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Urgent Message

Read, Heed, and Warn

Read the Bible, the Book of Revelation, Daniel 12, Matthew 24, Hebrews, Exodus 32. As we are at the precipice of a third temple in Jerusalem, whatever emerges from that third temple, declaring itself to be a deity, will be demonic. Any sacrifice or worship regarding the third temple will not be of the Lord. The last and final sacrifice was Jesus Christ on the cross. All other sacrifices are an abomination until the millennial kingdom (see *Isaiah 56, Zechariah 14:16, Jeremiah 33:15-18; Ezekiel 43-46*).

Heed - Under no circumstances should Christians worship or exalt anything from the third temple. This is regardless of the signs or wonders that may appear. The Holy Scripture lays out the path. Christians are not to put their 'lot' in with the third temple or things that emerge from it. Many saints will be pressured, punished, and tempted to conform to the system of darkness that originates from this location. However, even if someone appears and sounds like Jesus comes from the temple, it is not Him. Jesus tells us the signs to watch for throughout the Bible. Follow them closely. Remain steadfast.

Warn - Tell your brothers and sisters, no matter what, not to follow what comes from the third temple. No matter how much it seems like God, it will not be. No matter what they are tempted with, it will be a lie. Anyone who follows what comes out of the third temple will face everlasting torment. This is so important. Tell everyone you can while you can!

Please read further for more information and context. *Following the read, heed, and warn message above is essential, even if you disagree with the theology and interpretation below.* A great deception will come and try to take the Saints and everyone on the Earth - even if it were possible. The last day's saints have been equipped to understand and warn. Those who save brothers and sisters will be called righteous in the eyes of our Father. Please read below for more context and information.

A Call to Jesus

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, today is the day to do so. As the sacrifice of the Red Heifer is imminent on the Mt. of Olives, all signs point to the world being within the final 1335 days spoken of in Daniel chapter 12. Time is running short.

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Almighty God, God in the flesh, who was with God from the beginning, lived a perfect life. He is our example and our Messiah. Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of the whole world so that all who believe in Him will be saved.

Brothers and Sisters, we are all sinners. The Bible says, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” -Romans 3:23. This is why we need Jesus Christ. He took our sin debt on Himself and paid the debt in full. Jesus died on the cross and was in the tomb for three days. He rose by the very power of God on the third day. There were over 500 witnesses of the resurrected Jesus as described in the bible (1 Corinthians 15:6).

All the reading of text such as this won't save you. Reading the Bible won't save you. It is only the living belief in Jesus Christ that will save you. Romans 10 states,

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. -Romans 10: 9-10

If you haven't accepted Jesus, believe in your heart, even right now, that God has raised Him from the dead, and confess Jesus as “Lord” in words, and you will be saved. You will be made a new creation in Christ Jesus. Brothers and Sisters, this is the only way.

The apostles walked and spoke with Jesus. They paid a price, most of them with their lives, for their testimony—the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus. The New Testament provides His gospel and enriches us with understanding and wisdom. Belief in Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible, will save us from a horrific eternity.

Congratulations on accepting Jesus today, and welcome to the Kingdom of God! Fulfill the Great Commission and preach Jesus to whomever you can. We hope that all will come to Christ and join the saints, the divine angels, and God in the clouds on the last day, day 1335.

Summary and Book Preview

A warning emerges from the Book of Daniel. Chapter 12, sealed until the end of days, provides a roadmap for understanding the events leading up to the resurrection and rapture of God's people.

Daniel 12 is foundational to understanding the Olivet Discourse and the Book of Revelation. It reveals a 1335-day timeline that encompasses five stages: the preaching (1-1260 days), The Reaping and Counting (1260-1290 days), The Great War (1290-1332 days), The Devil's Victory (1332-1335 days), and The Resurrection and Rapture (day 1335). Each stage is marked by specific events and challenges that believers must navigate.

During The Preaching, the two witnesses, empowered by God, will minister for 1260 days (Revelation 11:3). The Ripening and Counting period follows, a time of preparation and the sealing of God's people (Revelation 7:3). The Great War then commences, 42 days of intense spiritual warfare, tempting, testing, and persecution (Revelation 13:7). Believers are called to endure, following Christ's footsteps as an example in the face of temptation and adversity (1 Peter 2:21).

The Devil's Victory spans three and a half days, during which the beast and his followers revel in their apparent triumph over God's people (Revelation 11:9-10). However, this brief period of darkness is merely a prelude to the glorious Resurrection and Rapture on day 1335, when the faithful will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Central to this prophetic timeline is the call to remain steadfast during temptation and testing. Daniel 12:12 declares, *"Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days."* This blessing carries an implicit warning: those who fail to endure, succumbing to the beast's deceptions, will face eternal consequences (Revelation 14:9-11). The fate of those who take the mark of the beast stands in stark contrast to the reward awaiting those who patiently persevere.

Signs indicate that the world is rushing towards fulfilling Daniel's prophecy. The rise of the beast system, the increasing prevalence of deception, and the impending abomination of desolation in the temple (Matthew 24:15) all point towards fulfillment. By studying Scripture, discerning the times, and clinging to faith in Christ, the wise will shine like stars, turning many to righteousness (Daniel 12:3).

The call to "read, heed, and warn" the warning means that Christians must immerse themselves in God's word, apply its truths to our lives, and tell others of the warning of what is to come in Daniel 12. Doing so makes us beacons of hope, guiding others to the safety of Christ.

- Faithful Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ

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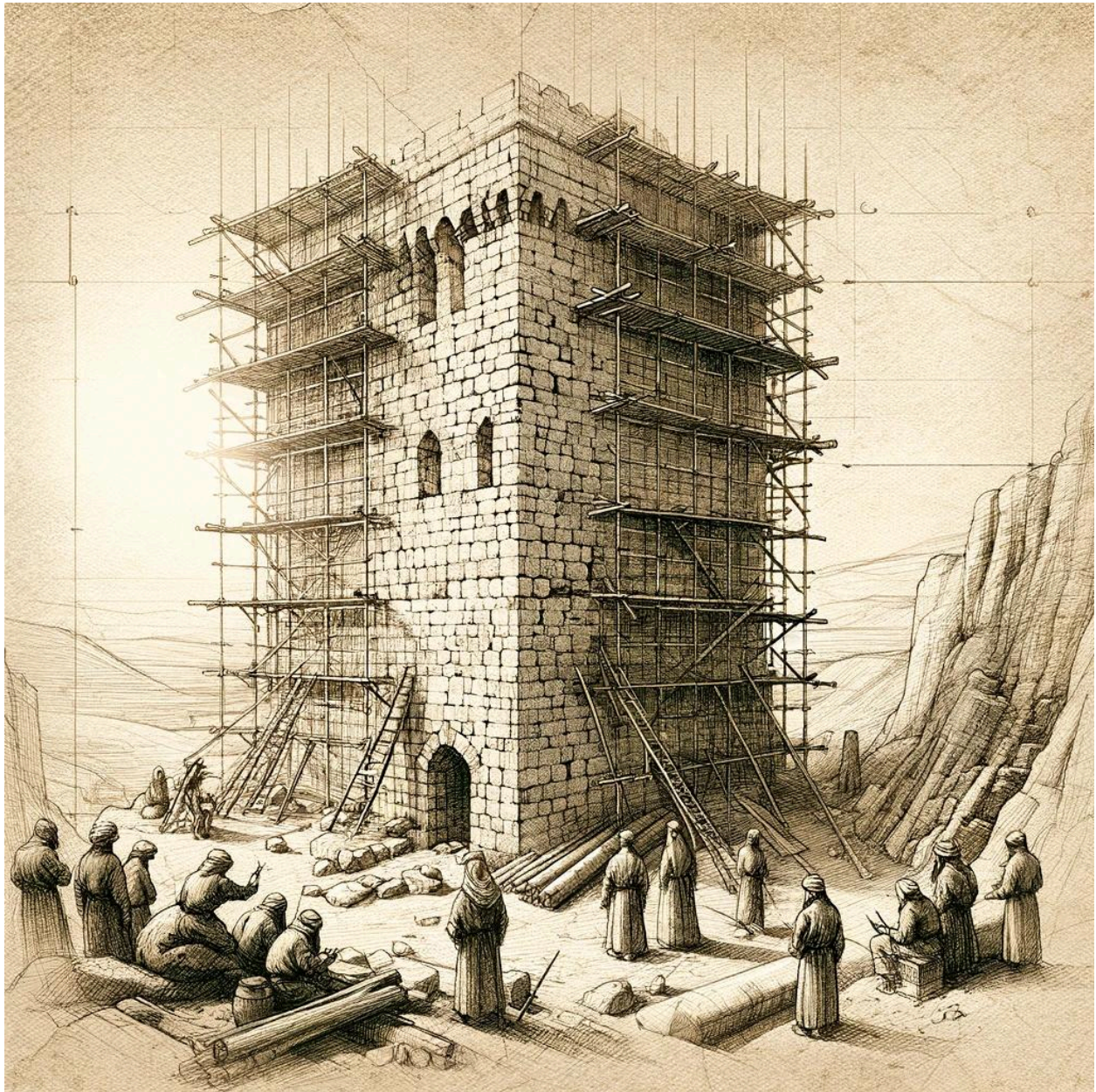
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Part 1 - Setting The Stage

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— **29** lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, **30** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? -Luke 14:28-30



Devotional Thought #1

Who Holds the Key?

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." -Revelation 5:4

What is locked in our lives? What remains sealed behind impenetrable doors? Who has the key and permission to open the locks? How do our locks lead us in life?

Belief is a powerful force. Compare it to ideas, thoughts, and opinions. Ideas are generated and tested. Thoughts can be exchanged and debated. Opinions can be explored, silenced, and changed. Beliefs are different. People fight for beliefs. People go to war over beliefs. People die for beliefs.

The dictionary defines a belief as a conviction of truth. A conviction of truth can be a wonderful gift! However, sometimes, many convictions become harsh, self-limiting influences on our lives.

However, different times call for us to update our internal scrolls regarding beliefs. Daniel chapter 12 reads,

But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. -Daniel 12:4.

What is sealed in the book? The truth—the truth that comes from the Bible. This truth, reserved for those in the end times, may add to or deviate from the traditional truths we have grown accustomed to over the years. It may be new details reserved for us—the information that gets us out of Egypt into the promised land.

Remember the Israelites coming out of Egypt? They struggled to unlock their old beliefs about comfort, security, and how to live. How many times did they complain and rebel? It seemed like they were constantly murmuring and wanting to return to Egypt. That old truth held firm even in the face of signs, wonders, and numerous miracles. It was better in Egypt. That, of course, was old information. God had something so much better for them. However, they could not unlock that old truth to move forward. Only Joshua and Caleb made it to the promised land of those who came out of Egypt.

