

## ***How to Decode Time Prophecies***

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There are THREE different types of time prophecies in the Word of God that must be interpreted correctly to get the answer that God intended. The decoding rule options are:

- heavenly time: a day in heaven is as a thousand years on earth
- literal time: a day = a day, a month = a month, a year = a year
- symbolic time: the day-for-a-year principle applies. A day = a year, a month = 30 years, 3½ years = 42 months of years = 1260 years

## **Nomenclature**

With regards to less familiar terms, generally, for durations or spans of time, the word or term:

- “time” is one year
- “times” is two years unless another number modifies the word such as “seven times”
- “half a time” or a “dividing of times” is half a year.
- “week” may mean seven days, or it can mean a “week of years,” which is a common way that time was given in the ancient books, especially in the book of the Law and the Testimony. Let me give some examples:

### Chapter 3

<sup>14</sup> This is the law and testimony which was written down for Israel, in order that they should observe (it) all the days. <sup>15</sup> And in the **first week of the first jubilee**, {1-7 A.M.} Adam and his wife were in the Garden of Eden for **seven years** tilling and keeping it, and we gave him work and we instructed him to do everything that is suitable for tillage.<sup>1</sup>

### Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup> And in the **third week** in the second jubilee {between 64-70 A.M.} she gave birth to Cain, and in the **fourth [week]** she gave birth to Able {between 71-77 A.M.}, and in the **fifth [week]** {between 78-84 A.M.} she gave birth to her daughter 'Âwân.

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<sup>1</sup> "We instructed" refers to the angels who instructed Adam, but as this book indicates, the angels do so at the directive of God (see Jubilees 1:27-2:1 and Isaiah 28:26-29).

<sup>2</sup> And in the **first (week) of the third jubilee** {99-105 A.M. but more specifically 102 A.M.}, Cain slew Abel<sup>2</sup> because (God) accepted the sacrifice of Abel, and did not accept the offering of Cain.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>8</sup> And in the **sixth week** {between 134-140 A.M.} he begat his daughter 'Azûrâ.

<sup>9</sup> And Cain took Awan his sister to be his wife and she bare him Enoch at the close of the fourth jubilee. {190-196 A.M.} And in the **first year of the first week of the fifth jubilee**, {197 A.M.} houses were built on the earth, and Cain built a city, and called its name after the name of his son Enoch.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>10</sup> And Adam knew Eve his wife and she bare yet nine sons.

<sup>11</sup> And in **the fifth week of the fifth jubilee** {225–231 A.M.} Seth took Azura his sister to be his wife, and in the **fourth (year of the sixth week)** {235 A.M.} she bare him Enos.

You can see that the term “week” does not need the phrase “of years” attached as applying to a **week of years**. It is understood depending on the context. This will be important, especially when we get to the book of Daniel.

### **How to apply proper decoding rules?**

Do you know how and when to apply the proper decoding rule for every time prophecy in the Bible? The decoding rule you apply to a given prophecy will determine your conclusion. Not all time-prophecies use the day-for-a-year principle; in fact, many use the literal day-for-a-day, year-for-a-year rule. See Part 2 of this paper for an extensive list of nearly every time prophecy in the Bible. However, application of several decoding rules to a given time prophecy may provide two worthwhile results, a long-duration time period and an alternative short-duration time period – and these can be fun to find. However, the primary intended interpretation is the one that best matches the prophecy type.

Before I get into the decoding rules for the two primary types of prophecy, let me share a little of heavenly time interpretation.

Psalm 90:4 For a **thousand years** in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years** as one day.

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<sup>2</sup> Later we find out that Cain slew his brother striking him with a stone on his head.

<sup>3</sup> Cain would have been between 29-35 years old and Abel between 22-28 years old at the time.

<sup>4</sup> This became a convention that cities were named after a son or in some cases, a wife. We will see more of this as we continue through the book. A biblical example is where Hamor named his town after his eldest son Shechem (Genesis 34:2)

Where did that concept come from? In the ancient books, namely the book of the Law and the Testimony<sup>5</sup> and the book of Adam and Eve<sup>6</sup> which are downloadable from my website, this time understanding is referred to in several places. First is when God makes the promise to Adam that He will restore Adam to Eden after six great days from the date of Adam's transgression, which later God defines as 6000 years.<sup>7</sup> Secondly when the angel states that Adam died within the heavenly day in which he was created, thus fulfilling God's threat to Adam,

Genesis 3:15-17 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

In these prophecies that predate the time of the Bible writings, an explanation of the time prophecy is provided for clarification in response to a petition.

### **Decoding rules**

Here are the simple rules: There are two primary types of prophecy: primarily literal and primarily symbolic.

- In **primarily literal prophecies**, the subjects (nouns) are in plain language, kings are kings, nations are nations, trees are trees, land is land, the sea is the sea, persecution is persecution, no rain means no rain, famine is famine, the sword/war is the sword/war, etc. No explanation is given by the messenger (i.e. Daniel, John, an angel) as none is usually necessary nor intended. Examples include the visions of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel 11 and 12, and in Revelation, the seven last plagues, the two witnesses, heaven, the millennium, etc. In this type of prophecy, one should best interpret any time given using literal time, i.e. day for day, year for year. Symbols may be used as comparatives or adjectives to describe the subject without changing the nature of the prophecy.
- In **primarily symbolic prophecies**, the subject of the vision or dream is given as a symbol: a mixed metal statue, horns, goats, rams, dragon, harlot, multi-headed beast, beast from the abyss, lamblike beast, etc. These symbols represent something else. For example: horns represent kings or kingdoms, the dragon represents Satan or the Roman Empire, the two horns on a ram represents the kingdoms of the Medes and Persians. In nearly all cases, an explanation by someone, e.g. Joseph, Daniel or an angel, is given, often in response to a petition or expressed astonishment. Examples of interpretations include: Pharaoh's dreams and the dreams of the two servants of Pharaoh which Joseph interpreted, Nebuchadnezzar's two dreams which Daniel interpreted, most of Daniel's dreams which an angel explained except Daniel 11 and 12 (no explanation was given), many of Zechariah's dreams, and in Revelation the seven seals, the harlot, the

