The Big Picture

Introduction:

Many are wondering about this worldwide Covid 19 crisis, asking "What's going on here?" Various news sources contradict each other. Where can we go to find truthful answers?

Are these judgments visited on the earth by an angry God? Is He directly responsible for the earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, famines and now this pestilence? Am I responsible for the death of my dear daughter because I gave her liberty to drive, though she often disregarded my many hours of safe driving instructions? One of her boyfriends thought so, going so far as to murder and rob the owner of a shooting range in order to secure weapons to murder me. When, if ever, does extending liberty make the giver of it responsible for its misuse?

Having long-studied the Bible prophecies, I have come to understand God's involvement in the judgments that fall on those who reject His love and guidance in a totally different way than what I was taught and believed most of my life. I once regarded them with a sense of doom and gloom but now see them as a revelation of a loving Father who is doing all He can to protect His children from natural consequences that will inevitably come when we reject His council.

The prophecies portray the rebellion of God's beloved children, the human family, and how He continually offers to guide us toward wise choices thus protecting us from reaping the consequences of self trust. They reveal the foundation of God's government, based on laws of love. And as we shall see, the foundation of that love is liberty—free will. Are you feeling as though your liberty is being taken away? Who is to blame, a God who extends liberty through choice, or an enemy of liberty who presumably "in our best interest" seizes strict control of our choices, an enemy whose governing principles of self exaltation and force overrule God's underlying principle of liberty.

I hope through this study on "The Big Picture" as well as the studies found on this website, you will begin to see God in a totally different light and see rebellion as it truly is—a self destroying nature.

As we begin to look at the beautiful revelation of God's governing principles of humility, love and liberty, we will explore just how God deals with the rebellion of His creation. We will discover His long suffering and continual attempts to instill in His children those same principles of interaction, setting them on the only course that can lead to eternal life.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

How would you like to try to put together a million piece jigsaw puzzle without seeing the picture on the box lid? Well, how would you like trying to understand Daniel and Revelation without seeing "The Big Picture." The purpose of this study is to look at the big picture which will greatly enable us to put the many pieces together revealing the character of God and His continual work to save us from the abomination that brings desolation—exaltation of self.

We'll begin by looking at the first prophecy introducing the plan of salvation.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.

This verse reveals the great controversy between Christ and Satan the serpent. But it also reveals the conflict between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. There are four elements found in this prophetic verse.

- 1. Enmity
- 2. Serpent or Satan
- 3. Woman
- 4. Seed

Revelation reveals the final battle in this great conflict.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon [that old serpent called the devil and Satan, Revelation 12:9] was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We find the same four elements in Revelation 12:17 as in Genesis 3:15.

- 1. Enmity or wrath
- 2. Dragon or Satan
- 3. Woman
- 4. Seed

Even though the whole Bible chronicles events in this great controversy between Christ and His seed and Satan and his seed, Daniel and Revelation focus on the final battles in this conflict. It is present truth for us as we are experiencing the final moments in earth's history, and we must understand for our own sakes as well as be able to present the saving truth to others.

Daniel and Revelation emphasize two major time prophecies, the 1260 years leading up to 1798, and the 2300 years leading up to 1844. Why the **emphasis**? Because they both reveal the final battle between Christ and Satan. The 1260 years reveal the rebellion of antichrist (which initially began in heaven), and the judgment which began in 1844 reveals how God deals with the rebellion. Simply put, the rebellion of the antichrist reveals how Satan would rule the universe if given the chance and the judgment reveals how God rules the universe. In the coming mark of the beast crisis all will be sealed with the character which is humility, love and liberty or the character of antichrist—self exaltation and force.

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted

One might question the importance for all who would give the third angel's message, of understanding the big picture of Daniel and Revelation, much less gain a deeper understanding that might equip us to exalt and defend the character of God against antichrist as the papacy ascends to a level of world admiration that causes all the world to "wonder after the beast." Apparently God thinks it's important to the final generation, given the intense emphasis in Daniel as well as in Revelation on the period spanning from the fourth

kingdom through God's everlasting kingdom. Just as Satan manifests his rebellion through his seed, that is those who adopt his principles of self exalting force, so does God manifest His character through His seed, that is those who adopt His principles of humility, love and liberty

Daniel structures his book by repeating and enlarging on events in succeeding visions.