Even Jesus's disciples, who walked with him, still held beliefs about who He should be rather than about who He is.

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? -John 14:9

And

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." -Matthew 16:23

Philip and Peter both had old ideas of who and what Jesus should be and how the Messiah was to present Himself to the world. Instead of having the Lamb unlock their truth, they still had rigid barriers based on old information instead of the present reality.

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. -Revelation 21:1

Notice in the above verse how there is no more sea? The sea here can be thought of as the Red Sea—the same sea in which the Beast arises from Revelation 13:1. It is the same Red Sea that presented a stumbling block to the Israelites and pinned them against the armies of Pharaoh.

God unlocked the sea so the Israelites could pass through unharmed. Just as God can unlock our old truths, a truth is meant for a different time or circumstance. We will follow Moses's outstretched hand figuratively and receive the safe passageway. So God, in His infinite power and wisdom, has given safe passage for the last day's saints to unlock previously held interpretations and manner of truths, so we may have the whole counsel of God to be completed for every good work (see 2 Timothy 3:17).

We can see the locked truths in our personal lives. Take, for example, negative 'truths' that develop in early childhood. Many internal beliefs are skewed by unhealthy experiences processed by an underdeveloped mind and heart. In such cases, we may inappropriately conclude, "I'm defective," "I'm worthless," or "I can't trust anyone." These truths follow us throughout our lives and manifest in values, thoughts, and behaviors. This is an invisible process, and we often encounter evidence that does not support our original beliefs. When this happens, we frequently discard that evidence because the belief is so engraved on our life scroll that it becomes impossible to edit, or so it seems.

The passage from Revelation 5:4-5 illustrates who should be worthy to unlock our beliefs. Only the Lamb is worthy to unseal our core truths about self, others, and God. Jesus says,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." -John 14:1

Notice how Jesus wisely connects the heart to belief, just as values, thoughts, and behaviors are linked to belief.

Our theological beliefs can sometimes be just as rigid. For many of us, embarking on this journey to explore end-time events, warnings, seals, and connections will be challenging.

This is because we don't just believe in Jesus but in what we've been told throughout the years, sometimes from tradition, sometimes from people of authority, and sometimes by parents and grandparents, about these end times. Because we trust the sources, their thoughts, opinions, and interpretations become encoded as beliefs.

As you continue reading and studying about the end times and the word of God, permit the Lamb to unlock your beliefs so that the truth you know aligns with His word.

Jesus is the rock. If we stand on Jesus Christ as our truth, principle, and guiding belief and give the worthy Lamb permission to unlock and unseal the scroll of truth within us according to His word, we will not fail.

Stand on that belief. Stand on that rock. Stand always on and for Jesus.

Preface

Fundamental Assumptions

Section 1

“19 Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies. **21** Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.” -1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

1. Introduction

It's essential to understand the assumptions of this book before reviewing the material contained herein. This section delves into Biblical eschatology, anchored by Daniel 12, and related books of the Bible. It explores the layered meanings within the scriptures, focusing on literal, devotional, and prophetic interpretations to uncover God's message for the end times. It introduces an introductory view into Biblical reading, understanding, and challenges with the text and making definitive claims.

The definitive claim supported is that the Bible is the word of God, that it is true, and that it can be trusted. This contrasts with interpretive texts or the present text, which require discernment, insight, and more profound biblical research. This approach encourages readers to engage deeply with the Bible, seeking understanding and guidance for navigating the complexities of prophecy and the challenges to interpretation.

1.1 Rationale

This book follows the larger-picture themes associated with the end times described in Daniel 12 and the associative books of the Bible. The words of the Bible have multiple intricacies that may increase one's understanding of this subject. Please consult the Holy Scriptures and carefully examine the original Hebrew and Greek to investigate important terms.

1.1.1 Non-denominational

It is not the claim of this book to make any affiliation or promotion of a specific Christian religious denomination. Any claim to specific religious disciplines or denominations is outside this project's scope. The authors, who long to be faithful

servants of Christ, stand merely on the gospel of Jesus Christ as written in the New Testament and foretold in the Old Testament.

1.1.2 Prophetic Claims

No claim of prophecy is being made within the text by the authors; that is, the authors do not intend to declare, "Thus saith the Lord!" Instead, a forwarding of the interpretation of the Biblical books, symbols, and prophetic meaning is proposed. Suppose any reader comes away feeling the need to be less close to the saving blood of Jesus Christ and trust and faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ and Him alone. In that case, the craftsmanship of the writing has unintentionally failed, for that is the furthest thing from our intention.

1.1.3 Three Ways to Read the Bible

There are three distinctive ways to read the Bible. Each manner is essential and vital for education and illumination regarding understanding God's truth.

- **Literally** - The Bible contains accounts of historically accurate people, places, events, and times. The narratives therein actually occur unless otherwise specified or indicated by the type of text (e.g., apocalypse, wisdom, poetry, etc.). While this book connects events, parables, prophecies, and so forth, there is no suggestion that the Bible and its accounts are not to be taken as literal, factual, and definitive.
- **Devotional** - The Bible contains many inspirational messages through its accounts of events, parables, prophecies, wisdom, poetry, the law, etc. Within the context of these writings, the Holy Spirit often highlights important meanings and personal interpretations relevant to the personal lives of the saints. It's often noted that "you don't read the Bible. The Bible reads you." As such, the devotional messages contained within the holy word are essential for the edification, inspiration, and correction of the Saints.
- **Prophetic**—Prophetic writings within the Bible can be overt and covert. Overtly, the author can call out predictions of the future and connections with these predictions. Covert predictions link accounts of events, wisdom, poetry, the law, and other prophetic writings to understand God's will and plan for today's saints. Amos 3:7 states, "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."

Sometimes, those revelations are told in parables, and sometimes, they are encoded in the historical accounts of actual events. Sometimes, meanings may be explored to reveal more profound reflections of the spiritual realm, the role of principalities, and the exploration of God's meaning and purpose within the limited scope of human understanding and conjecture.

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts. -Isaiah 55:8-9

Therefore, no one can immediately know its accuracy. However, clues and conjectures may be forwarded and explored for prophetic and devotional purposes.

As such, we link these events, parables, the law, wisdom, poetry, and other biblical styles to understand God's warning and blessing contained in Daniel, the Book of Revelation, and other books within the Bible.

1.1.4 Typology in the Bible

"That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new under the sun." -Ecclesiastes 1:9

Ecclesiastes, attributed to King Solomon, states that "*nothing is new under the sun.*" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The biblical illustrations and accounts can demonstrate patterns between peoples, events, and the application of the law through prophecy. Often, the events serve multiple purposes.

Typology, a distinct form of symbolism within Scripture, serves as a prophetic symbol where types represent something future, particularly illustrating how persons or things in the Old Testament prefigure those in the New Testament. For instance, Noah's flood foreshadows baptism, as explained in 1 Peter 3:20–21, employing the term "type" to denote a predictive figure.

Whereas *typology* typically refers to Old Testament events foreshadowing the New Testament, there are instances where New Testament events may foreshadow other New Testament prophecies or events. As such, *typology* is applied throughout this book to increase the understanding of the last day's prophecies and events. Many may disagree with this specific application or the conclusions derived. Regardless, we encourage you to pay attention to the larger message of the warning in Daniel chapter 12.

1.1.5 Apocalypse Texts in the Bible

The Book of Revelation is an apocalypse text. Apocalypse, derived from the Ancient Greek term ἀποκάλυψις (transliterated as apokálupsis), signifies "revelation" or the act of revealing or disclosing insights that were once concealed and could not have been comprehended without this disclosure. It is not written chronologically, and perspectives shift throughout the text. Timing, perspectives, and symbolic versus literal language may change throughout the text and within the same chapter. One may ask why it is like this.

During John's writing of the Book of Revelation, Christians were persecuted. Since some of his writings may have negatively criticized regimes and authorities of the day, his writings may have led to increased scrutiny on the church and, quite frankly, may not have survived to reach the last day's saints.

Next, consider that the devil is crafty and cunning. However, God knows far more than the devil could ever imagine. Encoding the unveiling of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, that is, the Book of Revelation, serves the purpose of keeping God's battle plans secret, held for the wise to understand but not the enemy. That is, the wise will understand but not the wicked.

Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, **but the wise shall understand.** -Daniel 12:10

Who are the wise? The ones who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, the Beloved Son and the great sacrifice for all. We are the ones who study, ponder, obey, and are connected to the Holy Spirit of promise and truth. We may seem like fools to the world, including many within the body. However, we are cautioned about these things in the Bible.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. **19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; **20** and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." **21** Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: **22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. **23** And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. -1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Jesus taught in parables. He taught in this manner for the believers to completely understand His word, but the unbelieving will not understand. Jesus said that this is to

fulfill the words of Isaiah. Those who do not accept Jesus as their Lord will not be healed and the mysteries of the Kingdom will be hidden from them (Matthew 13:10-17). The Book of Revelation is a parable in many ways. Many forget that while John wrote the book physically, it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1)! As such, we may expect the same teaching in parables, symbols, figurative language, and events that occur in the spiritual that are unseen by mortal eyes as this is consistent with Jesus's teaching method.

So, if Jesus teaches in symbols and parables, how can we mortals understand the content of the book? We know the things of mortals with mortal thoughts. We understand the things of the Spirit by the Spirit. We must read and pray in the Spirit to understand and interpret the Book. It takes place in the spiritual, which can translate to the literal or the mortal, but fundamentally, it is a spiritual text.

Finally, it's important to remember that the events of the book of Revelation tell us what is to come. While it is highly symbolic, and many of the events occur in heaven, many readers will anticipate a linear fashion to the narrative of the book. However, this is not always the case. In many ways, John is being shown a type of preview, just like one would see in a film. Parts are spliced together, the action is interwoven, and timelines jump between cuts. Our purpose is to decipher, as best we can, the interpreted narrative based on the coming attraction clip that the Lord has provided. We are trying to interpret the events in a variety of sequences and perspectives into real-world entry points to determine our place in the timeline, the 1335 days. More on this will be discussed in subsequent sections of the book.

For example, the sacrifice of the Red Heifers scheduled for sacrifice in 2024 by the Temple Institute in Israel represents a possible entry point into the timeline. This is referenced in Matthew 24. Likewise, the construction of the third temple represents the setting for another entry point into the timeline.

With so many possible entry points emerging, it is time for the wise to understand. It is time for the warning of Daniel 12 to be understood. It is time for the patience of the saints of the Most High. More will be described regarding the third temple and its implications in the chapters and sections.