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/The\\_Book\\_of\\_the\\_Law\\_and\\_the\\_Testimony.pdf](http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/The_Book_of_the_Law_and_the_Testimony.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/First\\_Book\\_of\\_Adam\\_and\\_Eve.pdf](http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/First_Book_of_Adam_and_Eve.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> We are getting very close to this moment, as God has allowed/chosen me to discover His time clock and where we are in the sequence of events. See my lengthy paper, "What time is it" for details. [http://www.bibleplus.org/What\\_time\\_is\\_it.pdf](http://www.bibleplus.org/What_time_is_it.pdf)

dragon, the beasts, etc., that often an angel of the LORD explains. In this type of prophecy, one should interpret any prophetic time given using symbolic time, i.e. the day-for-a-year principle.

As mentioned earlier, often dual meanings or apparent fulfillments may be obtained by applying both types of decoding rules to a given prophecy. One that extends over a long period of time (i.e. hundreds of years) and another that has a short period of time (i.e. a few months or years). However, the most correct decoding rule is the one that most closely matches the prophecy type.

## No more prophetic time?

In the King James Version (KJV) of Revelation 10:6 a mighty angel makes the proclamation, “And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer**: [most bible versions translate this passage as “no more delay”] <sup>8</sup>

Based upon the KJV’s translation of the angel’s statement, many take the position that the angel meant prophetic time, time that has been prophesied or foretold, has ended, that there are no time periods that extend after a certain date, which some hold to be 1844 A.D. (the end of the 2300-year-period of Daniel 8:14).

I would have to humbly and respectfully disagree with this position regardless of who stated it and the intensity of the position they may take.

Why? There is more than one time-prophecy from the Word of God that has yet to be fulfilled, and there are references to time periods in the new earth. Restating from the beginning:

A time prophecy is a distinct specific time period, whether long or short, that is foretold at the **determination** of God.

Let me give a number of these time periods to you:

The millennium or **thousand years** as mentioned *six times* in Revelation 20:2-7, is a prophetic time period of a thousand years which begins after 1844 (when many hold that prophetic time ended) and has a stated duration. No explanation is given, nor needed regarding the thousand years, and thus it is a literal time prophecy and must be interpreted using the year-for-a-year principle. The time prophecy of the millennium negates the position of no more time-prophecies.

Secondly, in the opening of the seventh seal of Revelation 8:1, there was “...silence in heaven about the space of **half an hour**.” This verse follows the second coming of Jesus

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<sup>8</sup> See <http://biblehub.com/revelation/10-6.htm> for many translations of this text.

at the end of Revelation 6, the opening of the sixth seal. I think most would agree that this is a future time prophecy.

Thirdly, if “there shall be time no longer” refers to a discontinuance of any regular cycles of time keeping, then why does Isaiah 66:22-23 state regarding the new earth, “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and **from one sabbath to another**, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.” Are not new moons and Sabbaths measurements or cycles of time?

But there is more:

The two witnesses of Revelation 11 give their testimony for **1260 days**, calling fire down from heaven on anyone that tries to harm them, and they can strike the earth with various plagues during the time of their testimony. These two “prophets” are killed by the beast from the bottomless pit <sup>9</sup> in a city that we can clearly identify as Jerusalem. Furthermore, **3½ days** later they are resurrected and taken up to heaven. At that time, an earthquake happens killing 7000 people in Jerusalem.

This prophecy of these two witnesses are treated by some denominations as being fulfilled. One position is that the two witnesses are the Old and New Testaments being discarded or suppressed during the French Revolution, but does that really make sense? “Come let us reason,” says the Lord of Hosts.

While the deaths of about 40,000 people during the French Revolution were tragic, they pale in comparison to the number of deaths that happened after that in various countries and conflicts. These include (but are not limited to):

Idi Amin (Uganda):	80,000-300,000 deaths
Rwandan Genocide:	800,000-1 million, possibly 2 million deaths (100 days)
Dictator Pol Pot (Cambodia):	1.5 million deaths
Nazi Germany:	11 million deaths in the Holocaust
World War I:	17 million deaths
Mao Zedong (China)	45 million deaths over a 4-year period
World War II:	60 million deaths
Stalin’s pogroms	56 to 62 million "unnatural deaths"

Many of these, especially those of the communists included persecution of Christians and ethnic groups, often to institute a communist/Marxist regime (USSR, China, Cambodia) or dictatorial regime. What about the trend in the USA today with the public discarding

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<sup>9</sup> See the paper “Understanding the Coming of Satan, the Antichrist” at [http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/Understanding\\_the\\_Coming\\_of\\_Satan\\_the\\_Antichrist.pdf](http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/Understanding_the_Coming_of_Satan_the_Antichrist.pdf)

the Bible and its teachings? <sup>10</sup> Update: There is a concerted effort going on right now with “progressives,” social democrats and even the Black Lives Matters organization to bring about such a regime in the USA. This can only mean ill, persecution and martyrdom for those who claim to believe in God, as their god is Lucifer/Satan. This includes the forced closing of churches (prohibiting public gatherings for worship) by mostly Democrat run governments. But these things must happen before Jesus can come. I encourage you to see these events as waymarks, mileposts showing that the second coming of Jesus is near.

