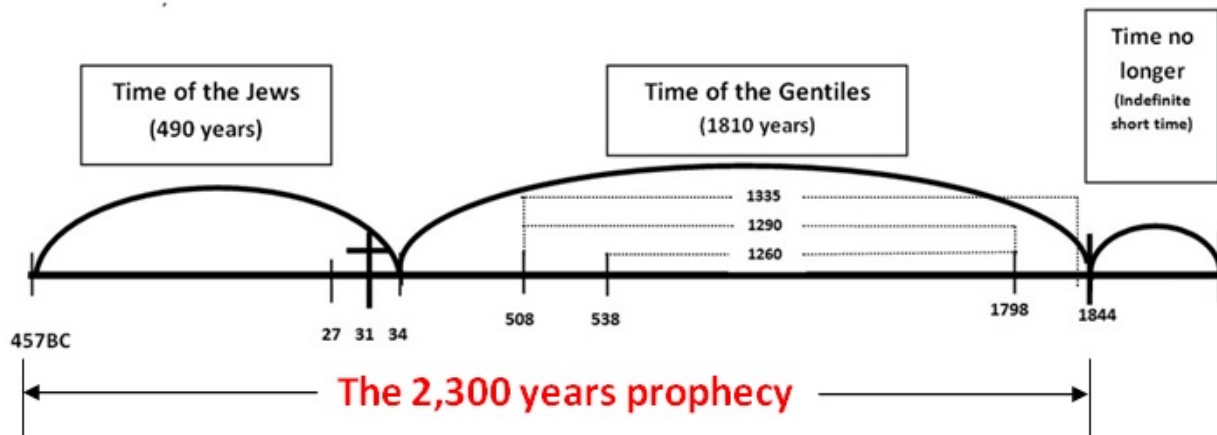


Then Shall the Sanctuary Be Cleansed, III

1. Daniel uses two words for “vision” in **Daniel 8** to clearly differentiate between two divergent paths in prophetic history:
 - a. The **mareh** vision—deals with God’s people in the context of God’s redemptive actions in the prophetic history
 - b. The **chazown** vision—deals with the rebellious and oppressive nations opposed to God’s people throughout prophetic history
2. Time-wise, the 2300-evening morning prophecy is broken up into 2 major sections: time allotted to the Jews and time allotted to the Gentiles



Section 1: The Time of the Jews (490 years)

3. **Dan 9:24-27**—the first 490 years of the 2,300 year-long prophecy (**mareh** vision) is allotted to or set aside for the Jewish nation and deals with God’s effort to restore the rebellious and stiff-necked nation of Israel after the Babylonian captivity;
 - a. God’s longsuffering and patient dealings with the Jewish nation is cryptically set forth in **Matt 18:21-22** (seventy times seven is 490); just as God is willing to be gracious with rebellious Israel for 490 more years, so are His children urged to manifest the same compassion towards the erring
 - b. **NOTICE:** beginning with 457 BC, all the significant redemptive events are marked on the timeline of the 490-year prophecy that pertained to the Jews; in other words, dates are set and fixed; there was nothing the Jews could do to hasten or delay the first advent of Jesus
 - i. **Gal 4:4**—“When the fullness of time was come,” then Jesus was born into this world

4. **Finish transgression.** . . .490 years from the time the decree goes forth to restore the sanctuary , it would be possible for the Jews to “finish transgression, make an end of sin and bring in everlasting righteousness in their lives because the great atoning Sacrifice would be offered and shortly after, Jesus would be inaugurated as high priest in the heavenly sanctuary;
 - a. Pardon for sin and righteousness by faith were benefits that would become available as Christ ministrations in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary begins
 - b. **Heb 6:19**—it was the privilege and duty of the Jews to wait patiently in faith for the realization of their hopes, through the sacrificial dying of their Messiah in 31 AD and entering into His Priestly ministrations within the veil of the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary as the Forerunner. . .

5. **Desolations are determined.** . . .Failing to appropriate these sanctuary service benefits through faith and repentance, the Jewish nation would fall away from divine favor for the last time and fall off the grid of prophecy;
 - a. Nothing more is said about what will happen to the Jewish nation beyond the desolation of the temple of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Roman armies;

Section 2: The Time of the Gentiles

6. The remaining 1810 years of the 2,300-year time prophecy is allotted to the Gentiles
 - a. **Luke 21:24**—this period our Lord Jesus referred to as “the time of the Gentiles”
 - b. **Matt 20:18-19**---Gentiles is a term strictly used to refer to Rome, the reigning power in the time of Jesus

7. **Acts 9:15; Acts 10:45; Acts 13:46**— During this time period, the gospel is proclaimed to the Gentiles and the Jewish nation no longer constitutes the people of God

8. **2 Thess 2:3-7**--Spiritual decline and apostasy in the church (spiritual Israel) is noted during this period
 - a. **Dan 11:30-31**—falling away from the holy covenant; this apostasy in the church was prophesied by Daniel
 - b. **The vision of the seven seals**--depict the spiritual decline and apostasy of the Christian church which was made up mostly of Gentile converts after the death of the apostles

9. **Rev 11:3**—as a result of this apostasy, the word of God (two witnesses) prophesy in sackcloth (suppressed) during the Dark ages
 - a. **Dan 8:11**—this is the fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy that little horn power of **Daniel 8** will “cast the truth to the ground”