1.1.6 Bible Translations, God's Word, Seeing Through the Midst, The Tribulations, and Limitations

1.1.6.1 *New King James Version*

Translations can be challenging because virtually all translations may be prone to misinterpretation. For ease of reading, the New King James Version is used for this book. This particular version is utilized as it closely resembles the King James Bible. However, the readability of the text is increased. When sections may be in doubt or to investigate a specific passage, phrase, or word more comprehensively, the original Hebrew or Greek is consulted. Readers are encouraged to utilize their preferred versions where applicable.

1.1.6.2 *God's Word*

"For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." -Hebrews 4:12

And

"And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant." 2 Samuel 7:28

God's word is true, definitive, and authoritative. The Bible is written in truth and by God's inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16). It should be referenced when evaluating any claims of prophecy, religious practice, or spiritual matters.

Readers should consult the Bible consistently throughout this material to delve deeper into the topics presented. Staying in the word can produce a close relationship with God. This relationship, knowing God and His glorious plan for His followers, is probably the most important thing a believer can do to protect themselves from deception and falling away from the faith.

We believe that once readers understand the foundational principles of Daniel chapter 12 and the associative chapters in the Bible, they will often see patterns emerge. The themes such as the wise and unwise, saved and unsaved, and the manner of days, struggle, and redemption the Lord promises are pervasive throughout the Bible.

1.1.6.3 Navigating the Tribulations

Many within the body of Christ hold strong views related to tribulation timing and the rapture of the Church. Various theories are well argued, supported by multiple scriptures, and ascribed to the faithful.

Passion for the Lord's return is a righteous endeavor. It motivates good brothers and sisters to diligently search the scriptures and work hastily as His return is imminent. How exciting that day will be! May our great and living God pour many blessings on the faithful awaiting His return!

"For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Matthew 23:39; Psalms 118:26.

Amen!! We cannot wait until the coming of our Lord! Regarding tribulation theory, there are advantages and disadvantages to the various perspectives. However, some brothers and sisters have ascribed to their chosen view of the tribulation as an article of fact. It is important to remain flexible and humble when seeking answers from the Lord. Many Christians do not debate the **who**, or the **what** of the end times, but rather get caught up in the **how**. We must not allow the debate about **how** the end times unfold to impact Christian unity, brotherly and sisterly love, and the eager anticipation of the Lord's return. Further, it is vital to remember that *rapture theory* is not a saving belief. Regardless of someone's view of the rapture, the critical point is that Christians are saved by grace through faith in Christ. This is the gospel as outlined in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

Christians can disagree on the resurrection and rapture, but true Christians having the seal of God **will not** be left outside the Bridegroom's door regardless of opinions of the rapture and its timing. Belief in Christ's sacrifice, resurrection, and deity is the essential gospel, and no other doctrine, belief, or tenet within or without the Bible should displace that very fact in the hearts of Christians. It is the foundation on which all else is built.

When analyzed, the 1335 days of Daniel in chapter 12 describe a pre-wrath resurrection and rapture picture. That is, the people of God will endure tribulation, but it will be short. Moreover, the resurrection and the rapture may be experienced differently depending on one's location. This is referred to as the "hot coal" theory.

1.1.6.4 Hot Coal Theory

The Hot coal theory argues that those closer to the fire will endure more heat and, thus, more tribulation. Therefore, some may experience the resurrection and the rapture through great trial and trouble. In contrast, other people further away from the center of the action may not experience the same intensity of trial, testing, and temptation. For

these Christians, the resurrection and the rapture may occur more unexpectedly, akin to a pre-tribulation.

Regardless of your tribulation stance, we encourage you to continue reading the warning. Knowledge of the 1335 days of Daniel will hold value regardless. People need to be warned whether Christians are here or not in the very last days.

1.1.6.5 Seeing in the Dim Mirror and Limitations

“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known” 1 Corinthians 13:12

There are many mysteries in the scriptures. Due to the interferences of this earthly realm, the vision of these things is dim and distorted. However, many critical ideas are crystal clear in the Bible. Some examples include salvation through grace by faith and faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9), the differentiation between the wicked, unwise people and the righteous, wise people, God’s feelings about sin and disobedience, the deity of Jesus Christ, and so forth. Still, delineating all the intricacies of prophecy and doctrine and their heavenly significance can be challenging. In this book, the best effort is to articulate the vision, intention, and meaning behind the observed scriptural knots and mysteries. Even still, there are limitations.

It is not feasible within the scope of this document to fully explore and extrapolate all end times prophecies. As such, passages may be omitted while others are highlighted. The book’s purpose is to describe the central passages and themes that lead to critical conclusions regarding the warning in Daniel chapter 12 and the saints’ essential actions during the last days. Its purpose is not to provide an exhaustive study of the Book of Revelation, all end-time prophecy, all connections within the holy scripture, and the Spirit-inspired wide variety of symbolism and imagery inscribed.

The Bible states, “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter” -Proverbs 25:2.

1.1.6.5 Follow the Warning

Unfortunately, there are many divisions within the body of Christ, from a tribulation perspective to discerning the deity of Jesus Christ and interpreting the Bible as literal or figurative. This is a natural course in human interaction and grappling with cognitively challenging material. Again, we want to emphasize the Bible as the authoritative word of God.

Also, we affirm the deity of Jesus Christ, the Beloved Son of the Father, fully God, fully Man, who took on human form through the birth of a virgin. He lived a perfect life and died as the final sacrifice for the sins of all humanity. He rose again by the very power of God on the third day and now resides in His fully resurrected form at the Father's right hand. All things have been given to Him by the Father. Jesus Christ, the Beloved Son, intercedes for us as our High Priest (Hebrews 7). He is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ.

We encourage all readers to continue reading through the message of this warning, even if they find a part of the text that they object to. Understanding the warning and its implications is vital, even if they do not agree 100% with the theology presented. The warning of Daniel 12 remains the most important message here, not our interpretations of particular Biblical principles or passages.

1.1.6.6 Plagiarism

We have learned many things over the years from various sources. From bible studies to podcasts to non-fiction work, we have eagerly absorbed knowledge from many teachers. We had no idea we would ever be involved in researching and writing a book. Therefore, we should have kept notes on the origin of the information we learned. We do not intend to misrepresent or attribute work or knowledge to our insight that others have expounded upon in the past. We apologize if we misrepresent information here and attribute it to ourselves incorrectly. Please contact us if you feel the origin of an idea tracks to a specific source with that source information, and we will gladly reference that material in future editions.

1.1.6.7 Keep Reading

When reading this book, specific ideas, principles, and observations may seem quite new to some believers and non-believers. We encourage you to continue reading when you encounter a phrase, passage, or principle you disagree with or do not fully understand. This is how we grow and learn. We encourage you to ask God for understanding and wisdom about everything related to His word. In addition, please make a note of the question and continue forward. The question, concern, or challenge will likely be addressed later in the book as the text scaffolds itself throughout. Also, remember that this book is intended to only partially explain some revelation, prophecy, and symbols about eschatology. Instead, it focuses on relevant topics about Daniel chapter 12 and associative books and chapters within the Bible. Please contact the authors for information or unanswered questions after you've finished the book.

1.1.7 Book's Format

The ideas and major themes within prophecy and eschatology are complex and self-referencing. As such, this book is written with chapter and section headings to facilitate cross-referencing throughout the text. The design is intended to assist readers in following and referencing text selections with a greater degree of ease in future applications.

1.2 Summary

Focused on exploring the end times prophecy as detailed in Daniel 12, this section offers a structured approach to reading the Bible, emphasizing the need to examine scripture through various lenses thoroughly.

It describes the role of typology in connecting Old and New Testament prophecies and cautions against the dangers of false worship linked to the third temple. Additionally, it tackles the intricacies of biblical translation and the importance of original texts for gaining insight.

The content urges readers to study diligently, wait patiently for the Lord's return, and maintain faith in Christ as the foundation of salvation amidst the revelations and trials of the end times. If errors are made, they are not intended. Our intention is a call to understanding and warning.

Devotional Thought #2

God and His Army

7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”-Matthew 8:7

When we think of God, do we remember that He has an army at His disposal? Do we remember that God resides in a holy council? Psalms 82 and Revelation 4 offer a glimpse of the heavenly realm where God resides over His principalities. These are the loyal, faithful, and true servants of the Lord in heaven—the ones who did not fall to Lucifer's lies in heaven.

The Roman centurion knew and recognized the holy authority of Jesus. He knew that Jesus had soldiers under Him. Just as the Devil knew in his second temptation of Jesus in the wilderness - tempting Him to call upon the angels to provide rescue should He fall from the top of the temple (Matthew 4:6).

We are part of that army on Earth. God's representatives. When He speaks, we should echo His words. When He commands, we should obey (John 14:15). When He directs, we proceed.

God instructed the people of the Old and New Testaments not to fear.

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” -Deuteronomy 31:6

It is with faith that we can overcome fear. It is with God's authority that we can have strength. Not our strength but the supernatural strength of the Lord.

These foundational principles will be amplified as the end times become increasingly hostile towards Christians and the faith. Daniel 12:7 says that the power of God's people must be shattered entirely before the end times are completed. By the end of the 1335

days, just before the resurrection and the rapture, all these things will be completed. The power of God's people will be completely shattered during the Devil's victory. The people will celebrate, proclaiming "peace and safety." This will be like the disciples scattered from Jesus just after His crucifixion and burial and hid themselves behind a locked door.

It will be exceedingly challenging to endure from 1290 to 1335 days until Daniel's blessing (Daniel 12:12). Yet, we must endure. The alternative is unthinkable.

Remember a few key things as you read, study, and pray about God's word and eternal plan.

First - that God wins. He has spoken it.

Second, just as we do not fight against flesh and blood but against principalities, so does God, who has mighty principalities constantly working on our behalf. We are not alone. However, we can ask God for help! We fight in prayer and fasting. Things move in the heavens when we pray, and messengers are dispatched on our behalf.

Third, we are still determining what type of sacrifices we will be required to give in Jesus' name during the end times. For some, the sacrifice will be imprisonment and death. For others, it may be expulsion from the world's financial system and mocking or exclusion. The time to develop strength and courage in God's word through the knowledge of God's word is now.

Finally, develop the knowledge and trust that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells within us. We must create a relationship with God to hear His impressions and purpose. As children adopted in the most high family, we are not forsaken but empowered to commune with the Lord. This relationship must be cultivated.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. -Revelation 3:20

Do you hear Him knocking? Forsake worldly pleasures and preoccupations and move close to holiness, and you will. Invite Him in. Our God is great and a gentleman. He will not force Himself in. Open the door, the Bible's words, the Spirit's peace, and commune with Him.

