

The Prophetic 1260 Day Timeline of Daniel 12

[music] [music] [music] Well hello. Weâ€™re going to do the third DVD and itâ€™s going to be a study from the word of God and as we open our bibles to Daniel 12 I am going to bow my head and ask the Lord to bless what weâ€™re going to do today, that it may be a blessing to me and to you all together. Heavenly Father, I pray today that you will be with us and send the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts and our minds, that we may understand what is presented, that we may understand your word, that it might be of value to us in planning our future, that it will be an understanding as to how to order our lives and to be ready for your kingdom. We ask all of this in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Well today weâ€™re going to have a study of the Daniel 12 verse 7 timeline. And so Iâ€™m going to begin by reading it right from the scripture. Weâ€™re going to look at Daniel 12 verse 6. It says there that the question is asked how long shall it be to the end of these wonders. Daniel had seen all the wonders of the historical prophetic outlines and then he wanted to know how the controversy between good and evil would end. So he asked this important question. And then it says the answer to that question came in the following three timelines. And verse 7 says: 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 unto heaven and swear by him that liveth forever. That ... now hereâ€™s the timeline, it shall be for a time times and a half. And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people all these things shall be finished. So thatâ€™s what the bible says.

So now Iâ€™m going to ask some questions. And as you look at your bible and as you think about these things you can really give me the answers although Iâ€™ll be telling you the answers as they go along. The first question that I want to ask you is in verse 6: How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? Who asked this question? Iâ€™m going to read from a book thatâ€™s called the Testimonies to Ministers, and is page 114, itâ€™s a guide for ministers. And it says here that twice Daniel enquired how long shall it be to the end of time. Now as we look at this statement you say twice Daniel inquired this, well where did he do it twice in the scripture? Well I look at verse 6 and there the question is, how long shall it be to the end of these wonders. And then I look at verse 8 and it says I heard but I understood not, then I said, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things.

So twice heâ€™s asking almost the same question, because he really didnâ€™t understand what was being said. And neither have we, but as we look at that weâ€™ll say that Daniel was at least one of those who asked the question. Now it starts out by saying that he was in vision, then I Daniel looked and behold there stood other two, one on the side of the bank of the river and the other on that side of the bank of the river. So heâ€™s seeing two individuals talking to each other but theyâ€™re on the two different banks of the river, but theyâ€™re having a conversation. And he sees himself asking the question, how long shall it be.

Well you say why did he see himself in vision? Well you know when you dream at night and you maybe have dreams of going here or there or being in this place or that place and you see yourself saying things and doing things in your dream. Well thatâ€™s how it was with this vision, Daniel was seeing himself, he was standing on the bank of the river and he was asking this question. And the question was how long shall it be to the end. Now who was he asking and addressing this question to? Well it says that he was asking a man who was dressed in linen which was on the waters of the river. Well the question then is who is this man who is dressed in linen?

Well we have to look and see who dressed in linen in the Old Testament. So Iâ€™m going to read from Exodus 39 verse 1. And there it says: they (that is the children of Israel) made the holy garments for Aaron as the Lord commanded, Moses, and he made [inaudible] the outer coat of gold and blue and purple and scarlet and twisted fine linen. And they made coats ... verse 27 ... they made coats of linen of woven work for Aaron and his sons. And a hat, that is a miter, of fine linen and goodly hats of fine linen and linen breaches of fine twisted linen.

So who was it in Israel of long ago who wore linen garments? Well it was the high priest and his sons. So who would be the high priest, this man who was dressed in linen? Who would be the high priest that would be able to answer this question? Well in the Book of Hebrews, chapter 9 verse 11, it says this: [silence] But Christ (as Jesus Christ) [inaudible] high priest of good things to come, thatâs verse 12, he entered in once in the holy place having obtained eternal salvation for us. So it is Jesus Christ who is the man who is dressed in linen and he is the one who is in heaven. He is a man dressed in linen and it says heâs standing on the waters of the river. Now who is it that was able to walk on the water? As you remember the story in the New Testament, that they got in the boat and then they saw Jesus coming to them, that is the disciples got in the boat and they saw Jesus coming to them and he was walking on the water. So that is ... that you find in Matthew 14 verse 25 and it says in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them walking on the water.