Let’s look closer at the passage: The two witnesses (prophets) prophesy in a city which is identified FOUR different ways for clarity:

- 1) The holy city
- 2) where also their Lord was crucified
- 3) that is spiritually (figuratively) called Sodom
- 4) that is spiritually (figuratively) called Egypt

Jerusalem is the ONLY city that meets those four identifiers (see footnote).<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, the two prophets are killed by the beast from the bottomless pit (Satan incarnate), who hasn’t appeared yet. While the events of the French Revolution and the numerous deaths are tragic, they did NOT take place in Jerusalem! Nor has Satan, the beast from the bottomless pit, a.k.a. the eighth king of Revelation 17:10, (who once was visible, now is not visible, yet will become visible) appeared, nor killed these two witnesses. Nor was there an earthquake that killed around 7000 people in Jerusalem around the time of the two witnesses’ resurrection and ascension to heaven. “Two witnesses,” in essence two prophets, are literal terms – they are not symbols for something else. Their prophetic ministry, actions, speaking plagues or calling fire from heaven as final warnings to the world are literal. The place where they testify is literal. No explanation is provided by the angel other than comparing these two prophets to the two lampstands that stand before the Lord. Note that Zerubbabel was also called a lampstand (Zechariah 4:2,6) empowered by the Holy Spirit (oil from two olive trees). The seven churches were also represented as lampstands (Revelation 1:20). Therefore, the time periods given must be interpreted using the literal time decoding rule, day-for-a-day, year-for-a-year, and the event is yet future (or soon to begin). Note that a comparative term (i.e. prophets like lampstands, locusts jumping like horses or entering like thieves) does not change the type of prophecy.

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<sup>10</sup> See the trend in the Civil Right Commissions 2016 report:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2016/09/09/commission-says-religious-liberty-should-not-top-civil-rights/>

<sup>11</sup> Where the two witnesses' bodies lie is easily determined by the multiple descriptions provided, including “holy city,” “Sodom,” “Egypt” (Cush), “where also their Lord was crucified.” Amos 9:7 states, “Are not you Israelites the same to me as the Cushites [Egyptians]?” declares the LORD.” Additionally, the only city in the Bible called Sodom by God, other than the original Sodom, is found in Isaiah 1:8-10. “And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as **Sodom**, and we should have been like unto **Gomorrah**. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.” God is calling Jerusalem Sodom and Gomorrah because of its wickedness. And that neatly coincides with the identifiers “holy city” and “where also their Lord was crucified.”

The teaching that the two witnesses are the Old and New Testaments and that the events took place in and around Paris, France originated from a Baptist minister (the exact name escapes me, but I researched this 15+ years ago). That teaching was adopted by Uriah Smith and others in the early Advent movement. Ellen White, so as not to create conflict with her associates adopted that position as well.<sup>12</sup> But I think she would change her viewpoint with the additional information at our current disposal.

If indeed the prophetic ministry of the two witnesses is in the near future, then the time periods of 1260 days and 3½ days are clearly prophetic time. See [http://www.bibleplus.org/prophesy/rev/18\\_witnesses.htm](http://www.bibleplus.org/prophesy/rev/18_witnesses.htm) for more details on the two witnesses.

Thirdly, in the *book of Adam and Eve* (I know it's not part of the canon, but it is real)<sup>13</sup> Jesus states multiple times that He will restore Adam to Eden after 6000 years of transgression. That concept of 6000 years is a time prophecy that many have heard of but were not aware of the source. It is a time prophecy that still awaits its fulfillment.

The vision as given in Daniel 11 and 12 are given without explanation, kings are kings, princes are princes, ships are ships, the wise, the holy people are literal. Thus, we should use the literal time decoding rule for God's primary intended meaning! The 1260 days, the 1290 days and the 1335 days are not symbolic time and therefore should not be interpreted using the day-for-a-year decoding rule. For interest's sake, one may look at the duality of the prophecy, at 1260-year and 1335-year time periods. However, the primary meaning is that they are literal days.

### **A Jesuit teaching?**

To claim that an interpretation that these time periods are literal and future is “a Jesuit teaching in order to deny the 1260 years of papal supremacy” is misinformed and a weak argument. It tends to debunk the literal nature of the prophecy using terms such as preterist and

There are other prophecies in the Bible which I will cover in Part 2 that provide more than adequate prophetic evidence for the papal power.

- The description of Babylon the harlot, and the seventh king that must last for a while (Revelation 17:10), clearly points to the Papacy and the Roman Church.

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<sup>12</sup> Remember that while God's messages to His messengers in the form of dreams and visions are infallible, those messengers are not infallible. God does not reveal anything more to them than He intended in His great mercy and wisdom. He may intentionally shield their eyes from complete knowledge such as with Daniel, sealing up messages provided to them until the time is right. Their writings outside their visions or dreams, while of great value and worth examining include sharing from their own experience, emotions, research into the writings of other authors, social contacts, circumstances, etc. These include Moses, David, Jeremiah, Peter, Ellen White and others.