10. **Luke 21:24**—Jerusalem to be trodden underfoot until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled
 - a. The literal city of Jerusalem trodden underfoot by the pagan Rome (70 AD);
 - b. Spiritual Jerusalem (the faithful) is trodden underfoot by an apostate church

11. **Rev 11:2; Rev 12:6; Rev 13:5**--the holy city (church) and the worshippers trodden underfoot for 42 prophetic months (1260 years)
 - a. **Dan 7:25; Dan 12:6**—this treading down of the church for a long period of time by an oppressive system professing to have the truth was prophesied by Daniel

12. **Dan 8:13**—daniel’s prophecy about oppressive powers symbolized by the “daily” (pagan Rome) and the transgression of desolation (papal Rome) treading underfoot the sanctuary and its hosts underfoot finds fulfillment during this period of time

13. **The seven trumpets**--Also, in answer to the question “how long shall be the vision” of the treading underfoot of the sanctuary and its hosts and the question “how long, O Lord, holy and true, shall thou not avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth,” God sends punitive judgments on Rome all throughout her history until she is broken up; this is the portrayed in the blowing of the seven trumpets of Revelation
 - i. The onslaught of various barbaric hordes led by different men like Genseric, Alaric, Attila the Hun eventually brought about the fall of western Rome
 - ii. The incursions of the Mohammedan Turks brought about the fall of eastern Rome
 - iii. France brought about the collapse of papal Rome in the west

14. Notice also that the **1260, 1290, 1335** days prophecies of **Daniel 12** belong to this larger section of the 2,300 year prophecy and they all have set starting points and ending points

Section 3: Time No Longer

15. When the times of the Gentiles come to an end (in 1798), a third time period is ushered in:
 - a. Notice that this time period does not belong to the **mareh** vision which only lasts for 2,300 evening morning of years
 - b. **Rev 10:6**—this period is a relatively short, indefinite time period just before the coming of Christ designated as “time no longer”

16. The events that happen during this period of time include--
 - a. The proclamation of the three angels messages
 - b. The investigative judgment
 - c. The cleansing of the sanctuary
 - d. The Sunday law crisis
 - e. The sealing
 - f. and the outpouring of the latter rain
 - g. Michael standing up and assuming kingly power
 - h. The second coming of Jesus (the time of the first coming of Christ was fixed, but the time of His second coming is not fixed)

17. Unlike the two sections of the **mareh** vision where dates are set, there are no more fixed dates in this section of prophecy, no fixed dates

Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed, but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. **There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.**

I was searching through my writings, before coming to this meeting, to see what I should take with me to Australia, and I found an envelope on which was written, "Testimony given in regard to time setting, June 21, 1851. Preserve carefully." I opened it, and this is what I found. It reads:

"A copy of a vision the Lord gave Sister White, June 21, 1851, at Camden, N.Y. The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it **must not be hung on time**; for time will never be a test again. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, that the third angel's message can stand on its own foundation, and that **it needs not time to strengthen it**, and that it will go with mighty power, and do its work, and will be **cut short in righteousness. 1SM 188.**

- a. **"cut short in righteousness"**—the "time no longer" period is a relatively of short duration
- b. **never again be a message. . .based on time**—the dates of events inside this time period not set
- c. God's people are to constantly live in reference to the judgment and cleansing going on in the heavenly sanctuary, and must always be in a state of preparedness at all times;
- d. **IMPORTANT: DATES ARE NOT SET BECAUSE THERE IS SOMETHING GOD'S PEOPLE CAN DO TO EITHER HASTEN OR DELAY THE EVENTS IN THIS TIME FRAME:**
 - i. Ellen White said that if the church had accepted the 1888 message we would have been in the kingdom in 2 years. . .

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. It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.

It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . **COL 69.**

It was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be thus delayed. God did not design that His people, Israel, should wander forty years in the wilderness. He promised to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there a holy, healthy, happy people. But those to whom it was first preached,

went not in "because of unbelief." Their hearts were filled with murmuring, rebellion, and hatred, and He could not fulfill His covenant with them.

For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. **The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years.**--Manuscript 4, 1883. **We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years, as did the children of Israel;** but for Christ's sake, His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action.--Letter 184, 1901.

By giving the gospel to the world, it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. **Ev 696.**

History Repeated

18. Historical events are repeated in this time period, but no dates are set or fixed
 - a. God's people come out of spiritual Babylon after 1260 years of oppression just as the Jews come out of Babylon after 70 years of captivity
 - b. God's people rebuild the truth about the sanctuary (in troublous times) which had been cast down for many centuries, just as the Jews literally reconstructed the sanctuary in Jerusalem in troublous times; there is much opposition from churches to the Adventist doctrine of the sanctuary
 - c. God's people today are being offered the same spiritual experience offered to the Jews as a benefit of the work of Christ in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary:
 - i. Finish transgression, make an end of sin, bring in everlasting righteousness by accepting the righteousness of Christ in the final, sense (perfection of character)
19. The benefits of the final ministration in the heavenly sanctuary are so much better than what was offered to the Jews; Seventh-day Adventists today are in the same danger of rejecting these benefits because of unbelief and self-sufficiency
20. Desolations are determined for those who reject this final offer;
 - i. the fall of the city of Jerusalem as a result of rejecting the Messiah becomes a type of the destruction of the whole world