I would like us to focus on five aspects of the big picture in Daniel as listed below. There is a difference between the sequence of events in their order and the repeating pattern of emphasis on the fourth beast, the judgment and the setting up of God's kingdom. Obviously there can only be one last kingdom which will be destroyed just before the everlasting kingdom, so if it is Rome in any of the visions it must be Rome in all of the visions!

- 1. All the visions repeat the same sequence of kingdoms and events in full or in part.
- 2. The pattern of emphasis from vision to vision is repeatedly on the fourth beast and the judgment.
- 3. Rome has four **phases** with the last phase continuing till the judgment and setting up of the everlasting kingdom.
- The four phases of Rome are described by two symbols in Daniel 2, three symbols in Daniel 7, and one symbol in Daniel 8 and 11.
- 5. Rome is always the last kingdom

Daniel means: God is judge. In Daniel we find judgment on individuals, on nations, on churches, and finally on the whole world. When we look at Revelation we find that not only does God judge, but God is judged. What is God judged for? God is judged for His judgment of all, the righteous and the wicked. When all in His universe are convinced of His righteous judgment, then every knee will bow and every tongue confess, true and righteous are thy judgments for all thy judgments have been made manifest. (Philippians 2:10, 11; Revelation 15:4)

Daniel Chapter Two

Daniel chapter two gives us the first vision which encompasses events extending from the kingdom of Babylon to the everlasting kingdom of God. We will discover that all the events found in the subsequent visions of Daniel 7, 8, and 10-12 as well as in Revelation's visions occur between the kingdom of Babylon and the everlasting kingdom.

Sequence of Kingdoms and Events in Daniel 2:

- 1. Head of gold = first kingdom of Babylon identified in Daniel 2:37, 38
- 2. Breast and arms of silver = second kingdom identified as Medo Persia in Daniel 5:26-28; 8:20.
- 3. Belly and thighs of brass = third kingdom identified as Greece in Daniel 8:21.
- 4. Legs of iron = fourth kingdom also known as Rome in Daniel 7:7 and in Revelation 12:1-4
- 5. The feet and toes of iron and clay equal to the little horn of Daniel 7 and 8
- 6. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands represents the judgment.
- 7. The stone becomes a great mountain and fills the earth represents the everlasting kingdom of God set up on this earth.

Pattern of Emphasis:

Daniel 2 sets the **pattern** emphasizing the **fourth kingdom** of Rome, the **judgment**, and the **everlasting kingdom**. The first three kingdoms of Babylon, Medo Persia and Greece are covered in three verses and the rest of the chapter focuses on the fourth kingdom of Rome, the judgment, and the everlasting kingdom.

The Phases and Symbols of Rome:

It appears that there are only two **phases** of Rome symbolized in Daniel two.

- 1. Iron only (state)
- 2. Iron & clay (state and church)

Rome the Last Kingdom:

Daniel 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. 35) Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

However, there are actually four phases of Rome that *obviously* must occur before the everlasting kingdom is set up on this earth, as we shall discover when examining Daniel 7.

Daniel Chapter Seven

Sequence of Kingdoms & Events:

Daniel 7 covers the exact same **sequence** of events found in Daniel 2 except that it adds two more phases of the fourth kingdom of Rome, that is divided Rome and the final phase which shall occur after the wound is healed.

- 1. Lion = first kingdom of Babylon
- 2. Bear = second kingdom of Medo Persia
- 3. Leopard = third kingdom of Greece
- 4. Dragon like creature = the fourth kingdom of Rome in its pagan phase (statecraft)
- 5. Ten horns on the Dragon = the fourth kingdom in its second phase which is the Roman Empire divided into ten kingdoms
- 6. Little horn on the Dragon = the fourth kingdom of Rome in its 3rd phase, which is Rome during the 1260 years of papal reign (Daniel 7:25) (state and church)
- 7. Judgment of 1844 (Daniel 7:9, 10) which follows the 1260 year reign ending in 1798 (Daniel 7:25)
- 8. God's everlasting kingdom set up and given to the saints (Daniel 7:18, 22, 27)

Pattern of Emphasis:

Again we see the **pattern** of **emphasis** in Daniel 7. The first three kingdoms are described in just three verses ending in Daniel 7:6 and the rest of the chapter is dedicated to the **fourth beast**, the **judgment** and **God's everlasting kingdom**.