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- In Daniel 7, a little horn power which uproots three preceding horns and speaks pompous things, seeking to change times and laws and persecute the saints is described which reigns for 1260 days (years).
- In Revelation 12, the woman, wings as an eagle, a dragon spewing a flood out of its mouth are clearly symbols and therefore, one needs to interpret the 1260 days as years using the day-for-a-year principle! The beast and mark of the beast of Revelation 13 along with Daniel's visions of the little horn power (Daniel 7:8 ff) provide additional information on this entity, the papal power.

And history proves the 476, 538 and 1798 A.D. dates which all fell on Sabbatical years involved the papacy. Not every 1260-day or year prophecy points to the same events! No loss to this teaching on the papal power is encountered by rightly interpreting Daniel 12.

***Knowing right interpretation rules STRENGTHENS one's positions rather than diminishes them.***

A proper interpretation of Revelation 10:6 is NOT that there is no more prophetic time or cycles of time, but as most translations listed at <http://biblehub.com/revelation/10-6.htm> have it, that there shall be no more delay, no more waiting, no more postponement of the events that wrap up earth's history.

The events of the end will be rapid ones.

Beginning on the next page is a list of all the *Time prophecies in the Bible and proper decoding* and in many cases, their fulfillments.

### **Addendum**

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## **Part 2 - Time prophecies in the Bible and proper decoding**

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Following is a list of ALL the time prophecies that I could find in the scriptures, going through it via a search for the terms **year** and **day**. Instructions containing days, such as days for cleansing, seven days circling the city of Jericho, etc., are not considered determinate time prophecies for this list's purposes.

The list is broken down into two categories:

1. Literal time prophecies, where it is evident that God meant the recipients to interpret the time stated as is, a day is a day, a year is a year.
2. Symbolic time prophecies, where the primary subjects are given in symbolic terms, where the symbols represented something different. In these cases, the interpretation of a day for a year is used.

There are many, many more prophecies given in the Bible, but many do not involve time.

### **Literal time prophecies requiring literal decoding including day for day**

Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them **four hundred years**; **Fulfilled:** Exodus 12:40-41 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was **four hundred and thirty years**. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. Acts 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil **four hundred years**. Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was **four hundred and thirty years** after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Exodus 19:11 And be ready against the **third day**: for the **third day** the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. ... And he said unto the people, Be ready against the **third day**: come not at your wives. ... 16 And it came to pass on the **third day** in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. (while this is a short time prophecy, it is similar to saying, the Lord is going to visit us after 6000 years).

Numbers 14:33-34 And your children shall wander in the wilderness **forty years**, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. **After the number of the days** in which ye searched the land, **even forty days**, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. **Fulfilled:** Nehemiah 9:21 Yea, **forty years** didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet

swelled not. Amos 2:10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you **forty years** through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

2 Samuel 24:13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall **seven years** of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee **three months** before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be **three days'** pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

1 Chronicles 21:12 Either **three years' famine**; or **three months** to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else **three days** the sword of the Lord, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. [Yes, there is a discrepancy between the number of years of famine as recorded in 2 Samuel and in 1 Chronicles – there are in fact at least 29 discrepancies in the Bible that I know of.]

1 Kings 17:1-3 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain **these years**, but according to my word. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. **Fulfilled:** Luke 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up **three years and six months**, when great famine was throughout all the land; James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of **three years and six months.**” Comparative note: The “no rain for 1260 days” (3½ years) during the testimony of the two witnesses at the end of time follows this precedent of the 3½ years of no rain during the time of Elijah. To claim that it will not rain for 1260 years just does not make sense!

2 Kings 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the Lord hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land **seven years**. And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. **Fulfilled:** 2 Kings 8:3 And it came to pass **at the seven years' end**, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

2 Kings 20:5-6 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: **on the third day** thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. And I will add unto thy days **fifteen years**; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Isaiah 7:8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within **threescore and five years** shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

Isaiah 16:14 But now the Lord hath spoken, saying, **Within three years**, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

Isaiah 21:16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, **Within a year**, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:

Isaiah 23:15-17 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten **seventy years**, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

Isaiah 38:5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days **fifteen years**.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**. And it shall come to pass, when **seventy years** are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. **Fulfilled:** Daniel 9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:12 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these **threescore and ten years**? Zechariah 7:5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even **those seventy years**, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? [A score of years is 20 years. Thus, threescore and ten years is 70 years.]

Jeremiah 28:3,11 Within **two full years** will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: ... And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of **two full years**. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Jeremiah 29:10 For thus saith the Lord, That **after seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

Ezekiel 4:4-6 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: **according to the number of the days** that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety days**: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie

again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days**: I have appointed thee each day for a year. [The 390 days represented years, but in this usage, the number of days are literal].

Ezekiel 29:10-13 Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited **forty years**. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate **forty years**: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the end of **forty years** will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:

Ezekiel 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire **seven years**:

Daniel 4:23 “And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till **seven times** pass over him’; [seven times meaning seven years]

Daniel 11 various verses: “And in the end of **years** they shall join themselves together ... he shall continue **more years** than the king of the north. ... shall certainly come after **certain years** ...” As this vision continues into Daniel 12, there is no reason to indicate that the three prophesied time durations are not also literal (the 1260, 1290 and 1335-days). The break between the chapters was added centuries later and not part of the original.

Daniel 12:5-7, 11-12 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?” Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a **time, times, and half a time**; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

“And from the time that the daily *sacrifice [intercession]* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* **one thousand two hundred and ninety days**. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the **one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days**.

Jesus prophesies His upcoming death and prophesies the duration that He will be in the grave.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be **raised again the third day**.