So it is Jesus who is standing on the water here of the river. And what does he do - what does Jesus do before he answers the question? Well we have to look again at Daniel 12:7, where it says: And when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven and swear by him, that liveth forever. So he took an oath. Now in what kind of a situation do you maybe put your hand on the bible as a word from heaven and swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, where do you do that? You do that in a court scene. That is when you go to court and you stand before the judge and the jury, you swear to tell the truth. So Jesus is taking an oath here and he is saying, "I tell you the truth, I am going to tell you the truth how it is." So this question, how long shall it be to the end of time is answered by none other than the high priest, Jesus Christ in heaven. And he says, "I am going to tell you exactly how it is, I am going to tell you the truth." So he continues on. And when is Jesus in court? Well according the 2300 day timeline Jesus went in before the ancient of days at the end of that timeline and if you figure the timeline when it started in 457 BC, and you look at 2300 years that followed that it brings you to the date of 1844.

There were some remarkable things that happened here on earth but we understand that he went in before the ancient of days into heavenâs court to stand up for us as our lawyer or as our high priest to make a defense for each of those who wish for him to do so. And so we see that he is in a court scene. And it says in Daniel 7:10 that the judgment was sat, that is the books ... Iâm sorry, the court convened and the books or the records of our lives were opened, and the court convened and the books were opened. Now, youâll find that in the standard revised version and youâll find the King James version simply says the court, the judgment was sat, in other words the judge comes in and sits down and the jury comes in and sits down. And everyone sits down when there is to be evidence presented, whether youâre guilty or whether youâre alright. And so we have a defense lawyer that is standing there for us and that is Jesus himself.

So that brings us to a date of 1844. And so as heâs in a court scene we know that it has to be after the 1844 date. Well he answers this in a time setting that itâs in the end time of earthâs history. And the angel in chapter 10 of Revelation says the angel, which I saw stand on the sea and on the earth lift up his hand to heaven and swear by him that liveth forever who created the heavens and the things therein and the earth that is therein. So in Revelation 10, which is a fuller explanation of Daniel, so it says there that this personage stood up with one foot on the land and one foot on the sea which means he has control over land and sea, and is directing everything thatâs going on and yet it says that he gave a very special announcement. And that announcement as you find it in Revelation 10, as it says about the one whoâs standing there on the land and the sea, it says in verse 6 and he said: And time shall be no longer. Thatâs exactly what itâs going to say here in Daniel, it says all these things shall be finished. Thatâs exactly the same thing that you find in Revelation 10.

So these two chapters - chapter 12 of Daniel and chapter 10 of Revelation compliment and give supplementary information to each other. Now it says here in Daniel 12:7: all these things shall be finished. And it says also in chapter 12 in Revelation 10 that the book was shut up and sealed and then it was opened. And theyâre both swearing by the son of God, and they both deal with an end time situation and Daniel is asking how long till the end of time. Well you have to look at this word end, and if you look it up in the Strongs Analytical Concordance youâll find that it has a very special meaning. The word end means the utmost end or the termination point.

And thatâs a termination point of time, or also has a meaning of like chopping off a limb of a tree where thatâs of where it is going to be.

So it says, and in the time of the end in verse 4, thou O Daniel shut up the words and seal the book even to the time of the end - the utmost end, the termination point of time. In other words when we come to the very last days of earthâs history, then run to and fro, they'll look here and there in the bible, Daniel to Revelation, and knowledge will be increased, weâll understand the meaning of these sealed up timelines, weâll understand them here now in the very end of time. So knowledge will be increased.

Now Iâm going to read from Daniel 12 verses 8 through 10. And Daniel said I heard but I understood not, and we wonât understand either until we get over into the book of Revelation and see the fuller explanation of these timelines. But he said, Lord what shall be the end of these things. And he said, go thy way Daniel for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end or the end of time. Many will be purified and made wide and tried but the wicked will do wickedly and none of the wicked will understand. So you can see that there is a certain group of people here, those who do not bother to study the scriptures or those who donât want to do anything but what they want to do, they continue their partying and whatever theyâre doing. And so he says that they will not understand these timelines or what they have to say to us. But the wise, it says here but the wise, shall understand.

So if you want to be wise you look at the word of God and you study it and you go cross reference, studying from this book to this book and that book and youâll find the different things that all pertain to the same idea and you put them all together and there you find Godâs explicit directives as to what we shall do to be ready for end time events. So youâre going to understand this timeline thatâs in Daniel 7 and that Jesus will answer the question. Now what did he actually say in this timeline, how long is the timeline? Well he said that it would be for a time and times and a half. Well you say, what does that mean? Well a time is a year, and the word in Hebrew for times means two times. So if you add one year and two years together you get three years. And then it says and a half. So he says thereâll be three and a half years. So thatâs interesting. Now if you look at a time as itâs used in chapter 4 of Daniel, youâll notice that it referred to a year, that is not as long as our years now, it referred to a year of 360 days.