The **sequence** of the **fourth beast**, the **judgment** and the **everlasting kingdom** is not just found once, but **three times** in this vision, obviously emphasizing! What is described to us is the rebellion of the fourth beast and God's answer to that rebellion found in His way, the sanctuary, especially the judgment, followed by the promise that this rebellion will not last forever. The **sequence** of events found in Daniel 7 **three** times are as follows:

The fourth beast (Daniel 7:7, 8; 19-21; 23-25)

The judgment (Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14, 22, 26)

The everlasting kingdom (Daniel 7:14, 22, 27)

In Daniel 7:19-22, Daniel seeks understanding of the fourth beast about which he is grieved and troubled (Daniel 7:15). As the chapter ends Daniel remains troubled (Daniel 7:28), more evidence on the emphasis.

The Phases of Rome:

At first glance it appears as if there are only three **phases** of Rome — pagan Rome, divided Rome and papal Rome. However, there are two phases of pagan Rome (pagan and divided) and two phases of papal Rome—the 1260 year reign of papal Rome ending with the wound in 1798, and the re-emergence of papal power after the healing of the wound. These constitute the third and fourth phases of Rome.

Notice these third and fourth phases in Daniel 7:

Daniel 7:25 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 1260 year reign of papal Rome ending with the wound in 1798]

The judgment of 1844 follows the 1260 year reign.

26) But the judgment shall sit, [1844] ...

Notice that after the judgment in 1844, the wound is healed and papal Rome reigns again until his dominion is finally taken away at the end of this world.

.... and they shall take away his dominion to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

The Symbols:

The second vision is found in Daniel 7 and describes the fourth kingdom of Rome in three symbols instead of two as found in Daniel 2.

- 1. Dragon-like beast = pagan Roman Empire
- 2. Ten horns on the beast = divided Rome
- 3. Little horn on the beast = papal Rome

The Last Kingdom:

Daniel 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

So we see Daniel 7 has two **phases** of pagan Rome and two **phases** of papal Rome. What is the last kingdom represented before God's everlasting kingdom? Papal Rome in its final phase. How many last kingdoms can you have? The answer to that question will guide us in determining the last kingdom of Daniel 11, and the three woes of Revelation!

Daniel Chapter Eight

Character of Christ Perfectly Reproduced:

""When the fruit is brought forth, immediately He putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.' Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." COL 69.1

Daniel & Revelation Reveal the Character We Must Have:

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart." TM 114.3 The Visions by the Ulai & Hiddekel Rivers:

"The light that Daniel received direct from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon have come to pass." (Letter 57, 1896). {4BC 1166.5}

The Sequence of Kingdoms or Events:

The third vision, Daniel 8, **sequences** the same kingdoms and events as Daniel 2 and 7, excluding the first kingdom, Babylon, and the last, the everlasting kingdom.

- 1. The ram = Medo Persia (Daniel 8:20)
- 2. The he goat = Greece (Daniel 8:21)
- 3. The little horn = papal Rome?
- 4. The judgment also known as the cleansing of the sanctuary

Who does the little horn represent? Citing Daniel 8:8, 9 which appears to break the sequence of the other two visions, Protestant proponents of Preterism (pointing to Antiochus Epiphanes) as well as Catholic defenders of the papacy confidently argue that because the little horn comes out of Greece not Rome, it cannot be referring to the papacy. If you would like to withstand that argument read at propheciesoflove.com "The Little Horn of Daniel Eight."

Notice that in Daniel 8 the little horn is the last kingdom that will be destroyed without hand, a reference to the stone cut out without hand which ideologically destroys not only the self-exalting principles of Rome but all of the rebellious kingdoms in Daniel 2 by the demonstration of God's kingdom principles displayed by His remnant seed.

The Emphasis in Daniel 8 is on the Fourth Kingdom:

Just as we have seen a consistency of the **sequence** of kingdoms and events in all three visions, we also see a consistency in the **pattern** of **emphasizing** the **fourth kingdom** and the **judgment**. In Daniel 8 only six verses cover the second and third kingdoms and the remaining verses again focus on the fourth kingdom and the judgment which follows. We don't reach the everlasting kingdom until Daniel 12:3. Daniel 9 focuses on the judgment by giving us the starting date of the 2300 years leading up to the judgment, and chapters 10-11 repeat the same sequence of kingdoms and events found in Daniel 8 simply enlarging upon them. If the **emphases** in Daniel 2, 7, 8 and 11 are on the **fourth kingdom** and the **judgment**, on what do you think the **emphasis** of Daniel 12 will be?