Mark 8:31-32 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and **after three days** rise again. He spoke this word openly.

Mark 9:31 "For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall **rise the third day**."

Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and **be raised the third day**.

The book of Revelation has a number of time prophecies, some of which are literal time and some of which are symbolic time. One has to examine the context to determine which interpretive rule to use. The following are ones that I believe are literal time, but arguments can be made for various interpretations.

Revelation 2:10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have **tribulation ten days**. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

The above warning message was part of those given to the seven churches. Each church was represented by a lampstand. However, no explanation or interpretation is given. It would be far to consider both ten literal days or ten years. Unfortunately, the exact fulfillment and duration was lost to us in antiquity.

Revelation 8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for **about half an hour**.

In day-for-a-year time, this would be 7.6 days or about half an hour would be about a week of seven days. However, this time is in heaven. And if a thousand years on earth is as one day in heaven, then about half an hour would be about 21 years. I think it most likely the former.

Revelation 8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. **A third of the day** did not shine, and likewise the night.

As the trumpets/first seven plagues are literal, fire, burning grass and trees, asteroid impacts, etc., and yes, even blood coming down from heaven, then likewise, we can take the sun, moon and stars being darkened for a third of the day and night literally.

Revelation 9:3-5 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for **five months**. Their torment was like

the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In **those days** men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

Within the context of the primarily literal nature of the seven trumpets, this would be a literal time period of five months. Those who claim that these **five months** must be interpreted symbolically using the day-for-a-year principle as five months x 30 days/month converted to years = 150 years, must also satisfactorily address the question, “has the seal of God on their foreheads been issued yet?” which then assumes that the sealing process as referring to the 144,000 has been completed. I think most would agree that the sealing of Revelation 7, while in process, has not yet been completed.

Revelation 9:15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for **the hour and day and month and year**, were released to kill a third of mankind.

It seems best to interpret this as “this very moment” as opposed to a duration. If one was to interpret it as literal time, it would be 13 months plus a day and hour. If one was to interpret it as symbolic time, it would be (365 + 30 + 1 + 1/24) years or 396 years. With all due respect, that seems a bit long for the last few years of earth’s history.

Revelation 10:5-6 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that **there should be delay no longer**.

KJV translates this as “there will be time no longer.” This was discussed in detail in the main body of this paper, so I won’t cover it again here. It is clear from ensuing time prophecies that “there should be no more delay” is a much better rendering.

Revelation 11:2,3 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for **forty-two months**. 3 And I will give power to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 11:6-13 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in **the days of their prophecy**; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. 7 When they **finish** their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies **three-and-a-half days**, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these **two prophets** tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 Now after the **three-and-a-half days** the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 **In the same hour** there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven

thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

We have partially covered this prophecy in the main body and footnotes of this document, but let us take a few moments to look at the time frames involved. If we take this prophecy literally, there are no issues with the timing nor events. The two witnesses are two prophets sent by God specifically for the end of time (recent dream messages indicate that God has already chosen these messengers who will be like John the Baptist going before Him announcing the soon return of Jesus Christ. Some of the more ancient books indicate that these will be or similar to Enoch and Elijah. Who they are is not important, what they will say and do is what is important. In addition, there are well respected Orthodox Jewish leaders in Jerusalem who have stated that the Messiah will soon reveal himself. These two witnesses give their testimony for **three and half years**. At the end of their testimony the beast or angel from the bottomless pit (which in the Hebrew mindset is the abode of demons) is allowed to kill them. They lie exposed in Jerusalem, the holy city where their Lord was crucified for a literal three and half days. At the end of that time they are resurrected and taken up to heaven. At that very hour and time, a great earthquake happens and 7000 people are killed.

On the other hand, if we consider this prophecy to be a symbolic prophecy and apply the day-for-a-year principal, we are left having to do some interesting mental gymnastics to get around the time frames and sequences of events. These two prophets would testify for 1260 years which would make them extremely long-lived for humans; longer than Adam and even Methuselah. In addition, “no rain falls in **the days of their prophecy**” during the time of their prophecy. 1260 years of drought would absolutely leave this earth barren and parched which certainly has not happened. At the end of this 1260 years, we would expect that the angel from the bottomless pit is going to kill these two witnesses and then they are going to lie in the streets of Jerusalem for 3½ years. They will be resurrected and taken up into heaven and there will be an earthquake that will kill 7000 people in Jerusalem at the time of their resurrection. Has anything like that happened so far? I think any reasonable person would agree that it has not happened yet.

So then some commentators are left with saying this is all symbolic. That two witnesses represent two concepts such as the Old and New Testaments, Grace and Faith, Trust and Obedience, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, etc. They say that the rain that is withheld refers to a drought of spiritual rain such as during the 1260 years of papal supremacy and the dark ages when there was a famine for hearing the word of the Lord. While there are definitely several prophecies pertaining to the 1260 years of the dark ages and papal supremacy (which I will cover in the next section), do we have to apply every 1260-day prophecy to the same duration on earth’s timeline? When 40 days are mentioned in the Bible, do we apply those 40 days to the exact same sequence of 40 literal days? I think that would be an artificial and unreasonable restriction.

I believe it is doing offense to the greatness of the Lord to not take this prophecy of the two witnesses as literal. Let’s continue looking at more bible verses conveying a literal time period or moment in time.

Revelation 20:2-6 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years**, And cast him into the bottomless

pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a **thousand years**.

The following time prophecies are indeterminate (i.e. no specified duration) yet have a distinctive ending at an event or condition.