And you say, well why that? Well it so happens that our mathematics, we know that a circle has how many degrees in it? 360. Well back in the days when Daniel lived it was understood that a year was supposed to have 360 days in it. And that was what they called a time or a year. And so this is a time of 360 days and then two times would make 720 days more and then a half a time would be 180 days and you add those together and you get 1,260 days. So this is a prophecy that is to last for literal time.

So now weâre going to look at the chart that is here and weâre going to see what it says at the very top of the chart. The title of it says Daniel 12 timelines. Then it says 1260, thatâs what we were just talking about, the time times and half a time, and then thereâs another timeline that follows in chapter 11 thatâs 1290 days and then thereâs a third timeline that is 1335 days. Now today weâre only going to look at the first timeline, the 1260. And so on the chart here however, there are all three timelines but weâre only going to talk about this one here, the 1260 days.

So as we look at this, weâre going to see that this is a men will very interesting prophecy. Now how should we know whether we should even look at this or not, is this something in the future? Maybe we're not supposed to look at things that have to do with future events. Well, I'm going to read to you from a letter that was written in 1903. It was letter 161, and it said ... it was a very astute personage who wrote this. It says let us read and study the 12th chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we all need to understand before the time of the end.

Now if we all need to understand this then we ought to look into it and see what this warning is that it's giving us. Now timelines, if you look at the timeline from the time of Abraham of 400 years, that his descendants would

become slaves in Egypt, and then you see other timelines in the past 70 years when God's people would be subject to the Babylonian captivity, and you see other timelines, many of them contain bad news. However, sometimes there's a timeline that contains good news. But in every one of the timelines that has bad news, something happens at the very end that's good news for God's people. So take courage and don't be afraid to look at the warning that's given here, it tells us of hard times that are coming and things that we need to be aware of. But remember that at the end of the prophecy there's going to be something that is good news that will follow.

So we're going to look at this time, times and a half. And I'm going to give you a couple of hermeneutic principles here that we need to remember. One is that the language of the bible is to be understood in its most obvious or literal meaning, unless a symbol or a figure is employed. That comes from this book, *Great Controversy*, page 599. Now, what does that mean? Well, it means that unless a symbol like an image or beasts with heads and horns and wings, and wings, and so forth, unless there are such things in the symbolism that would take the bible just as it reads, and if it says something without any symbols then we know that it's literal time. And so you'll notice up here on the chart it says literal days. And this is a future application of 1260 literal days. Now I'm going to read to you another rule and it says...

By the way we're told that in testimonies to ministers that we should advance new principles and crowd in the clear cut truth. Let Daniel speak then let Revelation speak. So this is to answer, an answer to that suggestion. If the language is symbolic the timeline is symbolic. If it's couched in a symbolic context, and if the context is literal language, then the timeline is literal. So these are literal days that we're looking at in Daniel 12. And then there is what is called the first rule of mention. And that is a very simple idea that is when an author uses a word in a certain way in the beginning of his treatise, then you are safe to use that word again at other times as he mentions it appropriately in his same book and in his same studies.

And so we find in Daniel 4 that there was a seven year timeline which spoke of seven times that Nebuchadnezzar would lose his mind and that he would be humiliated for seven years, that he might know that it is the God of heaven that rules things that are here on earth. Well as he used the word time in Daniel 4, we are at liberty then again to use the word time in a very literal way, that it refers simply to years of 360 days - literal days. And so that's what we're going to be studying now, what is the beginning and the ending of these remarkable timelines.

Evidently they have some important warning in this timeline that we need to understand. It says all these things shall be finished. And what things were they? Well Daniel had just seen all the rise and fall of seven empires and he knew that this would bring us to the very close of earth's history, so he then wanted to know, well what are the final events that will just finally bring the whole thing to an end. And he still didn't know that so he was asking the special question. He had seen the rise and fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome and the little horn, and the USSR and then the final one world government. But he still didn't understand what events would bring all this to pass. And so we're going to look at what's going to happen now during this 1,260 days that are specified in the future. They must be very important or God would not have given them to us in this book of Daniel.

