

# DANIEL'S 1290 AND 1335 DAYS

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination of desolation set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Dan. 12:11-12

There has been much conjecture on Daniel's time periods, but it must be remembered that this book was to be sealed up until the time of the end. We are now in that period, and thus there should be light and knowledge and understanding on this matter of God's timing.

First, let us establish the basis for reckoning time, or the ratio on which it is figured. A DAY can represent simply a 24 hour period, or a day can represent a thousand years, or it is written, "A day as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day." But for our particular presentation at this time we want to use a DAY for a YEAR. This is based on God's words to Ezekiel where he was told to lie on his left side 390 days for the iniquity of the House of Israel and on his right side for forty days in Judah's stead, and the Lord explained it thus, "I have appointed thee each day for a year." So the ratio of a day for a year, or a day representing a year, is most clearly set forth.

Now, we must determine the starting point for Daniel's 1335 days, and this is based upon when "the abomination that maketh desolate" was set up. Jesus further clarifies it as "the abomination of desolation set up in the HOLY PLACE." The HOLY PLACE has always been connected with the Temple of old, so we must needs find out who set up the abomination of desolation there and when it was accomplished, then we can figure forward 1335 days from that point.

To better understand this let us return in history to the sixth and seventh centuries A.D. In the west Catholicism was coming to the fore and in power while in the east another force was arising in power and fury--- Mohammedanism. Many have been so blinded by tracing the activities of the Catholic Church that they have completely overlooked the spread of Mohammedanism. In 622 A.D. Mohammed fled from his native Mecca to Medina, and from then on the movement he headed became military in its scope. It is this date also from which the Islam world begins its

calendar. By adding 1335 days or years to this date you arrive at the year 1957. This was a most important year, for it was a geophysical year. It was also the beginning of the space age when man placed objects in orbit, so it was the opening of a new cycle and era. It was also the time when chronology working hand in hand with archeology began to piece together the scattered fragments of timing as regards the past, and thus chronology came to the front in clarity.

Furthermore, if you will look back on your own personal life and experience in God, you will note from that time and forward there were very special dealings of God with and in you.

But it was not until 637 A.D. that Mohammedanism conquered Jerusalem and took over the HOLY PLACE. So by adding 1335 days or years to this date, you arrive at the year 1972. Seven years later in 644 A.D. a wooden mosque had been erected by the Islams on the southern part of the Temple Site. Add 1335 days or years to that time, and you find yourself at 1979. Thus there was a seven year period from the conquering of Jerusalem until the wooden mosque was set up in the Holy Place. A Godly man of those days beheld what was done and cried out, "The abomination of desolation is set up in the Holy Place." He recognized what had taken place.

On the basis of these figures it is readily seen that 1972 to 1979 is that seven year period or week of years for which so many have looked and wondered about for so long. Let us consider that even if chronology is off even a little bit, then we are that much closer to the time than we had thought. But how much closer can we be than where we presently are! We may not know the day nor the hour of our Lord's return, but we surely are to know the times and seasons in which we are living.

Another group of days is mentioned in the opening scripture---1290 days or years, and it likewise is connected with the setting up of the abomination of desolation. Seeing we have been considering Mohammedanism and the setting of the desolating abomination, what proof is there of this connection? In 688 A.D. the Islams began the erection of "The Dome of the Rock" on the Temple Site, and and this still stands and is known today as "The Mosque of Omar". Add 1290 days or years to that date, and you will find yourself at 1978 which parallels the 1335 days or years making these two groups of years terminating at about the same point in time. Is this by chance? Indeed it is

not, for God does nothing haphazardly but precisely according to His timing.

There are two different ways of reckoning a year's time: one, the sacred year beginning in spring and, two, the civil year beginning in the fall. These above dates are all reckoned on the civil year which would begin the seven year period in the fall of 1972 and end in the fall of 1979. Therefore, the 1290 days or years would bring us to the fall of 1978 which would begin the last year of the seven year period and end in the autumn of 1979. This is further augmented by the fact that the 70th Jubilee, according to our present understanding, begins in the autumn of 1978 and ends in the fall of 1979.

Now, note the promise given in Dan. 12:12, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." BLESSED means HAPPY, VERY HAPPY which reminds us of "When ye see these things begin to come to pass, lift up your head (thinking) and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh."

"Blessed is he that WAITETH," which word means more than a mere idle waiting for something to happen. It comes from a Hebrew root that carries the idea of PIERCING, and thus it is those who come to the end of that period of trouble will be those who PIERCE through the veil and while they are doing so, they are surely being PIERCED through to the inmost being laying bare everything that is therein. Thus the waiting is a piercing time, a time of being pressed through into God, a time of pressure, a time of piercing the old completely out of us that He might be all in all in each of us.

Furthermore, "Blessed is he that COMETH" to the end of the days. COMETH does not simply mean arriving, though it does carry that thought, too, but it also means to POSSESS or acquire that particular time. It further means to lay hands upon or to GRASP it. It means also to TOUCH or CONTACT that special time. But perhaps the most outstanding connotation, and has been so translated, is to LIE WITH A WOMAN which is the closest union there is known to man. Thus to come to that period of time is to be UNITED as one with the timing of God and to enter into the joys of His Kingdom on earth. "Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh" to that time!

Just an added thought regarding these time periods of 1290 and 1335 years. Every number in the scriptures has a meaning, and so do these. Let us look first at 1290. ONE is the number of UNITY, TWO is the

number of WITNESS, NINE is the number of STRENGTH, and ZERO following other numbers is the number of FULNESS. Put these meanings together, and you can read read it: The UNITY and WITNESS of STRENGTH that leads unto FULNESS. As for the 1335 years, it is thus: ONE is number of UNITY, THREE (two threes) is the number of DIVINE REVELATION (two of them refer to WITNESS), and FIVE is the number of GRACE. So it can be rendered, The UNITY and WITNESS of the DIVINE REVELATION of GRACE. This can be nothing less than "the grace that is to be brought unto us at the revelation of Jesus Christ." I Pet. 1:13

It is also most interesting to note that both these groups of time, 1290 and 1335, when individually added together come to the sum of 12. Add 1 and 2 and 9 and 0, and the total is 12. Add 1 and 3 and 3 and 5, and the total is 12. Furthermore, TWELVE is the number of DIVINE GOVERNMENT, and the sum total of all we are discussing is DIVINE GOVERNMENT established in the earth. In other words, the end of these two time periods finalize the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth where the government of God rules in peace and righteousness.

Truly we are living in those days of which the prophets foretold when there will be great troubles, but we see "a bright light in the clouds" and know God's Kingdom is coming and His will shall be done in earth as it is in heaven!

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