The Emphasis in Daniel 8 is also on the Judgment:

Not only is the emphasis on the fourth kingdom but also on the judgment and here are some reasons why we can conclude that. Daniel 8 differs from the other three visions in that this is the **only** vision that does not start with a symbol representing the kingdom in which Daniel was then living, specifically, it is the third year of the reign of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, yet the first kingdom symbolized is Medo Persia (Daniel 8:3, 4; 20). Does Medo Persia have anything to do with the judgment or the cleansing of the sanctuary after the 2300 years?

The six reasons why we can know Daniel 8 emphasizes the judgment are as follows:

- 1. The fact that the vision starts with Medo Persia during which the decree was given that gave the starting date of the judgment at the end of the 2300 days
- 2. The number of verses dedicated to the cleansing of the sanctuary (Daniel 8:11-14, 26)
- 3. The fact that only two animals were used as symbols to represent the kingdoms, and not three, thus emphasizing the two animals used in the daily ministration and the yearly, or the day of judgment, those being the ram used in the daily and the he goat in the yearly
- 4. The fact that Christ Himself appeared to Daniel
- 5. The fact that Christ Himself answered (Daniel 8:14) part of the two fold question asked in Daniel 8:13 regarding the treading down of the sanctuary
- 6. The fact that Christ instructed Gabriel to make Daniel understand the vision dealing with the cleansing of the sanctuary (Daniel 8:16)

Daniel 8:9 describes the military conquests of pagan Rome just as the directions of the compass in the vision of the ram and he goat represented their military conquests. Then we find in verse 10 that Rome's attention is turned upward against the host, against the stars of heaven which is interpreted as the "mighty and holy people" in verse 24. Pagan Rome has now become the self exalting, forceful, persecuting papal Rome represented in Daniel 2 as iron and clay, and as the little horn in Daniel 7:21, 25. We find that the little horn is destroyed in Daniel 7:11, 26. Similarly, Daniel 8:25 also speaks of its destruction. Thus in all three visions, Daniel 2, 7, and 8, Rome is the last kingdom which is destroyed after its final phase. Therefore in Daniel 11 which is a further interpretation of Daniel 8, the last kingdom must be Rome.

What kingdom had been reigning before the judgment began in 1844? — the little horn during the 1260 years. (Daniel 7:25), Even though only **one** symbol is given for Rome, it must include all phases as it begins with pagan Rome (Daniel 8:9) and ends with the final destruction of papal Rome in Daniel 8:25.

Daniel 8's little horn comes against the Prince of the host identified as the Prince of Princes in Daniel 8:25. It also comes against the daily as well as the place of His sanctuary and casts down the truth. In other words, the little horn comes against the truth of the sanctuary, specifically the daily ministration of the Prince.

The two-fold question is asked in Daniel 8:13, How long ... to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

Christ answers the question regarding the treading down of the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14.

Gabriel answers the question regarding the treading down of the host in Daniel 8:17, 19.

The question, "How long?" Refers to the time of the end of the treading down of the sanctuary and the host. The answers involve the two time periods, the 1260 years ending in 1798 and the 2300 years ending in 1844. Notice the **emphasis** on the two time periods as this will be repeated later in Daniel as well as in Revelation.

Question: What sanctuary is referred to in the vision of Daniel 8:10-12? We can know of a surety by using a little logic. If the question in verse 13 about the sanctuary refers to the vision about the sanctuary in verses 10-12, it logically must be the same sanctuary. And if the answer found in verse 14 refers to the heavenly sanctuary, then the sanctuary about which the question was asked must also be the same heavenly sanctuary. Thus all three references to the sanctuary must be identifying the heavenly! In fact, there was no earthly sanctuary just before 1844!

So where else do we find the question, "How long till the end?"

Daniel 12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

I submit that the question in Daniel 12 is the same question in Daniel 8, and that the answers to the two-fold question are the same in both chapters. Notice that the question is not "When shall these wonders start?" But when shall they end! Again in the epilogue of Daniel the emphasis is on the very same time periods of the 1260 and the 2300 years, the rebellion of the antichrist and how God deals with the rebellion as revealed in the sanctuary. I remember a verse in Psalms that says it all.