So what's going to happen? Well we'll read it in the bible. It says in verse 6: it shall be for a time times and a half and when he shall have accomplished. Something is going to be accomplished and done during this 1260 days. And it doesn't say who he is here but it will tell you that in verse 11. But we have to wait and do that in our next DVD. But it says when he has accomplished. Now what is it he is going to accomplish and get done during these 1260 days? Well it continues to tell you. It says to scatter. And the word scatter there may mean to shatter and it's like to pulverize something with a mortar and pestle, where you grind it and grind it and pound it until it's made into powder. It says he will shatter the power, of what kind of people does it say? It says the holy people. In other words an attack on God's people. It says he will attack and crush and try to rub out or destroy God's holy people and then all these things shall be finished. Very interesting prophecy. It's not good news. It's bad news. What does it mean to crush or pulverize? It means to persecute. He will persecute God's people.

Now I'm going to tell you right now, I'm going to leap forward a little bit and explain to you that they're not all going to be destroyed, no. It's going to be a very interesting time because God will intervene. But he will try to do this. He will attempt to do this. It's just like in Daniel 7:25, it says he will think to change God's laws and times, and he will try to bring God's people under his control, but this is again a similar thing where he is going to try to shatter, or scatter, or pulverize, or persecute and trouble God's people. So we'll look then, who are these holy people? Well let's look at Revelation 12:17. Let's read it, Revelation 12:17. We'll see who the holy people are. It says the dragon (and that is Satan) was angry with the woman (the woman represents God's people - his church) and he went to make war with the remnant. That is the remnant is the very last end of something. If you buy a remnant in the store, you know it's too small a piece to make a dress out of so you just buy a couple of yards or a yard of it of whatever it is, and they reduce the price.

Well anyway, this is the remnant of God's people. And it says he makes war with the remnant which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. So God's people - the holy people are the ones who keep his commandments and understand who Jesus is, that he is the promised one from the very beginning, that he lived and was crucified and has gone to heaven as our lawyer and he is ready there to bring us into his kingdom. Alright, so these are the people that will be troubled. So we're going to look at the chart again, and we're going to see that it says basically what is going to happen during this 1260 days. He shall scatter or shatter the holy people. That's what it said in verse 7. And that refers to persecution. So this is a period of persecution. Now we will keep that in mind, it's in red letters here, because we're going to see in the next timeline that there is the reign of the persecutor, we're going to see how long that will take. But for right now we're just dealing with this prophecy right here, the 1260 days

Now the next big question that we have is how do you begin a timeline and how do you end it? You see, a span of time really doesn't mean anything unless you know where it starts and where it ends. And you say well how are we to know? Well the book of Daniel explains how to do that. You go back to chapter 4, to the seven year timeline and there he tells you how the seven year timeline began and how it ended. And you can know that these criteria are the very keys that tell you how all seven of the timelines in the book of Daniel, how they begin and how they end. So we're going to use those keys and we're going to see what they are. So we're going to look know at chapter 4, verse 16 and 17, and are speaking of King Nebuchadnezzar, who became very boastful and proud and the Lord humbled him, and the lord said, let his heart be changed from a man's to a beast's heart. He had a disease that was called like anthropy, and he lost his sanity. And he said let seven times or seven years pass over him.

Then in verse 17 there's a very important statement, it says this matter is by ... what does it say in your bible? It says this matter is by the decree of the watchers. So this timeline of seven years began with a decree. Now if you look over in verse 23 and 24, it says almost the same thing. At the end of the verse it says let this Persian be with the beasts in the field till seven times or seven years pass over him. Now verse 24, this is the interpretation O king, this is the ... what does it say in your bible? It says this is the decree of the most high. So twice it tells us that this timeline of seven years began with a decree. Then we look at verse 31 and we're going to get another key here. And it speaks to us of a voice - a speaking voice, it says while the word was in the king's mouth, while he was boasting about how great he was, there fell a voice from heaven. You see it's speaking here of a voice saying O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken.

So we're going to look for speaking voices that are the same things as the decree. Now what is the voice of a nation? We're told again in that book Great Controversy, that the voice of a nation or a government is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. So we're going to look for a decree that is a legislative action. Well where are we going to find that? Well there's one more key that we need to look at here. In verse 33 it says the same hour that he was boasting and declaring himself the almighty, he said the same hour was the thing, that is the prophecy fulfilled. So we're going to look now for three criteria that tell you when a timeline begins or ends. It's a speaking voice that is a decree, that is a prophecy that is fulfilled or will be fulfilled.