Daniel Chapter 12 - The Warning

Section 2

2. Introduction

In Biblical prophecy lies the Book of Daniel. Along with other Old Testament books such as Joel, Zechariah, portions of Ezekiel, and Isaiah, Daniel writes profoundly about the end times and the evil that will come upon the world. A portion of Daniel was sealed until the end times. That is the Book of Daniel Chapter 12.

Many have wondered about the book's sealing and how it will be unsealed.

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” -Daniel 12:4

Certainly, in the current time, “many run to and fro.” Literally, with the advancements in travel, many people fill the airports, the highways, the railways, and even the oceans on cruise ships and cargo ships. Metaphorically, many run to and fro with theories, ideas, and new philosophies and build new ways of thinking and perceiving the world. Knowledge has increased with the advancements of computers and, more recently, Artificial Intelligence. Most people have access to more computing power and instant knowledge on their cellphones than was used to take man to the moon in 1967. It is truly astounding.

The running to and fro ideologically was prophesied by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3, as he wrote that people in the last days, in perilous times, would be,

“always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” -2 Timothy 3:7

What if the Book of Daniel held the key to understanding the Book of Revelation? Those two texts were like locks and keys—one unlocks the other. We don't claim to have unsealed the Book of Daniel, but we do see the warning of Daniel, which could very well lead to predicting the time of the resurrection and the rapture. This section will summarize the Book of Daniel chapter 12 and the warning.

2.1 Rationale

We summarize the teaching revealed to a faithful servant of the Lord because the connections in the Word are complex. We want to ensure that all who read this book understand the important principles from the outset. Most importantly, we want people to *read, heed, and warn*. More details about these connections will be provided after the summary.

This chapter provides some historical context and summarizes Daniel's chapter 12. More information will be provided for context and further exploration throughout the book. This book is structured to build upon the principles, references, and connections throughout. Reading in context and sequentially, at least the first time, is essential to understand the logical trail and reasoning presented.

2.1.1 Daniel in Context

Daniel was a prophet who lived during a tumultuous period in Israel's history. Born into nobility in Jerusalem, he was among the young men taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar during the Babylonian conquest of Judah around 605 BC (Daniel 1:1-6). Despite the challenges and temptations of living in a foreign land, Daniel remained faithfully committed to God, refusing to defile himself with the king's delicacies and instead choosing a diet of vegetables and water (Daniel 1:8-16).

As Daniel grew in wisdom and understanding, God granted him the ability to interpret dreams and visions (Daniel 2:19, 4:8-9). This divine gift brought him favor and prominence in the Babylonian court, as he successfully interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dreams (Daniel 2, 4) and the mysterious writing on the wall during Belshazzar's feast (Daniel 5). Daniel's unwavering faith in God was exemplified through his steadfast prayer life, even in the face of persecution. When a decree was issued forbidding prayer to anyone but the king, Daniel continued to pray to the Lord three times a day, resulting in his miraculous deliverance from the lion's den (Daniel 6).

The Book of Daniel, written by the prophet himself, is a powerful testament to God's sovereignty and faithfulness. The first six chapters recount Daniel's life and experiences, while the latter six chapters detail his prophetic visions concerning the rise and fall of kingdoms, the coming of the Messiah, and the events of the end times. These prophecies, including the 70 weeks (Daniel 9) and the revelation of the 1335 days (Daniel 12), provide a glimpse into God's plan for His people and the world. As the book concludes, Daniel is assured that he will rest and ultimately stand in his allotted inheritance at the end of the days (Daniel 12:13), a promise that extends to all who remain faithful to God in the face of adversity.

2.1.2 The Key

The key to Daniel's warning in chapter 12 comes down to a tiny word nestled in the setting of very big ideas. To set the scene, Daniel has been speaking with the angel Gabriel, who has unveiled the prophecies of the time of the end and the 70 weeks for the end of sin.

Daniel chapter 12 starts with a narration related to the last times from the angel, and then Daniel interacts with the one who stands above the waters of the river, with two others on both sides of the water bank. Daniel asks about the time of the end and is told about the days of the end. Towards the end of the chapter comes the warning wrapped in a promise of a blessing. The verse is,

“Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.” - Daniel 12:12

Several vital parts exist within this 17-word sentence. We'll start with the last first. One thousand three hundred and thirty-five days are allotted for the time of the end. Various stages will emerge until the rapture and resurrection on the 1335th, at the 12th hour (see Revelation 11). The Book of Daniel reveals that there will initially be a 1290-day period, but the end is not yet. The end is the 1335th day.

Now, let's get to the warning. It comes at the beginning of the verse, “Blessed is he who waits.” The opposite of ‘blessing’ is ‘curse.’ In Deuteronomy, the Book of the Law, blessings were always accompanied by an associative curse. We shall see in our investigation that heeding this blessing and avoiding the curse, remaining patient until the end of the 1335 days, is remarkably in sync with other Old Testament and New Testament prophecies regarding the end times.

But many things say, “Blessed are the...” in the bible without a curse. How is this particular passage different? The ‘blessed’ are the ones who survive and wait for the 1335 days or the days of the end. If a person doesn't wait the full 1335 days, that means they've thrown their lot in with the Beast in Revelation 13. According to the Book of Revelation, they are cursed if they take the Mark of the Beast, and there will be no forgiveness for their sin (Revelation 14:10-11). **That person is cursed. That is the warning!** Wait for the entire duration of the days, or take the mark and be cursed without hope of redemption.

2.1.3 The Warning

Applying the warning in the prophecy of the Book of Daniel comes down to this very point: heed the warning, do not worship anything not of God, wait and stand firm in your testimony. God will come and get us just as described in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.

2.1.3.1 Modern-Day Caution

Even now, believers can see the threats on the world stage. For example, as we see the emergence of third temple discussions and are on the precipice of the sacrifice of the Red Heifers, this warning of not worshiping false messiahs or gods becomes even more prescient. Believers should not worship or believe in other sacrifices regardless of purpose or meaning. The life of Jesus Christ on the cross on Calvary was the final sacrifice and atonement for sin until the millennial reign of Christ.

Christians should not worship the Heifers or other calf sacrifices. We do not support anything that comes from the third temple. Do not throw your "lot" in with the beast or the beast system. We do not worship what sets itself up in the temple, "the inner rooms," or the "abomination" (Matthew 24; Mark 13, i.e., the temple).

"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." -Mark 13:14

Analyzing this verse, it seems clear that Jesus knew about the writings contained within Daniel. It's likely, though we can never know the mind of God's only begotten Son come down in the flesh, that He knew about the warning within the Book of Daniel chapter 12. The sealed section. Most likely, because indications are that Jesus was the one standing above the river instructing Daniel himself! Jesus warned His disciples, and that warning falls to us now.

2.3.1.2 The Christians in Perilous Times

You must wait patiently for the Lord no matter what you see or hear. That is the message from Daniel 12 and Revelation 13. That message is clear. Do not take the Mark. Those that do will be cursed. You must not give in to any pressure, persecution, or temptation. Stand strong. Jesus is with you, and know that He is with you until the end of the age.

There will be a great deception that would even fool the elect if possible. We must remain resilient under pressure, temptation, and threat. Tell your brothers and sisters to

carry this word: Do not give in under any circumstances. The prophecy of Daniel 12 must be fulfilled at the end of time.

2.1.4 Days of the End - Daniel 12

In Daniel chapter 12, Daniel is told of the end times prophecy. He is told of the trouble of the end times, the actions of the wicked, the wisdom of saints, the length of the end times, and the result of the end times.

2.1.5 The Trouble

- The trouble of the end times is described in Daniel 12:1 as

“And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation”

- During the end times, the power of the people of God will be completely shattered.

“and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these *things* shall be finished.” -Daniel 12:7 (a portion of the verse)

- The daily sacrifice is taken away.

“And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.” -Daniel 12:11

- A description of what the end times will be like:

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4

2.1.6 The Wicked - unwise

- During this time, evil will be prevalent.

“...but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” -Daniel 12:7 (a portion of the verse). More on this in 2 Timothy 3, Revelation 10, Revelation 13, Revelation 18.

2.1.7 Characteristics of the Wise

Listed in verse order per Daniel chapter 12.

- The wise will understand, shine brightly, and turn many to righteousness

“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.”
-Daniel 12:3 (see *Matthew 5:16*).
- Many will be purified through this time. The wise will understand.

“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, **but the wise shall understand.**” - Daniel 12:10
- The wise will wait patiently for the Lord until the end

“Blessed is he who waits and **comes** to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.” - Daniel 12:12
- Waiting until the end comes with a blessing. By contrast, not waiting, giving into the pressure of the beast and whatever horrible thing comes from the third temple, and the sacrifice of the Red Heifers will be a curse. This is outlined in Revelation 14. For more information, see *section 5.1.1.3*.

2.1.8 The Length of Days

The timing is set forth by the heavenly messengers

“that *it shall be* for a time, times, and half a *time*;” -Daniel 12:7 (portion).

Time, times, and half a time = 1260 days. But the timing continues for an additional 75 days, totaling 1335 days until the prophecy is fulfilled.

“Blessed *is* he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.” Daniel 12:12

2.1.9 At the End of the 1335 Days

On day 1335, the resurrection and the rapture occur. The blessed hope is fulfilled.

“At that time Michael shall stand up,

The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Everyone who is found written in the book.” -Daniel 12:1

See also

2 And many of **those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
3 Those who are **wise shall shine**
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever. -Daniel 12:2-3

2.2 Recommended Actions

Below are some recommended actions for believers. Please note that these recommendations do not pertain to salvation. Salvation is through faith by grace in the sacrifice, resurrection, and lordship of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9).

- Read and understand the Holy Word of God. Spend time in the Word and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ through intensive study and prayer. This principle is the first line of defense against deception.
- Pray for wisdom and understanding of God’s word, of modern-day events, for others, for strength in the body of the church, for mercy on enemies, and for love of all.
- Heed the warning of Daniel in chapter 12.
- Warn other Christians, be vocal, and spread the message loudly about the abomination.

- *Continue with the Great Commission*

2.3 Summary

In summary, Daniel Chapter 12 serves as an *alert* within the biblical prophecy, emphasizing the importance of faithfulness and patience during the end times. It describes the fate of the wise, who heed God's warnings and remain steadfast in their faith. This is contrasted starkly with the wicked, who succumb to deception and idolatry. Those who are blessed wait for the days to be completed. Those who are cursed succumb to the influences of the Beast and will be punished for all time and eternity. The blessing and the cursing account for Daniel 12 contains one of the most important warnings in the Bible.