Psalm 73:12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.... 16) When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17) Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

All three time periods of Daniel 12 end either in 1798 or 1843/ 1844. Daniel 12:7, 11 end in 1798, and Daniel 12:12 ends in 1843/ 1844. More on this later in this study.

There is yet another verse that asks the question, "How long?"

Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Do you think this has anything to do with the previous passages dealing with "How long?" The answer to this question involves the 1260 year reign and the judgment which began after the 2300 years in 1844.. Revelation 6:9 appears after the fourth seal where we find the persecution of the saints during the 1260 years of papal persecution by the church of Thyatira, the third phase of Rome. All three passages (Daniel 8:13; Daniel 12:6; Revelation 6:9) represent the same time periods, the emphasis of Daniel as well as Revelation. Why? Because they show the principles by which both Christ and antichrist rule. And why is this so important? Because we will be sealed forever with either the character of Christ, humility, love and liberty or the character of antichrist, self exaltation and force.

Regarding the **pattern** of emphasis found in the other two visions, Daniel 8:3-8 briefly covers the second and third kingdoms while Daniel 8:9-27 **emphasizes** the **fourth kingdom** and the **judgment**.

Daniel 8 has only one symbol representing all four phases of Rome:

In order to help us discover the identity of the little horn, let us remember what we learned in Daniel 2 and in Daniel 7. In Daniel 2 **two** symbols represent all four **phases** of Rome. In Daniel 7 **three** symbols represent all four **phases** of Rome. Hermeneutically we should have no trouble accepting the idea that **one** symbol can also represent all four **phases**. In fact, Daniel 11 also uses only one symbol to represent all **phases of Rome**. There is no vision in Daniel 11, it is a further interpretation of Daniel 8.

Rome is the Last Kingdom:

Daniel 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause 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.

Daniel Chapters 10 and 11

Daniel receives a vision of Christ (Daniel 10:5, 6), which matches the description of Christ in Revelation chapter one. Again we find Christ personally coming to Daniel indicating the importance of what is going to be revealed to Daniel in chapter 11.

Daniel 11 does not differ than the previous visions in that the majority of the interpretation given by Gabriel (Daniel 10:14), **emphasizes** the **fourth kingdom** in all four phases and the **sanctuary**. The prophetic periods of the 1260 and 2300 years associated with the little horn and the judgment are not referred to directly, but obviously must occur between pagan Rome starting in Daniel 11:16 and the final phase of Rome in Daniel 11:45. As I stated before, the everlasting kingdom is found in Daniel 12:3 followed by the epilogue in Daniel 12:4-13, which also **emphasizes** the **1260** and the **2300 years**.

From Daniel 11:16 through Daniel 11:45 we find the three phases of Rome, 1) pagan, 2) papal Rome before the wound, and 3) papal Rome after the healing of the wound. We also find the same language of Daniel 8 regarding the coming against the sanctuary and the daily. In both chapters, 8 and 11 we find the terms transgression or abomination of desolation. Please see the studies on the three Abominations of Desolations on the website <u>propheciesoflove.com</u>.

Daniel 11 is a further interpretation of the vision of Daniel 8. The same terms found in Daniel 8 regarding the end of the treading down of the host are also found in Daniel 11.

The time of the end (Daniel 8:17; 11:35)

The time appointed (Daniel 8:19; 11:35)

The end of the indignation or persecution (Daniel 8:19; 11:36)

There is also another correlation found Daniel 8 and 11. In Daniel 8:12 an **host** is given to the little horn against the daily by reason of transgression. In Daniel 11:30, 31 we find a coming against the holy covenant and **arms** are given the king of the north, (the same entity as the little horn of Daniel 7 and 8) to come against the sanctuary of strength and the daily. Clearly we can conclude these two passages are describing the same event.

The other correlations that can be seen between Daniel 8 and 11 are:sThe persecution of the saints (Daniel 8:10, 19, 24; 11:33, 35, 36.)

The self exalting nature of the antichrist (Daniel 8:11, 25: 11:36, 37)

The prospering of the antichrist (Daniel 8:24; 11:36)

Daniel 11 follows the same sequence of kingdoms and events as does the previous vision of Daniel 8, with the emphasis on the fourth kingdom.

Daniel Chapter 12

We will find that the **sequence** of events does not change in Daniel 12. First we have the **1260** year reign of Rome and then the **judgment**. It is clear that the **emphasis** is still on the two prophetic time periods — the 1260 and the 2300 years.