Now we want to test this criteria and see if it works on things of the past. Well we had that prophecy back in Daniel 7:25 that dealt with the same number by the way, 1260 years of papal supremacy over Europe. But how did that begin? Well there was the emperor, the Caesar Justinian of Rome who wrote a decreto letter. You notice it's a decreto letter and in which he gave the bishop of Rome the authority to call himself the head of all the churches. Everywhere else he was to be the head of all the churches. He also gave him the authority to be what he called the corrector of heretics, and he gave him the armies or the police forces of Europe by which to control and to enforce the dogmas of the church.

So the church became a dogmatic enforcer of its doctrines for 1260 years. And even the kings of Europe, one of them from Germany stood barefoot outside the Vatican and pleaded for three days in the snow with his bare feet, that he could be forgiven for his rebellion against the Pope. And not until then was he permitted to leave with the blessing of the Pope. So the kings and queens of all of Europe bowed to the Popes of Rome. And so it held a firm hand, an iron hand over them. Well it's all we know that the 1260 years began with a decreto letter. Well then what about the 2300 year timeline, what about that from Daniel 8? Well once again in Daniel 9, the angel came to Daniel and said, "I'll give you an understanding of the timeline." He said, "No" therefore, and understand that you begin counting the timeline from the commandment or the decree to rebuild Jerusalem." That's Daniel 9:24 and 25.

So we see that these timelines began the seven year timeline, the 1260 year timeline, 2300 year timeline, they all began with the decree, the speaking voice of the governmental figure, the king or the Caesar or it could be an active congress or a president's executive order or it could be whatever would happen would be from the government and it can be a speaking voice of the government on earth or it can be a speaking voice from heaven as it was a decree from the most high. So we have an interesting thing here, we have three things, we need to look for a prophecy that will be fulfilled, we need to look for a speaking voice and we need to look for a decree. Where will we find them? Are they in the book of Daniel? No, they're not in the book of Daniel. Well what then shall we find about this? Actually, we're told that Daniel and Revelation are one, that Daniel contains the basic prophecy, but that Revelation is a fuller explanation of it.

So we're going to have to go over to Revelation to find out when and how this 1260 days of the future, how that is going to begin. So let's look now at the book of Revelation, we'll turn to chapter 13. There's a very interesting statement and it says here that ... it's speaking again of he, and you have to know who he is, and it starts out at the beginning of this chapter with a description of ... that John saw ... John and Daniel both saw the same things by the way in history, he says ... John says ... the revelator says, "I saw on the sand of the sea I saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, well that's a very strange critter. But he tells about him and he goes back to the book of Daniel and he says this was like a leopard, and like a bear, and like a lion and where have you seen these before? You saw them right in Daniel 7 in that historical prophetic outline of the lion, the bear and the leopard.

And then he says interestingly enough, the dragon or Satan gave him his power and his seed and great authority. So he's talking about some kind of an empire or a power of government, that has a seat or a throne. And by the way the seat of the papacy is called the Holy C, and it's where they do their governmental business, and the great authority. Then it says that they were shipped ... I'm sorry, I'm going down to verse 5, there was given him ... now listen very carefully, there was given him a mouth speaking, there you have your speaking voice. He was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy, and power was given him to continue 42 months. Now if you figure 30 days to a month, and you have 42 months, how many days would you have? Well you just multiply it out and you get 1260 literal days. So it says that he, this whoever it is, that is spoken as of the beast of Revelation, it says that he will persecute God's people, and is that what it says here in Revelation? Yes, it says it was given him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. Power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations.

Now it's true that the papacy did reign over the nations of Europe, but that wasn't all kindreds on the earth, and all

tongues on the earth, and all nations, so that was a very limited reign that was in the past. But what about this, that is to reign in the future? There it says he will reign over all kindreds and all tongues and all nations. And we're going to say more about a one world government, because over here in Revelation chapter 3 it says that all the world wandered after the beast, so that includes all nations, kindreds and tongues. So there will be a time of persecution and it will be for 42 months or it will be for 1260 literal days. So we know now how this begins, we know how this timeline begins. And we say well, is this a prophecy? Yes. Is it going to happen in the future? Yes. And when it is fulfilled, when this power that comes into being and begins its persecution, when it is in power over all the world, then we'll know that this prophecy will begin.

