it out for 1335 days and in Issiah it mentions this wait.

In Isaiah 25:9 it says, 'Lo, this is our God. We have waited for him and he will save us.' This is a wait that is spoken of in Daniel 12, and God's people will wait patiently. They will wait with understanding. They will count it out, they will know exactly where they are in the stream of time.

Now, how do we count the 1335 days? We need to remember that Revelation fulfills these prophecies of Daniel 12. This is not something for human speculation. This is not something that we do because we conjecture dates or events, but we look at Revelation to interpret Daniel, and vice versa. We saw in the previous video that these verses of Revelation 13 have to do with speaking voices. These speaking voices we saw represented, or referred to, the action of the legislative and judicial authorities of a government, or a nation. The voice of God may be his legislative decree, or the voice of God, or the voice of a nation, the legislative action. So if we use these fulfillment of prophecy, legislative action, the speaking voice of governments, to begin and end these timelines these timelines then we need to look at what they have to do with this chart that I'm going to bring out here.

Here, we see the timeline of Daniel, the timelines of Daniel, of the 1260, 1290 and the 1335 days. We see here that each one of them begins with a speaking voice. It begins with a fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation. It has to do with the voice of God or the voice of a nation, and the first indication that we have, or that we will receive, that we will know that we are in the end times scenario, that we are actually in a time of trouble, is right here. It begins with a legislative decree that is spoken of in Daniel 13:11. It says of this nation that he shall speak as a dragon.

I'm going to read here from Testimonies 5 page 464, a very interesting statement. It says, 'As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was a signal, so the assumption of power on the part of this nation,' that is the USA, 'enforcing the papal sabbath,' that is a national Sunday law, 'this will be a warning for us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.' This 1335 day wait begins with this national Sunday law. This is the first indication that we will know. I'm going to repeat something right here again, 'As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was a signal.' You remember in Matthew 24, this was a dual prophecy. It referred to the destruction of Jerusalem and to the last scenes of Earth's history.

So we see this comparison brought to view here, and so the assumption of power on the part of this nation will be a warning. Now there's another statement that says, 'Let us read and study the 12th Chapter of Daniel. It is a warning which we shall all need to understand before the end of time.' That is letter 161, written in 1903.

'It will then be time to leave the large cities.' In other words, God's people need to take action at that time. They will not want to be caught in the large cities, where they will not later be able to get out. The national Sunday law initiates final crisis and we need to look at this crisis because this is the formation of the image to the beast that is spoken of also in Revelation 13.

You see, the image to the beast is just like the beast. The beast was a combination of state and religious power and when this country loses the freedoms of its constitution and has a union of church and state to enforce a religious law, such as a national Sunday law, that will be a reflection of the beast power as it reigned before, from 538 to 1798, and it brought about persecution of God's people. It will initiate, also, the final test, because at this point, where a Sunday law is legislated, then God's people will have to make a choice, and this will bring them to their final test, whether they will obey the laws of man, which are contrary to the laws of God.

It is also bringing them to a judgment of the living. You see, it's not the dead who are judged or tested at this time of final crisis. It is those who are living who are brought to the final test between a true and a false sabbath. It is a time when those who follow the beast and his mark of authority receive the mark of the beast. Those who stay true and loyal to God will receive what is called 'The Seal of the Living God.' This will protect them to live through the seven last plagues without a mediator. This is also a time when the loud cry will be given, a protest, an identification of the beast power, and it will indicate that very shortly will come the close of probation.

Now, we won't know the date for the close of probation for any individual, or for the closing of the books in heaven, but we can know that is very near. You see, Jesus said that we will know when it is near, even at the door and we will also know that very shortly the plagues will come upon the Earth.

Now, what ends the timeline of Daniel 12:12? Again, we see it says, 'Blessed is he that waits,' and the blessing, let me explain what that is. Here is a very interesting statement from great controversy, 6:40. It says, 'The voice of God,' now heres a voice, a speaking voice, a legislative or judicial action and it says, 'The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the everlasting covenant, and when the blessing is pronounced, there is a mighty shout of victory.' Here we see that the blessing is the everlasting covenant. This is the thing that the people of God are waiting for for 1335 days. They wait to hear this blessing.

Now, what is this blessing? Well, we can liken it to the reading of a will. When someone dies people like to go to

the reading of the will to find out what they're going to get, and so according to the everlasting covenant, what is it that we are going to get? What will the people of God actually get? Well, there is such a long list, but let me suggest some of these. We are going to get eternal life. We are going to get eternal youth and we will have a reunion with our creator. We will get to see God face-to-face. We will meet Jesus, who died for us. We will get to be with him for all eternity.

Then, what are we going to get? Well, we will have a mansion. Jesus said, 'I go to prepare a place for you in my father's house or many mansions.' So, in the holy city, we will get a beautiful city apartment, a beautiful mansion there and what are we going to get when we get back to the new Earth? We'll have a beautiful home of our own, where we will build houses and plant vineyards. Not only that, we'll get a trip.

Sometimes, you know, there is, in some of these talk shows or different shows on television, we see that people win a trip, maybe to Hawaii or someplace. Well, in this place, we'll have a trip that will be space travel and we'll travel out through the stars to the wonderful place where God lives and it will be without any hazard. We'll go in the cloudy chariot. We'll have a wonderful ride. We also will have a family reunion, where God's people will all be united. All of the people that we have loved, that we have missed in death, they'll all be brought back to us again. We have the companionship of angels. How wonderful to meet the guardian angel who has protected us and been with us all through life. We'll have uninhibited joy and happiness, many projects to complete, and unshadowed beauty. [music] [music] [music] [music]