

DANIEL 12, -- THE CONCLUSION

THE END OF THE AGE

DANIEL 12 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

DANIEL 2:44 “And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever; ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.’”

We finally arrive to the end of this age. The ‘stone’ cut by no human hand shall smite the image on its feet, and shall establish a kingdom which shall not only reign for 1,000 years on earth, but shall continue unto eternity.

QUESTIONS AND ANGELIC ANSWERS

DANIEL 12:5 “Then I Daniel looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And I^h said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, ‘How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?’ ⁷ The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven; and I heard him swear by him who lives for ever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time; and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be accomplished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, ‘O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things?’ ⁹ He said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. ¹³ But go your way till the end; and you shall rest, and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.’”

^h Gk Vg: Heb he

In this final chapter, Daniel presents two significant aspects. The first confirms the 3 1/2 year period which the Anti-Christ first-beast is allotted to work his will. This clock for this 3 1/2 years starts

halfway through the seven year tribulation period, and presides over *the “shattering of the power of the holy people.”*

The second aspect concerns two time frames: the 1,290 days and the 1,335 days.

THE NUMBERED DAYS

DANIEL 12:11 “And from the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.¹² Blessed is he who waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.¹³ But go your way till the end; and you shall rest, and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

REVELATION 11:1 “Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told: ‘Rise and measure the temple of GOD and the altar and those And I will grant my two witnesses power to prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.’”

As in any understanding of prophetic fulfillment, hindsight is usually most accurate. Foresight is prone to error. But having issued this ‘caveat emptor’ disclaimer, the following is presented for the readers consideration.

Concerning the these periods of time, we can evaluate the fact that the First Beast is destined to exert his authority for 3 1/2 years. As such, we can evaluate these dates in context with these 42 months:

42 MONTH ANTI-CHRIST FIRST-BEAST REIGN TIMETABLE

1,260 days = 3.450 years = 3 years, 5 months, 12 days* = - 18 days	Rev. 11:3
1,290 days = 3.532 years = 3 years, 6 months, 12 days = + 12 days	Dan. 12:11
1,335 days = 3.655 years = 3 years, 7 months, 26 days = + 7 weeks	Dan. 12:12
* Calculated at 365.25 days per year, and 30.44 days per month	

The postulation is as follows:

- The prophets will prophecy to the nations, and at the end of this 1,260 days the prophets will lie dead in the streets for 3 1/2 days. Although this approaches the ‘end,’ this is not the end, as the second and third woes are yet to come.

The 1,290 days spans the time from the setting up of the continual burnt offering and abomination to some unidentified milestone. Exercising the previous ‘caveat emptor’ disclaimer this writer presents the following hypothesis: This milestone is a date that can be referenced to the 42 month span of the Anti-Christ first-beast reign. These 1,290 days exceed that span by 12 days. It is proposed that this unidentified milestone extends beyond the end of the Anti-Christ’s reign into a post Anti-Christ era. This new era will last a total of 7 weeks. But 12 days into this era, a catastrophic international breakdown will culminate into ‘global nuclear war.’

- And finally, the 1,335 days exceeds the 42 month period by exactly 7 weeks. Once again, it can be speculated that the nuclear repercussions will prevail for an extended span of days (49 - 12 = 37) during which “*men will seek death and will not find it: they will long to die, and death will fly from them.*” (Ref. Rev. 9:6)

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The blessing that accrues to the one who “*waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days*,” carries the implication of having physically survived to witness Christ’s return. This includes the 144,000 virgin Jews, (Ref. Rev. 7:3-8 and 14:1-5), and presumes to include those that have not taken the mark of the beast (Ref. Rev. 13:16-18).

The signing of the Peace Accord which recognized both Israel’s right to exist and the P.L.O. as the representative of the Palestinians, was signed on September 10, 1993. If this Fall, 1993 date is acknowledged as the start of the seven year tribulation period, then the mid point would be in the Spring of 1997, and the end is obviously in the Fall of the year 2000. As presented, Christ’s return would occur seven weeks after the Fall 1993 date -- approximately late Fall/early Winter of the year 2000.

It must be pointed out that this late Fall/early Winter is an artificial date, only pertinent to historians. As addressed in the Daniel 8 “2,300 Days” presentation, Mikhail Gorbachev’s tenure was actually 2,321 days, but GOD knew that Gorbachev’s administration required a learning curve before becoming effective. Likewise, it is argued that although the Israeli/Palestinian Peace Accord was actually signed on September 10, 1993, GOD knows the hearts of the leaders, and as only GOD knows the hearts of men, only HE can assign HIS date.