The chapter details the trials and tribulations that will mark the end of the days, underscoring the significance of understanding prophecy, resisting the allure of false teachings, and patiently awaiting the Lord's salvation. Highlighting key events such as the halting of daily sacrifices, the abomination of desolation, and the ultimate deliverance of the faithful calls for wisdom and perseverance. Through Daniel's visions, readers are reminded of the rewards that await those who navigate the end times according to God's instructions. Next, we will look at the wise and the unwise paths.

Devotional Thought #3

Do We Serve the Living God?

“He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken.” -Mark 12:27

Jesus's words in Mark 12:27 reminded us that we serve the living God. He is not a God of the dead but a God who actively works in the lives of His people.

In fact, throughout the Old Testament, we see countless examples of God's power and provision for His people. He parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14), led His people to the promised land (Joshua 1), and poured out blessings too numerous to count (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). How often were the Israelites rebuked for turning to lifeless idols made of wood and gold (Isaiah 44:9-20)? These dead gods could not hear their prayers or speak to them, yet they turned away from the living God.

Elijah boldly challenged the worshippers of Baal to a contest on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18). He called upon the Lord, and fire from heaven consumed the altar, proving that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is indeed the one true God.

God has promised to love and protect us (Psalm 91:14-16). God will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Our God who sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who was with Him from the beginning and through whom all things were created (John 1:1-3) is alive, and His messengers work for him every moment. And even now, Christ sits at the Father's right hand, interceding for us day and night (Romans 8:34).

The prophet Joel foretold a time when the Spirit of God would be poured out on all people, when sons and daughters would prophesy, old men would dream dreams, and young men would see visions (Joel 2:28-32). This prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21), and the gifts of the Spirit, as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, are still available to believers today.

Let us not be preoccupied with worshiping dead idols or the shallow goals of this world, but instead, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Let us live our lives in a manner worthy of the calling we have received (Ephesians 4:1), knowing that our God is alive, active, and working in and through us for His glory.

The Two Paths - Sealed vs Marked

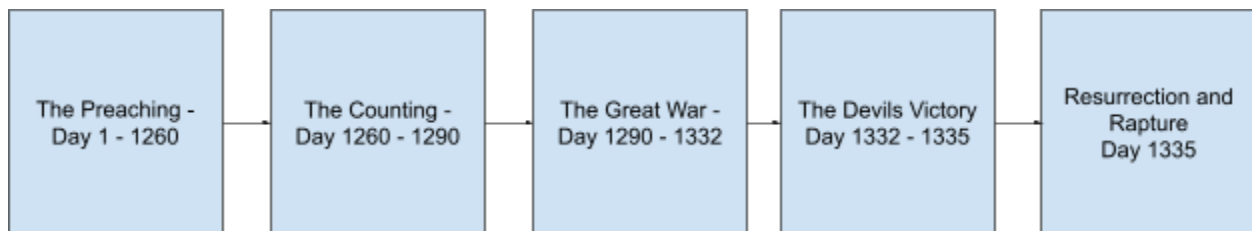
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This section visually represents the two paths for the wise and the unwise.

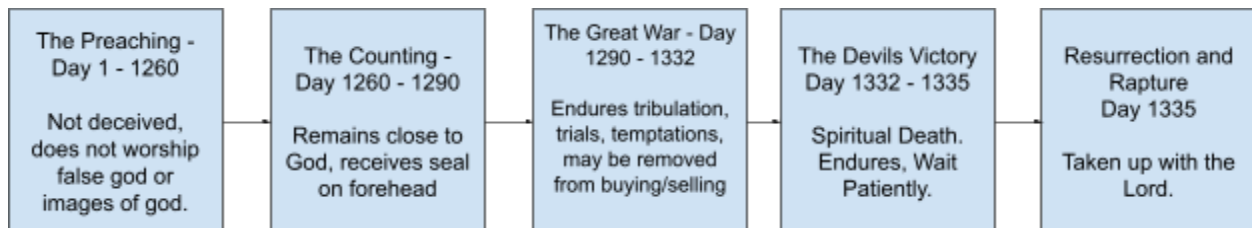
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The stages of the end begin with the preaching of the two witnesses, day 1, and end with the resurrection and the rapture, day 1335. The upcoming sections provide scriptural details and references.

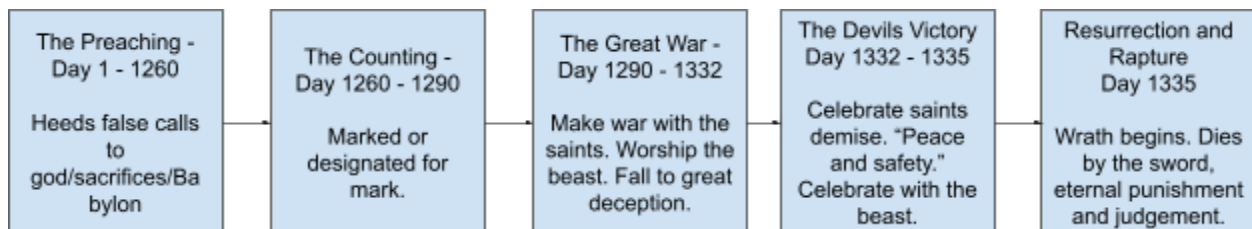
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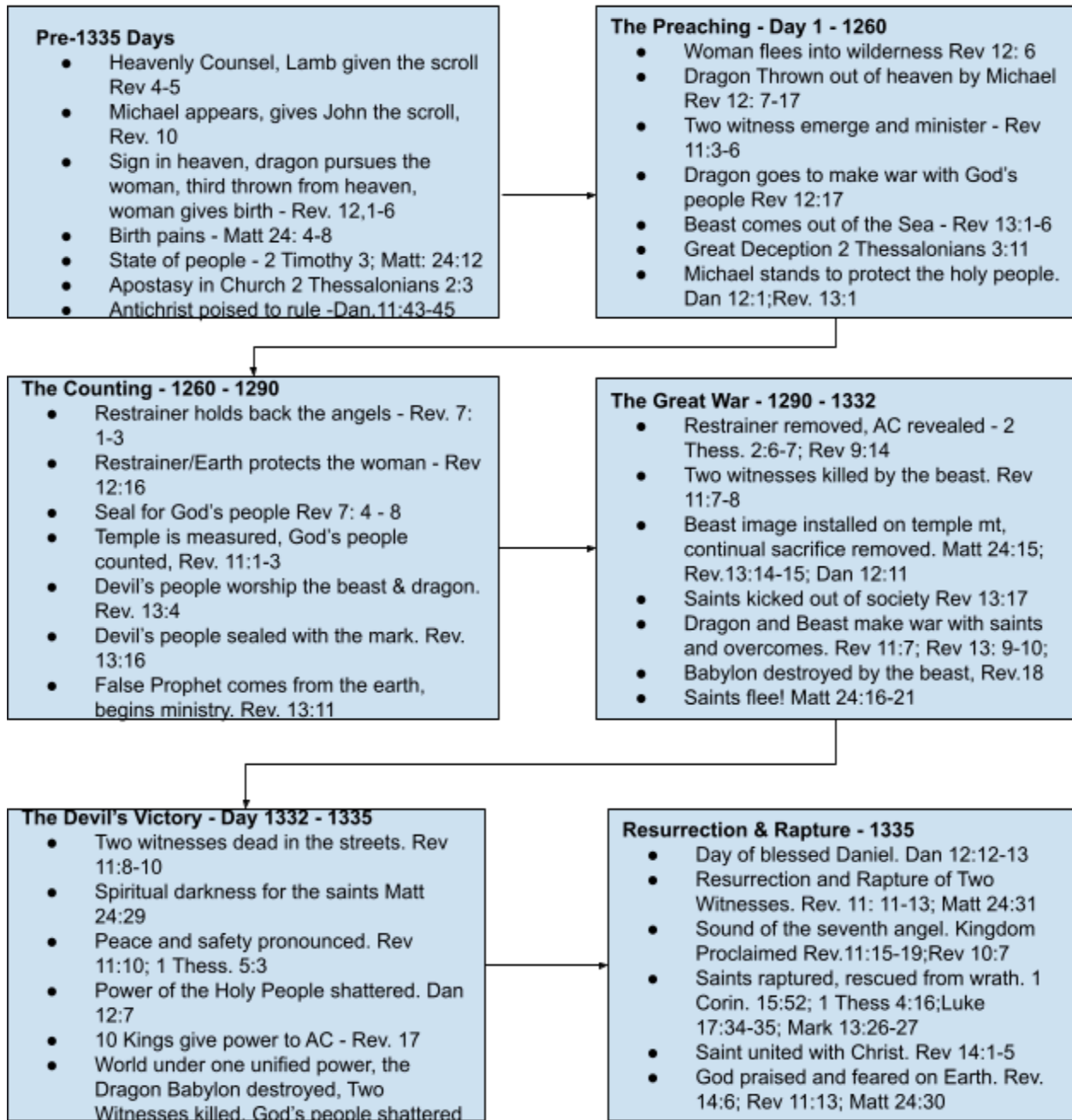
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3.1.3 The Path of the Marked



3.1.4 Timeline Through the Scriptures - 1335 days



Wisdom in the Last Days

Section 4

“51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

-1 Corinthians 1:15

4.0 Introduction

This text unveils a mystery from 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 about the transformative moment at the end of days. It sets the stage for an in-depth exploration of wisdom and discernment in the biblical context, especially concerning the last days marked by pivotal events such as the Red Heifer sacrifice and the rise of the third temple. By integrating various scriptures, the aim is to present a fuller picture of the end times.

4.1 Biblical Knots

The Bible often distinguishes between the "wise" and the "unwise." For example, the Book of Proverbs is essentially an entire treatise that distinguishes this difference.

5. A wise man will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
6. To understand a proverb and an enigma,

The words of the wise and their riddles.

7. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. - Proverbs 1: 5-7

Notice several key elements in the above scripture. First, it describes the attributes of a *wise man*. They increase in knowledge and understand counsel.

Second, the *fear* of the Lord is required. The Hebrew here is:

תָּרָא!

Which translates as 'yirah' or 'the fear' or 'a fear.' NASB translates as "awesome (1), extremely* (1), fear (35), fearing (1), reverence (5)." Brown-Driver-Briggs as 1) fear, terror, 2) a terror = object of terror, or 3) fear of God, **reverence, piety**. Surely, those who know the awesome power of God will sit in awe and reverence of His word and His teaching. Also, we will acknowledge and fear His astounding power and the punishments for those whom God comes against, especially for those principalities and men who must endure the Great Tribulation and pay the penalty for disobedience and foolishness.

"And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— 48 where

*'Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.'* -Mark 9:47-48

There is another critical section in Proverbs 1:1-7. Look closer at verse 6:

6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise **and their riddles**. -Proverbs 1:6

The Hebrew here for riddles is

חִידָּוִתָּם:

Spoken as 'wə-hî-dō-tām.' In the King James translation, the term is "and their dark sayings." The definition is "a riddle, an enigmatic, perplexing saying or question." Note the deeper definitions in the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, "dark saying sentence, speech, hard question, proverb, riddle."