As noted before, Christ has personally come to help answer the question by Daniel, "How long till the end of these wonders?" Effectively asking "How long till the persecution of the saints end, and how long shall the antichrist be able to tread down the sanctuary truths revealing how God deals with the rebellious?"

In Daniel 12:7 Christ answers the question regarding the time period of the persecution of the holy people with the phrase "time, times and an half," using the almost identical term that was used in Daniel 7:25, "time, times, and the dividing of times."

And one [Daniel] said to the Man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? 7) And I heard the Man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when He held up His right hand and His left hand unto heaven, and sware by Him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when He shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. Daniel 12:6, 7

When Daniel seeks for more understanding, Christ tells him the words are closed up and sealed till the "time of the end," when the reign of papal Rome would end, for only then could the prophetic time be verified.

Christ continues His answer by revealing the length of the 1290 year time period from the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate (the papacy in 508) up to the deadly wound in 1798. The setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate was described in Daniel 8:12 when "an host was given him against the daily." Daniel 11:31 describes the same event in 508 as "and arms shall stand on his part" when Clovis gave the papacy military support in uprooting the first of the three horns (Daniel 7:8.)

Revelation also asks, "How long?"

How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? Revelation 6:10

And the answer is found in Daniel:

But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27) And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. Daniel 7:26, 27

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. Daniel 12:12

"Christ said, 'Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things

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which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them' [Matthew 13:16, 17]. Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were **seen in 1843 and 1844**." 21MR 437.2

"Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844. The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God's appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony." 2MR 20.1

In Revelation 10, Christ reveals the "end of these wonders" (Daniel 12:6) which would culminate in 1844. We find again the emphasis on the judgment in that Christ personally comes to John to declare the end of the prophetic time periods found in Daniel.

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire: 2) And He had in His hand a little book open: and He set his right foot upon the sea, and His left foot on the earth, ... 5) And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His hand to heaven, 6) And sware 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:

Notice the correlation between Daniel 12:4, 7, 9 and Revelation 10:1-6. In Daniel 12:4, 9 you have a closed book that will not be opened till the "time of the end" In Revelation 10:2 you have a book opened

In Daniel 12:7 you have Christ lifting up His hands to heaven and swearing by Him that liveth forever In Revelation 10:5, 6 you have Christ lifting up one hand to heaven and swearing by Him that liveth forever

In Daniel 12:6 you have a question, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" In Revelation 10:6 you have an answer, "that there should be time no longer."

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up His hand to heaven, and sware 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' (Revelation 10:5, 6). **This message announces the end of the prophetic periods.** The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844 was indeed bitter to those who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed." {2SM 108.1}

Here are a few quotes addressing the idea of the future application of these time periods found in Daniel 12.

"And many are doing the same thing today, in 1897, because they have not had experience in the testing messages comprehended in the first, second, and third angel's messages. There are those who are searching the Scriptures for proof that these messages are still in the future. They gather together the truthfulness of the messages, but they fail to give them their proper place in prophetic history. Therefore such are in danger of misleading the people in regard to locating the messages. They do not see and understand the time of the end, or when to locate the messages. The day of God is coming with stealthy tread, but the

supposed wise and great men are prating about 'higher education.' They know not the signs of Christ's coming, or of the end of the world."—Manuscript 136, 1897. Ev 613.1

"And has not this testimony been fulfilled in every particular? The First-day Adventists have set time after time, and notwithstanding the repeated failures, they have gathered courage to set new times. God has not led them in this. Many of them have rejected the true prophetic time, and ignored the fulfillment of prophecy, because the time passed in 1844, and did not bring the expected event. They rejected the truth, and the enemy has had power to bring strong delusions upon them that they should believe a lie. The great test on time was in 1843 and 1844; and all who have set time since then have been deceiving themselves and deceiving others." 1T 73.1

"Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in **relation to time.**" 7 BC p. 971

The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days." AA p. 585

Daniel 12:9 And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

"But since 1798 [the time of the end] the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the Judgment near." GC 356.2

"The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the Judgment. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal 'to the time of the end.' Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the Judgment be proclaimed, based on a fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, 'many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.'" [1 DAN. 12:4.] GC p. 356