So we're going to look now at the chart, up here at the very top, the prophecy to be fulfilled is Revelation 13:5, that I just read, where it says he will speak, he will be given a mouth speaking, he will be legislating. He's going to legislate something. So what is he going to legislate? He's going to legislate a universal law. A universal law that will include all nations, all kindreds, all tongues, and all people. Now what is the mark of his authority? Well God has a day of worship that he has mentioned from Genesis, the very first and second chapters, and it's the seventh day of the week and I'll read it for you here. It's Genesis 2 verse 1, it says thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them, and on the seventh day, God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from his work which he had made and God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. So he set aside, in time a day of worship, then he blessed it, and this was to be a memorial of his creation.

And it says in the Ten Commandments remember, the Sabbath day to keep it holy, six days shalt thou labor but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. So there was a seventh day Sabbath. Well this beast power that we read about over here in Revelation, is the same one that in Daniel 7 said that he would think to change times and God's laws and so he has set up a different day of worship on the first day of the week, and that's a mark of his authority. So we have a first day of the week that he will set up as his mark of authority. So there's a contest between the worship of the true God, the creator of heaven and earth and this beast power that's called the Anti Christ, that is trying to take away the authority and challenge God's authority. Well we come to the end of this prophecy and again we find another verse, Revelation 13:15, the persecution becomes more and more difficult for God's people as time goes on until we come to the speaking voice of Revelation 13:15.

And let me show you how stringent this becomes. Revelation 13:15, it says, [silence] [silence] [silence] and he, speaking of that same beast power, causes all small and great, rich and poor, free and bound to receive his mark in their right hand or on their forehead, that's what they do or what they think and that no man might buy or sell unless he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. And then in verse 15 it says he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that as many as would not worship and the image of the beast, should be ... What does it say in your bible? In my bible it says that they should be killed, this is a death decree, if they do not follow this. Now this seems like it would be an impossibility in our world today, but we don't know what's coming, but the Bible, the God who sees the future, has given us some view, this is a warning that we all need to understand before the end of time. So we have the speaking voice here again, the speaking voice and a decree, a death decree. So we call it a universal worldwide death decree.

And that brings us over here to a very crucial time in history. And then we need to look at Revelation 16 in order to find out how it all ends. It's a very interesting thing that in Revelation 16, it mentions seven last plagues and in the last plague, evil things have happened on the earth. It mentions something that happens in verse 17, it says the seventh angel or the seventh plague, during that very beginning of that plague, that seventh angel poured out his vile in the air, and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne saying it is done, but just like Jesus said on the cross, as he perished, he said it is finished. So here we have this very interesting statement here that there is a voice of God that speaks from heaven, from the temple of heaven and he says it is done. And we need to know that this particular thing here will end this whole crisis. Now you say well, when there's a legislative action here, is that when it goes into effect? No. You can't bring a legislative action into effect the very moment that it's passed because people need to be notified, and they need to get ready to do what has to be done.

And so there's a little space of time. So we have to go back to Revelation 17 to find out how long that will be from the time that the legislative action is done, until it is put into effect. That's called the effective date. So here we have a period of time, Revelation 17:12, and it's one symbolic hour. We know it's symbolic because it's in the context of beasts and horns and so forth. So it says here that there will be one hour, but if you look at that and divide 360 days, if you divide 360 days by 24, which is 24 hours in a day, you get an answer of 15 literal days. So you can count this out then, there are 15 literal days, and it's spoken as the reign of kings. So I'm going to read it to you here. Verse 12 of 17, chapter 17, the ten horns which is our ten kings, they have received no kingdom as yet, but they received power as kings one hour with the beast, these have one mind and give their power and strength to the beast. In other words in order to carry out this death decree there is a time when they will give their police and their various forces an opportunity to do what is suggested here in this legislative of action.

But it won't ever ... but none of those people will be killed because ... in that death decree because the voice of God comes from heaven and delivers them. Now this voice of God deliverance is called a blessing. And we're going to talk more about that blessing in the next timelines that we study of the 1290 and 1335 days. By the way, the last one of 1335 days is very encouraging because it's given especially to God's people to give them hope and courage for all of what is coming in the future. This may seem a very strange prophecy, but it seems that God never misses on his prophecies, he always gives the truth and tells exactly what's going to happen. So let's have faith in God's word, and be ready to have faith in how he plans to carry us through those days of perplexity and trial. So let's pray. Heavenly Father we pray that this study today may give us courage and cheer to know that there will not be a long period of time, but just some days of persecution in the future. And that it will be to your honor and glory to deliver your people so that they will not see death, but they will be delivered alive from the persecutor. We thank you Lord for this encouraging prophecy, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. [music] [music]