Notice the same term is used in Psalm 78

1. Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a *parable*;
I will utter *dark sayings* of old,
3. Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us. - Psalm 78:1-3

So, there are 'dark sayings' and *parables*. Think of Bible sections as riddles; there are hints throughout, but it is written in *knots* that must be untied. The threads must be followed. For example, Revelation 11 and Revelation 13 describe the same event from different perspectives. Matthew 24 describes Daniel 12. 2 Timothy 3 describes the wicked in Daniel 12, the wise, and so on.

4.1.1 Teaching in Parables

"I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old," -Psalm 78:2

Parables are significant in the Bible and were one of Jesus's primary teaching methods. The parable method allowed the information to be understood by some but not everyone.

Fundamentally, parables are stories Jesus uses to illustrate deeper truths, serving as extended analogies or comparisons between earthly narratives and heavenly meanings. Throughout His ministry, particularly after the Pharisees' rejection, Jesus adopted parables as His primary teaching method. This was encapsulated in Mark 4:34. He did this to simultaneously reveal truths to seekers and obscure them from the indifferent or hostile, like the Pharisees, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy of a spiritually blind people.

The dual-purpose teaching strategy puzzled even His disciples, prompting private explanations to them. Interpreting these parables requires discerning the core spiritual lesson, distinguishing essential elements from mere storytelling embellishments, and aligning interpretations with the broader scriptural context, ensuring consistency with biblical doctrine.

Not exclusive to the Gospels, parabolic teaching appears throughout the Bible, such as in Proverbs, where it aims to convey wisdom through simple comparisons. Jesus' invitation, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear," underscores the intent of parables to engage the mind and the spirit of those genuinely seeking God's truth.

Jesus says to the disciples:

10 "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." -Matthew 13:10-11.

God speaks in parables. In this way, things may be given to some and kept from others because only the wise will understand. It is given to Christians to understand the kingdom's mysteries and be complete in the gospel.

“He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.” -Mark 4:34

Jesus constantly taught the multitudes in parables, but not so with His disciples. Notice that when they are alone, Jesus explains everything. This passage may reinforce the importance of time with God and in the holy word. Time spent in the secret place, communing with the Lord can reveal the mysteries and meanings of the parable messages.

So, how are the words of the Book of Daniel sealed until the end times? The prophetic scripture is hidden within an intersection of parable and mystery, kept secret only for those in the last days to truly understand.

13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not perceive;
15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And *their eyes* they have closed,
Lest they should see with *their eyes* and hear with *their ears*,
Lest they should understand with *their hearts* and turn,
So that I should heal them.’

“16. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17. for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.”
-Matthew 13:16-17

The words may finally be unsealed by combining world events with the Book of Daniel, the Olivet Discourse, The Book of Revelation, and other prophecies. But only by the wise. The Bible has some words to tell us about the wise and unwise in the last days.

4.1.2 The Wise and Unwise in the Last Days - 2 Timothy 3

Who are the wise and the unwise in the last days? The wise will understand the 'dark sayings' of the Lord and the parables. They will have ears to hear.

However, the last days add a new wrinkle to the equation. Of course, the Bible has an answer! Let's take a closer examination of 2 *Timothy* 3 to highlight the attributes of the wise and the unwise in the last days.

Let's start with the first verse:

"This know also, that in the **last days** perilous times shall come." -2 Timothy 3:1

The context of this chapter and its teachings pertain to these perilous times. The last days are the days as described in Daniel chapter 12.

"At that time Michael shall stand up,

The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people;

And there shall be a time of trouble,

Such as never was since there was a nation,

Even to that time." Daniel 12:1

The time referred to in the above scripture is the time of the end. The entire chapter of Daniel 12 is precisely about *that time*. Notice Jesus confirms this in Matthew.

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as **has not been since the beginning of the world until this time**, no, nor ever shall be." Matthew 24:21

Notice that both Daniel 12, and Matthew 24 indicate that the time will be unique. Daniel writes, "such as never was since there was a nation" and Jesus says, "**has not been since the beginning of the world until this time.**" No other time will be as horrendous in the entire history of the world. This is the same time period that Paul is writing about "in the last days."

Paul continues to describe the descent of man:

"3 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong,

haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. " -2 Timothy 3:2-5

That is an unsavory list of hedonism, narcissism, and rebellion. However, the scripture does not stop there. Here are some other characteristics of the unwise in the last days:

- Unwise taking advantage of others
- Ever learning and **never being able** to come to the knowledge of the truth. (verses 6-7)

Then Paul provides an additional and somewhat curious example,

Now as **Jannes** and **Jambres** withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. -2 Timothy 3:8

This is the only time in the Bible that Jannes and Jambres are mentioned. Oral Jewish tradition states that they were two sorcerers of Pharaoh's court. These two examples, perhaps of the maximum potential of man (without God) - say that they will encounter an end to their development - as it says in the preceding verse - "never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Paul discusses the consequences of the unwise in the last few days.

"but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was." -2 Timothy 3:9

Why will the wicked progress no further? Well, for several reasons. First, globally speaking, the unwise are described tangentially by Jesus when he says,

*For the hearts of this people have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.' - Matthew 13:15*

A significant characteristic of the unwise is that Jesus won't heal them. This halts their progression. They will not repent. We find this in the judgments of the Book of Revelation 14. The unwise take the mark and are subject to judgment and eternal damnation. Also, in Exodus 32, the Israelites who encourage Aaron to make the Golden Calf and worship it are subject to judgment and blotted out of the Book of Life by God.

The allusion to these two sorcerers from Egypt becomes further enriched by three other references to Egypt for the last days. The first is the Israelites as a typology of Christians in the last days. The second is the reference to Mystery Babylon in Revelation 17. The final reference is Egypt as part of the beast that emerges from the sea in Revelation 13. These connections will be explored in further detail in the following sections.

One of the top goals of a Christian is to be wise according to the word of God. To be complete for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17). Wisdom is to follow the knots or clues left in the Holy Word, increase understanding, and heed the warning in Daniel chapter 12.

Let's discuss what is outlined more specifically in Daniel chapter 12: that prophecy must be fulfilled. Daniel chapter 12 provides a road map for us to understand the events of the last days and for instruction on them. It tells us the day of the resurrection and the rapture—**on day 1335**.

4.4 Summary

This section emphasizes the critical role of wisdom, drawing on Proverbs and other biblical texts to differentiate between the wise and the unwise. It stresses the importance of fearing the Lord as the foundation of knowledge. It delves into using parables and "dark sayings" to convey complex truths, highlighting Jesus' teaching methods.

This approach underlines that only the wise will grasp the full depth of these messages, particularly as they relate to end times prophecies like those in Daniel 12 and 2 Timothy 3. The latter discusses the characteristics of people in the last days, pointing to a decline in moral and spiritual integrity. Through these insights, this book guides readers toward understanding the significance of wisdom in navigating the challenges of the last days, anchored by the events foretold in Daniel 12, including the resurrection and rapture. Next, we will explore the 1335 days more deeply.

Part 2 - 1335 Days

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. -Matthew 24:21-22



Devotional Thought #5

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. -Galatians 3:26-28

As we draw closer to the Lord, we must understand the true nature of the Church. We are not defined by denominations, organizations, or man-made structures but by our faith in Jesus Christ. The Apostle Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 2:5, "you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (NKJV).

One of the hardest things to do as a Christian is disagreeing with others and still being friends. Not everyone is a heretic. Not every mistake is a condemnation of the entirety of the man or the organization. If one calls himself a prophet, he must live by the prophet's standards. However, the Church, the pastors, the teachers, the worship team, the parishioners they are not perfect, and the Bible does not declare that they must be to serve the Lord. As a church body, leaders are doing the best they can. Have grace for them just as they have grace for us. Plant yourself in a body of Christ where love and sound doctrine abound but hesitate in the judgment of other Christians - the Lord knows what His will is.

We are the living body of Christ, united not by earthly labels or divisions but by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. As believers, we are called to set aside our differences and come together under the banner of truth, proclaiming the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

In this time of the end, it is more critical than ever that we stand firm in our faith, refusing to be swayed by the world's opinions or the enemy's deceptions. We must cling to the unchanging Word of God, allowing it to guide our every step and decision. Jesus Himself prayed for our unity in John 17:21, "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

Let us lay aside any hatred towards other denominations. And let us forsake allegiance to earthly organizations. Instead, we should shift our focus to our true identity as children of God, bought by the precious blood of Christ. As we draw near to Him in prayer, worship, and the study of His Word, may we be transformed into a living testament of His love and grace, shining as a beacon of hope in a desperate world ready for harvest.

We must recalibrate our ideas of approval. We seek not the approval of the world or people, that our unity is not found in the approval of men. Instead, let our desire for

approval be from a pleased Shepard. Let us cement ourselves in the unchanging truth of God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us. Let us press on together, as the living Church, until the day of Christ's return.

The Days of the End

Section 5

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. **33** So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

-Matthew 24:32-33

5. Introduction

The passage from Matthew 24:32-33 introduces the concept of recognizing signs of the end times, drawing a parallel between the natural signs of a *fig tree*. The fig tree was used as a metaphor to note the signs indicating the nearness of the end times. This is further explored through a detailed examination of prophetic timelines in Daniel 12 and the Book of Revelation, which outlines five distinct stages: The Preaching, The Ripening and Counting, The Great War, The Devil’s Victory, and The Resurrection and Rapture, spanning a total of 1335 days.

This analysis not only delves into the specifics of each stage but also draws parallels with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, offering a typological approach to understanding the end times. Further, it revisits the Old Testament narrative of the Israelites and the Golden Calf as a cautionary tale and typology, emphasizing the importance of faithfulness and the dangers of idolatry in anticipation of the final days.

5.1 The Road Map

Understanding the days of the end can be a complicated venture. They stretch across multiple chapters and in two testaments. The description requires careful Bible study and attention to key details and phrases.