1 Kings 17:14-15 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, **until the day** that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, **did eat many days**.

1 Kings 21:29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in **his days**: but in **his son's days** will I bring the evil upon his house. [While not a specific time duration, this prophecy was more of a duration based upon an event, Ahab's death]

Revelation 11:18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, **And the time of the dead, that they should be judged**, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that **he has a short time**.”

Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, **for the time has come** for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

Revelation 17:10 There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must **continue a short time**.

Revelation 22:6 Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which **must shortly take place**.

Revelation 22:10 And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for **the time is at hand**.

## Symbolic prophecies requiring symbolic time decoding including day for year

In primarily symbolic dreams, the subject (generally a noun) is a symbol representing something else. These could be horns representing kings and kingdoms, a woman representing a religion, a beast representing either a political power or a religio-political power, a dragon representing Satan, etc. In nearly all symbolic dreams in the Bible, someone gives an explanation of the symbols. For example, in Revelation 17, the angel asks John why he is so astonished and then says he will explain the symbols. In Daniel with the visions of the 4 beasts, an angel explains the symbols. With Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph explains the symbols. Rather than quoting the exact Scriptures for each passage, I will summarize them in the interest of time.

Genesis 40 Two of Pharaoh's servants had dreams that Joseph interpreted. Time was symbolized by a quantity (i.e. three branches and three baskets, both **representing three days**).

Genesis 41:1 Pharaoh's two dreams of the ears of corn and the cows, where the seven cows of lean and plump nature and the seven ears of lean and plump corn **represented seven years of plenty and seven years of famine**. Joseph interpreted these dreams for Pharaoh in which time was represented by a quantity of an item.

Ezekiel 4 Ezekiel is instructed to build a model (a symbol) of the city of Jerusalem upon a clay tile. Then to symbolically lay siege to it with a model fort, an enemy camp and battering rams. While one arm is free to "symbolically attack the model", he is lay on his left side for 390 days (bearing the iniquity of the house of Israel) and then continuing by laying on his right side another 40 days (bearing the iniquity of the house of Judah). Each **day of this symbolic siege was to represent a year**. (v 6 "I have appointed thee each day for a year.") These days were to represent the years that the Israelites and Judah neglected to keep the commandments of the LORD especially with regards to the Sabbatical year rests. At the end of the siege, Ezekiel's hair, which by then had grown long was to be shaved off and split into portions, some of which were to be burned, some smitten with the knife, some scattered to the wind, and some chased with the sword. These were to be symbols of what the LORD was going to do to Israel and Judah.

Most of the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar and visions of Daniel were symbolic in nature. In Daniel 2, Daniel explains the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, but the time prophecy is indeterminate

Daniel 2:44 And **in the days of these kings** shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

In Daniel 4, Daniel explains the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar but in this case, the time prophecy is determinate, i.e. has a specified duration, i.e. seven times or seven years. While the vision is in symbols, the interpretation of the seven times or years is literal.

<sup>13</sup> I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; ... : <sup>16</sup> Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let **seven times** pass over him.

<sup>24</sup> This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: <sup>25</sup> That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and **seven times** shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. [**Fulfilled:**] <sup>34</sup> And **at the end of the days** I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, ...

In Daniel 7, Daniel is shown a vision of four great beasts coming out of the sea, different from one another. He needs an explanation. "I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things." Although no time prophecy is given in the chapter, it sets the stage for the symbolic dream to follow two years later as recorded in the next chapter.

Daniel 7:24-25 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**.

The time, times and dividing of time (or half a time) is three and a half years or 1260 days. But note that this prophecy uses symbols, four beasts, a great and terrible beast, ten horns, a little horn that uprooted three horns, a horn that spoke. An angel interprets the dream. Therefore, we **MUST** use the day-for-a-year principle and those 1260 days are 1260 years. While beyond the scope of this document, these 1260 years extended from 538 A.D. until 1798 A.D. and constitute 1260 years of papal supremacy during which time the papacy sought to change times and laws. These ended with the capture of the Pope by Napoleon's General Berthier in 1798 during the French Revolution.

In Daniel 8, Daniel is shown a vision of a powerful ram that was then smitten by a male goat with a notable horn. That horn was broken off and four other horns grew out. Out of one of those, another grew and waxed great and took away the daily sacrifice (verses 9-12).

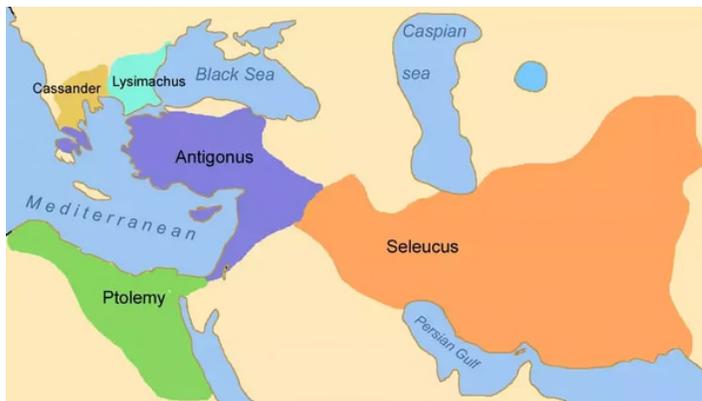
<sup>10</sup> And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. <sup>11</sup> Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and **by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down**. <sup>12</sup> And an host was given him against the **daily sacrifice** by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice**, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? <sup>14</sup> And he said unto me, Unto **two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and **sought for the meaning**, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. <sup>16</sup> And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, **make this man to understand the vision**.