"This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844." 7 BC p. 971

"The repeated efforts to find new dates for the beginning and close of the prophetic periods, and the unsound reasoning necessary to sustain these positions, not only lead minds away from the present truth, but throw contempt upon all efforts to explain the prophecies. The more frequently a definite time is set for the Second Advent, and the more widely it is taught, the better it suits the purposes of Satan. After the time has passed, he excites ridicule and contempt of its advocates, and thus casts reproach upon the great advent movement of 1843 and 1844." GC, p. 457

"Because the times repeatedly set have passed, the world is in a more decided state of unbelief than before in regard to the near advent of Christ. They look upon the failures of the time-setters with disgust, and because men have been so deceived, they turn from the truth substantiated by the Word of God that the end of all things is at hand." 4T, p. 307

"The Lord has shown me that the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children of the Lord, but it must not be hung on time. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time; but the third angel's message is stronger than time can be. I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation and needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness." EW, p. 75

"Some will take the truth applicable to their time, and place it in the future. Events in the train of prophecy that had their fulfillment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined.

"From the light that the Lord has been pleased to give me, you are in danger of doing the same work, presenting before others truths that have had their place and done their specific work for the time, in the history of the faith of the people of God. You recognize these facts in Bible history as true, but apply them to the future. They have their force still in their proper place, in the chain of events that have made us as a people what we are today, and as such they are to be presented to those who are in the darkness of error."

An Irrefutable Pattern That Unlocks Daniel & Revelation The Pattern in Daniel Two

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Legs of Iron	Daniel 2:33, 40	Pagan Rome
Iron & Clay	Daniel 2:33; 41-43	Papal Rome
Stone Hits the Image	Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45	Judgment
Stone Becomes a Mountain Filling the Whole Earth	Daniel 2:35, 44	God's Kingdom Set Up

The Pattern in Daniel Seven Found Three Times

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Dreadful & Terrible Beast With Ten Horns	Daniel 7:7	Pagan Rome
Little Horn Plucks Up 3 of the 10 Horns	Daniel 7:8	Papal Rome
Judgment Set, Books Opened	Daniel 7:9, 10	Judgment
Son of Man Receives His Kingdom	Daniel 7:14	God's Kingdom Set Up

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Fourth Beast With Iron Teeth & Brass Nails	Daniel 7:19	Pagan Rome
Little Horn With Eyes of a Man, A Mouth That Speaks Great Things & Makes War With the Saints	Daniel 7:20,21	Papal Rome
Judgment Given to the Saints	Daniel 7:22	Judgment
Saints Possess the Kingdom	Daniel 7:22	God's Kingdom set up

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Fourth Kingdom Devours the Whole Earth	Daniel 7:23	Pagan Rome
Little Horn Subdues 3 Kings, Wears Out the Saints, Thinks to Change Times & Laws	Daniel 7:24, 25	Papal Rome
Little Horns Dominion Taken Away & Consumed	Daniel 7:26	Judgment
Everlasting Kingdom Given to the Saints	Daniel 7:27	God's Kingdom set up

The Pattern in Daniel Eight Through Twelve

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Little Horn With Horizontal Movements	Daniel 8:9	Pagan Rome
Little Horn With Vertical Movements Treading Down the Truth of the Daily Ministration of Christ's Heavenly Sanctuary While at the Same Time Persecuting the Saints	Daniel 8:10-12	Papal Rome
How Long till the Sanctuary is Cleansed or Vindicated & the Saints Cease Being Persecuted?	Daniel 8:13 ,14, 19	Judgment
Time of Trouble, Saints Delivered & Shine as Stars	Daniel 12:1-3	God's Kingdom set up

Symbol	Text	Pattern
King of the North	Daniel 11:16-30	Pagan Rome
King of the North	Daniel 11:31-45	Papal Rome
King of the North Comes to His End	Daniel 11:45	Judgment
Michael Stands Up, Investigative Judgment Ends at Close of Probation, Michael Delivers His People	Daniel 12:1-3	God's Kingdom Set Up

Symbol	Text	Pattern
How Long Till the End of the Persecution of the Saints by the Little Horn/King of the North?	Daniel 12:6, 7	Papal Rome
How Long Till the Saints are Vindicated & the Little Horn/King of the North Judged?	Daniel 12:7, 12, 13	Judgment