In Daniel 12, two primary lengths of days are provided. 1290, and 1335, respectively. Investigation into these days reveals five stages. For the purposes of this book, these are titled **The Preaching, The Ripening and Counting, The Great War, The Devil’s Victory, The Resurrection and Rapture.**

The Five Stages	Days
The Preaching	1-1260
The Ripening and Counting	1260-1290
The Great War	1290-1332
The Devil's Victory	1332-1335
The Resurrection and The Rapture	1335

5.1.1. Days in Brief

- **The Preaching** - 1260 days. The purpose is to minister according to the will of God. Special miracles or powers may be manifest during this time. Special protection may be provided during this period as well.
- **The Ripening and Counting** - 30 days. A maturing or preparation period. Measuring the Kingdom or counting may occur during this time.
- **The Great War** - 42 days. A time of testing, temptation, or threats. This period may consist of physical or spiritual warfare. A time of intense conflict between Satan and the saints of the ambassadors of God.
- **The Devil's Victory** - 3.5 days. A time when the devil appears to be victorious, whether spiritually or physically. A time of apparent death, either physically or spiritually.
- **The Resurrection and the Rapture** - on the third day. A time of ascension and glorification. The dead rising, the living changed in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, ascending to heaven.
- **Total length of days** - 1335 - this is the span of time for the trials of the saints until the end times. Daniel 12:12: "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days." A curse is set upon those who do not wait the 1335 days and succumb to the mark.

5.1.1.2 Validation of The Days

In ancient Israelite culture, the definition of a day was different than how we calculate days in the modern world. Today, we utilize a twenty-four hour clock to delineate one day. However, in ancient times, day was considered a period of time. Typically this was from sunrise to sunset. Additionally, any part of a day may be spoken of, colloquially, as one day in the ancient world. When Jesus tells His disciples that He will be in the tomb

for three days, by modern reckoning, this may not seem to add up. However, if Jesus was put in the tomb before sundown on Friday (one day), then all day Saturday (two days), then arouse after sunrise on Sunday, that is the third day or three days in the tomb.

5.1.1.3 Validation of The Days

This section breaks down the calculations and how it can be known the duration of days from the time of The Preaching to the Resurrection and the Rapture. It outlines the books, passages, and calculations as written in holy scripture. It's normal for a Christian's reflex to say, "no one knows the day or the hour!!" Let's address the point briefly here and more in-depth in a later section.

About the day or the hour verse, there are three points to consider at this time. First, the exact day or hour is not predicted as in a calendar. For that to occur, a specific event would have to occur for the calculation to be made. Second, Jesus said to learn the lesson of the fig tree and to know when the summer approaches. Third, Daniel chapter 12 was sealed for a reason. It was sealed for the sons of the people of God to have understanding and wisdom about the last days. Therefore, context, setting, and situations may have a mitigating impact on verses in scripture.

Recall that Jesus taught in parables it was not for the unbeliever to know, but for the believer to know the mysteries of the kingdom. As such, it may not have been for those of previous generations to know the "day or the hour," but it may be for those of the last days, the perilous times, to know. Exploring the exact time and hour is not within the scope of this section (see *Chapter 11*).

Let's look at the time of days, months, and years as presented in the scripture. There are several key passages that allow for the calculation of days that are derived from months or years. The phrase, "time, times, and half a time" as seen in Daniel chapter 12, and in Revelation 11 and Revelation 12 are derived as follows.

- Time = 1 year
- Times = 2 years
- Half a time = .5 years
- Total years = 3.5 years
- Total months = 42 months
- Based on a 30 day calendar (Hebraic calendar), the days = 1260 days (the Preaching)

Revelation 11 and 12 provide the conversion. See first, Revelation 11:

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**. -Revelation 11:2

42 months with 30 days = 1260 days

The next verse provides the day conversion as well:

And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth. -Revelation 11:3

There are two important parts to this verse. First, the actual number of days is provided: 1260 days. Second, that the two witnesses will be preaching while the Gentiles are trampling the holy city during the same time. That will be an important clue in establishing the stage of the preaching.

Next, look at Revelation 12 to further validate the calculation or conversion of days to years.

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**. -Revelation 12:6

Again the number of days are provided in the above verse. An additional data point is that the events between the dragon and the woman appear simultaneously as the two witnesses, Revelation 11, and the beast rising out of the sea, Revelation 13. Therefore, these three chapters, Revelation 11, 12, and 13, all tell of the same timeline from different perspectives.

In a later verse, the conversion to years is written. The verse reads,

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. -Revelation 12:14

Time, times, and half a time is 3.5 years, or 42 months, or 1260 days. Another important point emerges that the events between Revelation 12:6 and Revelation 12:14 are a flashback to Michael battling with the dragon and expelling the dragon and his angels from heaven. This is an example of time not being consistent within a chapter of the

Book of Revelation. As noted earlier, time and perspective may change within the chapters and are not necessarily reported as sequential.

Daniel chapter 12 fills in the picture for the completeness of days. In verse 6, Daniel inquires of the one who stands above the river dressed in Linen, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders *be*?" and the response is provided in verse 7, "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." The one who stands above the river reveals the timing and the measurable data point, but they are not necessarily the same thing.

The timing is 1260 days (The Preaching). The one who is above the river adds, "and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things will be finished." (Daniel 12:7). This answer confuses Daniel. So he asks a clarifying question in verse 8, "My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?" The answer is provided in verse 11, "And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days." *Thirty* additional days are added to the response to the original 1260 days, that thirty additional days is the period of The Ripening and Counting, or the counting (see Revelation 11:1). More on that topic to follow.

To derive the number, 1260 days for the time, times, and half a time, then 1290 days from removal of the daily (or continual sacrifice). However, the one who stands over the river provides further information,

"Blessed *is* he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days." -Daniel 12:12

Now the number has been completed. The 1335 days are stated. The one who stands above the river adds the following information:

"But you, go *your way* **till the end**; for you shall rest, and will **arise** to your inheritance **at the end of the days**." -Daniel 12:13

Daniel is told to rest. Indeed, Daniel 12 is the final book of Daniel. Notice the words *arise at the end of days*. When is the end of days? It was told in the preceding verse, 1335 days. So the calculation is now as follows:

1260 (time, times, and half a time, The Preaching) + 30 days (The Ripening and Counting) + 45 days = 1335, the end of days. What happens in the 45 days between the Counting and the end of days? Scripture reveals the missing time period.

In Revelation 11, the beast ascends from the bottomless pit, making war with them and killing them (Revelation 11:7). This is day 1290. The two witnesses lay in the street for 3.5 days (Revelation 11:9). 45 days are unaccounted for in the calculation between days 1290 and 1335. $45 - 3 = 42$ days remaining. So what happens in the 42 days? This is the time period when the beast is unleashed to attack the saints, God's holy people, put them into captivity, kill them, and the two witnesses. The updated calculation is as follows:

1260 (time, times, and half a time, The Preaching) + 30 days (The Ripening and Counting) + 42 days (The Great War) + 3 days (death, The Devil's Victory) = 1335 days, the end of days or the day when the rapture and resurrection will occur.

Knowing the number of days is vitally important as it allows the saints to orient and prepare themselves for the current times and the times ahead. From the day that the abomination that causes desolation is established, day 1290, there will be 45 days remaining.

5.1.1.4 Literal Interpretation of The Days

Due to the description of years, months, and days for the roadmap, these are interpreted as literal days and not a figurative or symbolic statement for a period of time. That means, once the entry points for one of these five stages can be determined, the days can be counted forward to determine the timing of events to come. More on this topic in Chapter 10.

5.1.1.5 The Warning and Curse of Daniel 12

Considering the previous calculation informs the curse and warning of Daniel chapter 12. If "blessed are those who wait," then why are those who don't wait cursed? Here is the answer. After the Ripening and Counting, the sheep and the goats are assigned, they are numbered. As it says in Revelation chapter 13:

... **And all the world** marveled and followed the beast. **4** 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?" -Revelation 13:3-4

The world, or earth, in the Greek, here is understood as the peoples of the world. These will take the mark of the beast as described later in Revelation chapter 13. They become part of the beast system, able to buy and sell and participate in society. They worship the beast, the dragon, and the image of the beast. This is contrasted by those who have the seal of the Holy Spirit, as described in Ephesians chapter 1:

13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Those with the seal of the Holy Spirit of promise will wait the 1335 days. Again, the admonition of faith and patience is given to the saints, reinforcing Daniel 12:12:

12 Here is the **patience** of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. -Revelation 14:12

The above passage reflects the “blessed is he who waits” sentiment from Daniel 12. Those who wait are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, they are patient, they wait, and are blessed.

Conversely, assuming that someone lived and did not wait until the 1335 days, that would mean that they had abandoned the faith and threw their lot in with the beast, taking the mark. For all who take the mark, a terrible fate befalls them:

9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If **anyone worships** the beast and his image, and **receives his mark** on his forehead or on his hand, **10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. **11** And **the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever**; and **they have no rest day or night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” -Revelation 14:9-11

Notice that the requisite for this eternal torment is stated twice in the verses above. Those who receive the everlasting torment worship and receive the mark of the beast. The gravity of the curse of the *marked*, the failure to follow the instructions, blessing, and warning of Daniel chapter 12 cannot be overstated.

5.1.2 The Days of Jesus Christ - A Typology and Instruction

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” -John 16:33

The days of Jesus closely match the days of the end for His people. Jesus is the example, the template by which His saints are to follow. He lived a perfect life. In His perfect life, He taught and modeled how to overcome all things.

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **you should follow His steps:**” -1 Peter 2:21

Examining the days of Jesus, we see the following,

- **The Ripening and Counting:** 30 years to maturity before baptism by John and before the testing in the desert and commencement of His mighty ministry and sacrifice for sin.
- **The Great War:** 42 days of testing and temptation, fasting in the wilderness with one day travel in and one day travel out.
- **The Preaching** - 1260 months (42 months).
- **The Devil's Victory** - 3 days and nights in the grave.
- **Resurrection and Rapture.**

Adding the days of Jesus, the total number is 1335. Just as it says in the Book of Daniel chapter 12.

How do the saints follow the footsteps of Jesus? Recall a couple of important things. First, Jesus resisted the Devil in the desert with the three temptations. Jesus says,

17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
-Matthew 5:17-18

During Jesus’s Great War, the 42 days of testing and temptation, recall that Jesus quoted scripture every time he resisted the Devil. However, it wasn’t just any scripture. It was the scripture of Deuteronomy, the book of the law. When Jesus thwarted the Devil, He fulfilled the law. The requirement of the law being fulfilled began many generations before during the detestable worship of the Golden Calf below Mt. Sinai.

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and were brought to safety, Moses went up Mt. Sinai to commune with God. In Exodus 32, the Golden calf was created, a great abomination in the sight of God.

God was furious at their actions, and Moses pleaded with God to stay His hand. This cow worship, or heifer worship, was the first breaking of the law, and this set up the requirement of Jesus to fulfill the law. Much like what is going on today in Israel, as the Temple Institute prepares the sacrifice of the Red Heifers, this will be detestable and an abomination in the sight of God.