Gabriel then explains the vision

<sup>23</sup> And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king** of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences [occultic incantations/sorcery?], shall stand up. <sup>24</sup> And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power [under Satan's power?]: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. <sup>25</sup> And through his policy also he shall cause [witch]craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. <sup>26</sup> And **the vision of the evening and the morning** which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

Since this vision is in symbols and explained by the angel, and if we apply the established rules of interpretation, then we must take it as a primarily symbolic vision and apply the day-for-a-year principle. Therefore the 2300 days are 2300 years. In this case, the angel does not define the beginning point of the 2300 years but does imply that it takes place “in the latter time of their kingdom,” meaning the four kingdoms that rose out of the Alexander the Great's Empire. His empire was divided between four of his generals: Cassander, Ptolemy, Antigonus, and Seleucus. I will revisit this prophecy after the next one, looking at some other possibilities.



This may help us interpret the 2300 days of Daniel 8 as well. Note that Gabriel was selective in his choice of words. In Daniel 8:21, Gabriel states that the male goat represents **the king** (singular) of Grecia and the first horn is **the first king** (i.e. the goat and the first horn are symbols for the same king).

<sup>21</sup> And the rough goat is **the king of Grecia**: and the great horn that is between his eyes is **the first king**. <sup>22</sup> Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, **four kingdoms** shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. <sup>23</sup> And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king** of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

Then **four kingdoms** (plural) shall come out of the first king. A **kingdom** implies a line or sequence of kings. Then in the latter part of their kingdoms, shall come **another king** (singular).

So are the 2300 days that happen during this king's reign literal days or symbolic days?

One could interpret them as 2300 years, or as Gabriel specified, as 2300 evenings and mornings (literal days). For a king to live for 2300 years is not reasonable, but an event during a king's lifetime could easily be fulfilled in 2300 days or 6.3 years.

If we were to allow the possibility of a literal time-prophecy, then the following quotation could a possible fulfillment which was significant enough that it resulted in the celebration of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, in which they celebrate the cleansing of the temple. Here is the story about what caused it to become defiled.

'And the king [Antiochus IV Epiphanes] sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, to forbid burnt offerings, and sacrifices and drink offering in the sanctuary, to profane Sabbaths and feasts, to defile the sanctuary and the priests, to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances. "And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die.

". . . Now on the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege upon the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding cities of Judah, and burned incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. The books of the law which they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Where the book of the covenant was found in the possession of any one, or if any one adhered to the law, the decree of the king condemned him to death. They kept using violence against Israel, against those found month after month in the cities. And on the twenty-fifth day of the month they offered sacrifice [probably of swine] on the altar which was upon the altar of burnt offering.

"According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised, and their families and those who circumcised them; and they hung the infants from their mother's necks. But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food. They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant; and they did die. And very great wrath came upon Israel.' 1 Maccabees 1:41-50, 54-64.

The temple was cleansed years after its desecration, and we have the date for that, so going back 2300 days might reveal the commencement of the temple's desecration.

However, given the symbolic nature of the original vision, each symbol representing something, a king or kingdom, it would be more prudent to use the day-for-a-year interpretive rule. The following prophecy and interpretation may allow us to establish a date for the beginning of the 2300 years.

In Daniel 9, we find Daniel petitioning God for his people as they were drawing close to the end of the 70 years prophesied by Jeremiah. Then Daniel has another vision that is recorded. It appears to be a continuation of the prior vision.

<sup>24</sup> **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

<sup>26</sup> And **after threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many **for one week**: and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Are the seventy weeks, seventy weeks of **days** or seventy weeks of **years**? In *the Book of the Law and the Testimony* (also known as *Jubilees*), when the angel of the LORD discusses dates from the Creation of the World, the date or time is usually given in jubilees, weeks of years, years, months and days. A week of years is seven years, and a jubilee is seven weeks of years. Thus Daniel would have understood Gabriel to be referring to **weeks of years** or **seven-year cycles**. The seventy weeks Daniel would recognize to be **70 x 7 years, 490 years or ten jubilees**. Using “symbolic time” interpretation, this would have been equivalent to a “day-for-a-year”, i.e. a day in symbolic prophecy equals a year in actual time, but he would not have needed to make this association, since this time terminology was already defined by God in another common sacred book.

Given that this is a continuation of the vision in the prior chapters, we have two options to interpret the time passage, both leading to the same conclusions, and further backed up by their fulfillments. The first is that given that the earlier vision of which this appears to be a continuation of, was a symbolic vision, i.e. the symbols of a ram, male goat, horns, little horn, etc. represented kings and nations. Thus the weeks taken at face value as stated are seven days which using the day-for-a-year principal represents seven years. The second way to interpret the passage is that the angel is using the common way of giving of dates in **weeks of years** or **jubilees** (seven times seven years) as found throughout the book of the Law and the Testimony. In those, the word “week” refers to a week of years or seven years. Either way, we can reasonably conclude that God had determined, is going to grant, seventy weeks of years, 490 years or ten jubilee cycles for Daniel’s people. This duration begins with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem, which history teaches us was in 457 BC.

The Messiah, the promised One who was coming to redeem the world, who would “lie in the darkness of the grave in order to save you”<sup>14</sup> would come after a week and sixty-two weeks. This totals sixty-nine weeks of years or 483 years from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. Jesus began His ministry right on time in 27 AD. Then in the middle of the week of years (i.e. 31 A.D.), the Messiah would be cut off, slain, killed, but not for Himself (Daniel 9:26). Jesus Christ came to die for our sins, to be our Passover Lamb, our Redeemer, our Saviour.