The Pattern in Revelation's Seven Churches

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Ephesus	Revelation 2:1-7	Pagan Rome
Smyrna	Revelation 2:8-11	Pagan Rome
Pergamos	Revelation 2:12-17	Pagan Rome
Thyatira	Revelation 2:18-29	Papal Rome
Sardis	Revelation 3:1-6	Papal Rome
Philadelphia	Revelation 3:7-13	The Investigative Phase of the Judgment Begins
Laodicea	Revelation 3:14-22	"Judging of the People"

The Pattern in Revelation's Seven Seals

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Rider on White Horse Conquers	Revelation 6:1,2, 1st Seal	Pagan Rome
Rider on Red Horse Persecutes	Revelation 6:1,3, 4, 2nd Seal	Pagan Rome
Rider on Black Horse With a Pair of Balances	Revelation 6:5, 6, 3rd Seal	Pagan Rome
Rider With the Name of Death Given Power to Persecute	Revelation 6:7, 8, 4th Seal	Papal Rome
The Persecuted Cry Out "How Long Till the Persecutor is Judged?"	Revelation 6:9-11, 5th Seal	Papal Rome
Lisban Earthquake of 1755, Darkening of the Sun & Moon in 1780, & the Stars Falling in 1833	Revelation 6:12, 13, 6th Seal	Papal Rome
Heaven Departs at the Coming of Christ After the Wrath of the 7 Last Plagues Are Poured Out	Revelation 6:14-17, 6th Seal	The Executive Phase of the Judgment
Silence in Heaven for About 1/2 an Hour	Revelation 8:1, 7th Seal	God's Kingdom Set Up

The Pattern in Revelation's Seven Trumpets

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Earth Destroyed by Hail & Fire Mingled With Blood	Revelation 8:7, 1st Trumpet	Pagan Rome
The Sea, Creatures in the Sea & Ships Destroyed	Revelation 8:8, 9, 2nd Trumpet	Pagan Rome
A Star Falls Into the Fountains of Waters Making Them Bitter & Causing Men to Die	Revelation 8:10, 11, 3rd Trumpet	Pagan Rome
Third Part of the Sun, Moon & Stars Darkened	Revelation 8:12, 4th Trumpet	Papal Rome During 1260 Year Reign
A Fallen Star is Given a Key to the Bottomless Pit Causing Even More Darkness	Revelation 9:1-11, 5th Trumpet	Papal Rome Wounded
The Four Angels Bound in the Great River Euphrates are Loosed for a Time Slaying a Third Part of Men	Revelation 9:12-21, 6th Trumpet	Papal Rome Before & During its Healing
The Kingdoms of This Earth Are Given to Christ & He Begins to Reign	Revelation 11:15-17, 7th Trumpet Introduces the 7 Last Plagues	Judgment, Papal Rome Destroyed, God's Kingdom Set Up

The Pattern in Revelation's 2nd Half

Symbol	Text	Pattern
Dragon Ready to Devour Christ Child	Revelation 12:1-5	Pagan Rome
The Woman (Church) Flees From the Dragon For 1260 Years	Revelation 12:6, 14	Papal Rome
Earth (Territory of the U.S.) Helps the Woman by Swallowing the Flood (Enemy)	Revelation 12:15, 16	Papal Rome Around the Time of its Wound (1798)
The Dragon is Wroth With The Woman's Remnant (Final Generation)	Revelation 12:17	Papal Rome During & After the Healing of the Wound
The Beast With Seven Heads & Ten Horns, Like the Leopard, Bear & Lion of Daniel 7	Revelation 13:1-10	Papal Rome During its 1260 Year Reign, its Wound & The Future Healing of the Wound
The Beast With Lamb Like Horns Heals the Wound	Revelation 13:11-18	Papal Rome After its Healing & Restoration of Persecuting Power
An Angel Proclaiming "The Hour of His Judgment is Come"	Revelation 14:6, 7	The Investigative Phase of the Judgment Begins
The Son of Man Harvests the Earth Which Includes First the Righteous & Then the Wicked	Revelation 14:14-20	The Executive Phase of the Judgment
The Seven Vials Full of the Wrath of God Poured out Upon the Wicked & the Seat of the Beast	Revelation 15:6-8; 16:1-21; 17:1-18; 18:1-24; 19:11-21; 20:1-15	The Executive Phase of the Judgment
A New Heaven & A New Earth With God's Throne in Our Midst	Revelation Chapters 21 & 22	God's Everlasting Kingdom Set Up On The Earth

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