Christ came right on time. Christ died right on time. And based upon much research, evidence found, and supernatural signs provided by the Almighty, I am confident that Jesus will come back to this earth right on time! I will provide those details in another lengthy paper!

Rather than just saying sixty-nine weeks of years, the angel split the duration into seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. What happened at the end of the first seven weeks of years or first jubilee cycle? “...the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” The streets and walls of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25) were reconstructed in 408 BC at the end of the first jubilee after the command went forth.

The end of the seventy weeks or ten jubilee cycles for Daniel’s people was in 34 AD. Then the gospel went to the Gentiles after what was believed to be the date of the stoning of Stephen, the deacon as recorded in Acts 6-7.

In Revelation, we find another time prophecy in the vision of the woman and the dragon

Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he

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<sup>14</sup> [http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/First\\_Book\\_of\\_Adam\\_and\\_Eve.pdf](http://www.bibleplus.org/endoftime/First_Book_of_Adam_and_Eve.pdf). See 14:2-4 Again said God to Adam, "All this misery that you have been made to take on yourself because of your transgression, will not free you from the hand of Satan, and will not save you. But I will. When I shall come down from heaven, and shall become flesh of your descendants, and take on Myself the infirmity from which you suffer, then the darkness that covered you in this cave shall cover Me in the grave, when I am in the flesh of your descendants.

might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Again, applying the interpretive rules, the subjects are symbols representing something else. The woman represents the Church of Jesus and dragon represents Satan, “that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world” Rev. 12:8. The woman bears a male Child who is caught up to heaven (who we recognize as Jesus), Satan is cast to the earth, the church flees from Satan into the wilderness where she is fed/nourished/kept alive for 1260 days. Given that this is a symbolic vision, we have to use the day-for-a-year principle in the 1260 days are 1260 years. The woman, the pure church of Jesus Christ, was attacked by Satan and his representatives. She was hidden from them in the wilderness for 1260 years. Again beyond the scope of this document, this represented the time period from 538-1798 A.D. when the papacy pursued God’s true church but it was preserved in the wilderness. This is reinforced by the defining characteristics as found in Revelation 13 and the characteristics of the first beast that rose up out of the sea.

Revelation 13:1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having **seven heads and ten horns**, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> Now the beast which I saw was like a **leopard**, his feet were like the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth like the **mouth of a lion**. The **dragon** gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. <sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his **deadly wound** was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

<sup>5</sup> And he was given a **mouth speaking great things and blasphemies**, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two months**. <sup>6</sup> Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. <sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Notice that this beast has some characteristics from each of the prophetic animals that preceded it as given in Daniel 7 (lion, leopard, bear). It is an amalgamation of those nations and empires. In Revelation 12, we see Satan is represented by 7 heads and 10 horns. If one visits Buddhist temples in the Far East, one can see statues and artwork of dragons having 7 heads and 10 horns.

Think of Satan as being the hand that fits within various gloves and powers them. In both Revelation 13 and 17, we see gloves or beasts which also have 7 heads and 10 horns to which Satan gives his power. This beast is a symbol representing something. What is that something?

Like the little horn power of Daniel 7:8, 24-25, this power speaks against God and his people, taking the prerogatives of God that are God's alone. It seeks to change times and laws. It has a deadly wound that is eventually healed. It is allowed to reign unchecked, in prophetic time for 42 months, which is 1260 days or 3½ years. He is given power to make war with the Saints and overcome them. Authority is given to him by the Dragon and the world bows down before it in its authority and by doing so worships Satan, the dragon, who gave it that authority. But given that this is a primarily symbolic vision, we know that the 1260 days/42 months/3 and half years constitute 1260 years in Earth's timeline.

I could spend much time in providing evidence, but other authors have done a good job on various articles and videos on the Internet so I will just say that this particular beast represents the papacy and papal powers as representing Satan, the sun god, the Queen of heaven and the Star (Tammuz) which constitute Babylonian mystery religion as shared in Revelation 17. I will not cover the ins and outs of that here but have other papers and articles on that subject if one wants to study those. As the Catholic Church is stated, worship on Sunday is a mark of their authority as there is no scriptural evidence or authority for that change.

The final test that will come upon the world will be whether one worships on Sunday, the day of the sun, or worships on the seventh-day Sabbath which extends from the evening of Friday to Saturday evening.

I believe that this covers most of the essential time prophecies of the Bible though there still may be less apparent ones that I will have to research and add overtime.

But my hope and trust is that by seeing the various types of prophecies in the Scriptures, you will understand how to interpret them and apply common sense rules of interpretation so that we do not distort the word of God. The word of God is given to us by the messengers and profits the Almighty has sent are far too precious to distort. They are written for our admonition and benefit and so that we may know God and trust him, that he controls the future.

Keep your eyes on Jesus and your focus on him as we enter this trying time and nurse history.

Say with me the following 3 phrases:

I need Jesus

You need Jesus

We ALL need Jesus

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## Interesting time items

Genesis 50:3 Jacob was embalmed 40 days and the mourning in Egypt took 70 days, then another 7 in the land of Canaan.

Exodus 7:25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had smitten the river.

Psalm 90:4 For a **thousand years** in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years** as one day.

Isaiah 20:3 And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot **three years** for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

Acts 13:20 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of **four hundred and fifty years**, until Samuel the prophet.