5.1.3 Israelites and the Golden Calf - Typology 2

The Israelites have escaped the hand of Pharaoh. They were surrounded and pinned against the Red Sea. The power of God parted the Red Sea as Moses put down his staff. The Israelites crossed in safety. But Pharaoh and the Egyptians drowned and died.

God provides the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mt. Sinai. Notice in Exodus chapter 20 that this is the first thing that God says to Moses after giving the Ten Commandments:

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. **23** You shall not make *anything to be with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.* Exodus 20, 22-23

The text here, "You shall not make anything *with Me*" can be confusing. The Hebrew word for *with* is **אִתּוֹ**, or, *eth*. The definition is "with, (denoting proximity). It can be understood as "you shall not make anything in proximity to Me." That is commandment number one. Also, it can be understood as "no other gods before Me." God delineates His majesty and supremacy in the Bible. See Isaiah chapter 45,

5. I am the Lord, and there is no other;

There is no God besides Me.

I will gird you, though you have not known Me, -Isaiah, 45:5

And

For You *are* great, and do wondrous things;

You alone *are* God. -Psalms, 86:10

And

Now see that I, *even I, am* He,

And *there is* no God besides Me;

I kill and I make alive;

I wound and I heal;

Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand. -Deuteronomy, 32:39

God's supremacy and uniqueness of deity are fundamental Biblical truths. In Exodus 32, the Israelites go through their version of **the Great War**. Unfortunately, they fail miserably.

Shortly after Moses ascends to Mt. Sinai to commune with God, the Israelites approach Aaron and request a god for them to worship, for they don't know when or if Moses will return. Aaron obliges. They construct the Golden Calf out of melted jewelry.

Now notice they dance and make merry around the Golden Calf. This will be just as the wicked, unwise people do after the death of the two witnesses (**The Devil's Victory** -More detail on this event will be covered in subsequent sections). At this moment, they've broken the law! Now, they need a savior to rescue them from their broken Law.

But weren't the sacrifices sufficient to cover the sins of the people of Israel? The answer is provided in Hebrews 10:

For the law, **having a shadow of the good things to come, and not** the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect.** **2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. **3** But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. **4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.** -Hebrews 10, 1-4

Jesus is the perfect and final sacrifice. He fulfilled the law during His testing and temptation by the devil in the wilderness (42 days, The Great War), and He fulfilled and is fulfilling all the words of the prophets - especially in Daniel 12.

During the merriment of the Golden Calf, **the Devil's Victory** over the Israelites, God's wrath is kindled. In Revelation 11, a similar merriment is described after the Two Witnesses are killed and lay dead in the streets for five days (Revelation 11: 10). The time of the Devil's Victory is also the time when the people feel security and safety to make merry.

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" Then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. -1 Thessalonians 5:3

Destruction does come upon the Israelites, just as it will come upon the people who take the mark of the beast and have a party over the dead bodies of the Two Witnesses, but the Resurrection and the Rapture come first.

When Moses comes down from the mountain, he takes immediate action. Moses calls out the following:

26 Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "**Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!**" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. Exodus 32:26

"Whoever is on the Lord's side, come with me!" is a typology of the **resurrection and the rapture**. Notice a similar phrase being used by the angel in Revelation 18, the chapter that describes the characteristics and fall of Babylon:

"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her**, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." -Revelation 18:4

All who are on the Lord's side have the holy seal of the Spirit of promise and will experience the following:

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

What do you think the shout will be when the Lord Himself descends? It will be "Come up here!" just as described to the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11:

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. -Revelation 11:12

Moses called, "Whoever is on the Lord's side - come with me!" Likewise, the Lord will call whoever is on His side to be with Him in the clouds. These are all examples of the resurrection and the rapture. Daniel was told about this in Daniel chapter 12:

"But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and **will arise** to your inheritance at the end of the days." -Daniel 12:13

The Hebrew for *will arise*, is **אָמַד** or "amadof," specific to Daniel 12:13 it means "revival after death (late for **דִּי־יָרֵם**)." Daniel will be resurrected, as will all those who belong to God. The dead and the alive will be changed instantly and lifted in the heavens by the command of the Lord Himself to be with the Lord forever.

The fate of the remaining Israelites is not a pleasant one. They did experience the plagues as foretold in Revelation 18. First, the Levites slaughter those who are not with God, over 3000 people. This includes neighbors and family members.

Moses pleads with God to stay His hand, but God puts a curse on the people.

“And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.” -Exodus 32:33

And

So the Lord plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made. -Exodus 32:35,

The people did endure plagues, and the Levites killed 3000 on the day that Moses found them with the Golden calf.

Interestingly, 3000 people are added to the Kingdom of God in Acts chapter 2. Here, there is a counter-blessing to the curse in terms of typology. In Acts chapter 2 it reads,

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to *them*. -Acts 2: 41

The conversions occur on the day of Pentecost. One of the mightiest blessings bestowed on God’s people is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The addition of the 3000 reinforces the principle that God’s kingdom will be made whole according to His will and timing. The principle of restoring the kingdom can be seen many times in scripture. One example is restoring Job’s riches after his testing. Of course, God didn’t just restore it. He doubled it. Much like the additional 3,000 from Acts, these weren’t just 3000 new converts but contrasted their faithfulness in sharing material goods and community versus that of those who worshiped the Golden Calf. Of those people, Aaron told Moses,

“So Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they *are set on evil*.” -Exodus 32: 22

The Israelites' hearts were set on evil, but the additional 3000 in Acts, according to their generosity and communing together, by all indications, are set on good. This is an example of an improved kingdom.

The restoration and improvement of the Kingdom broaches an interesting concept and verse that deserves a brief exploration. Notice in Zechariah the following verse:

I will bring the one-third through the fire,

Will refine them as silver is refined,

And test them as gold is tested.

They will call on My name,

And I will answer them.

I will say, 'This is My people';

And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' " -Zechariah 13:9

In chapter 13, the Lord speaks through Zechariah's writing, warning of false prophets' actions and wayward sheep. The proportion of sheep to be saved is one-third. One-third is the number of angels that follow the Devil and are cast out of heaven (Revelation 12). This verse may indicate the intention to restore the Kingdom of God, replacing the one-third of fallen angels with the one-third of people who will ultimately be resurrected and, possibly, at a higher station than the angels. This is reinforced in 1 Corinthians 6,

2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 **Do you not know that we shall judge angels?** How much more, things that pertain to this life? -1 Corinthians 6: 2-3

According to this theory, the one-third who are taken through the trials in Zechariah, who are found worthy, as described at the beginning of Revelation 14, will fulfill the purposes of restoring God's kingdom and replacing the rebellious angels that fell with the Devil. It stands to reason that those who follow by faith, without walking in direct eye-sight of God, would be more reliable than those angels, who know God, who walked with God, who listened to His commands on high, ultimately listened to rebellion and fall with the Devil.

Returning to typology, there is another important typology related to testing and trying that the Israelites encounter. This is the typology of the 12 spies. Numbers 13 describes Moses sending out 12 spies to survey the land of Canaan. When they return, the spies confirm the land's riches and report that they are outmatched. The enemy is formidable, and Nephalim (or giants in some translations) resides with the enemy.

In Numbers 14, the Israelites lose faith and moan that they should've died in Egypt or the desert. Ultimately, they attempt to rebel, select a new leader, and return to Egypt. Moses and Aaron fall on their faces to plead with the Israelites, but the people pick up stones to kill them. The Lord intercedes. He notes the 10 rebellions of the people and

Moses pleads for forgiveness of the people. A curse is set upon the people, that none of the numbered, those over the age of 20, shall enter the promised land, except for Joshua and Caleb. Only they will enter the promised land.

This typology reinforces the principles of faith and the curse of rebellion. If the Israelites had true faith, they would not fear fortresses or giants. For they would know that the Lord goes with them. Instead, they rebel and want to go back to the slavery of the Egyptians. As the Israelites of Moses represent a counter-example of how to behave, the Saints are cautioned to move forward regardless of obstacles or challenges, for the Lord is with them. As it says in Revelation 14,

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. **These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.** These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. -Revelation 14:4

The last day's saints are to follow the Lord and walk carefully in His footsteps and His example. They are to remain patient and faithful. Some unto death, some unto captivity. Regardless of the obstacle, remaining close in faith and trust will allow for the blessing of Daniel Chapter 12.

In examining these typologies, it's clear the blessings and curses that can come upon the people for disobedience or faith. It's vital to remain faithful to the Lord, even in the presence of a third temple or Red Heifer sacrifice. Even if mighty works and wonders proceed from those events, they are not of God. Those who succumb to the great deception of those events are those who take the mark and will burn forever for worshiping a false god. A false god in *proximity* to the real God, like the Golden Calf worship. This is the false god who takes his seat of power in Mystery Babylon, that of Jerusalem.

5.2 Summary

The exploration of end times through the lens of biblical prophecy and typology in Matthew 24:32-33, Daniel chapter 12, and the Book of Revelation reveals a complex but structured timeline. The timeline can be identified and categorized in five distinct stages. We can analyze and correlate the stages of the end times with the significant events in the life of Jesus and the historical episode of the Golden Calf. This provides a comprehensive roadmap for Christians to navigate the challenging period leading to the Resurrection and Rapture. This narrative serves as a guide for understanding the signs and seasons of the end times and as a call to faithfulness, vigilance, and perseverance

in the face of tribulations. Strength can be drawn from the positive example set by Jesus Christ contrasted by the failings of the Israelites at the foot of Mt. Sinai. In the next sections, we explore in further detail the timeline, setting, and key players throughout the timeline.

Devotional Thought #6

..and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. -Matthew 28:20

There are challenges and uncertainties in this world. It is easy to find ourselves gripped by fear and doubt. However, we must remember that our Heavenly Father is always with us, providing a solid foundation to stand.

God is in every cell, in every molecule, at the center, and throughout every atom. His plan and glory know no constraints or bounds. And yet, we are still so important to him that every hair on our head is counted and known. We learn in Epiphisians 2:10 that we are God's workmanship. God will not let us go into the world without blessing and protection.

If you were an Art Gallery owner and someone bought the only copy of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, would you ship it to them in an envelope? No! You would reinforce it with unbreakable glass and a steel shipping crate! You would probably even travel with the painting, never leaving it out of sight.

How much more will God protect His workmanship throughout the travails of this world?

In Isaiah 41:10, the Lord reassures us, "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

We can take comfort in knowing that God is our rock and our salvation. Psalm 62:6 reminds us, "He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved." When we trust Him, we can face any trial or tribulation with unwavering confidence, knowing He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Moreover, the Lord promises to give us the words to speak and the courage to go forth as His light in this world. Jesus assures us in Luke 12:12, "For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." We don't have to worry about what to say or how to say it, for the Spirit of God will guide us and empower us to be bold witnesses for Christ.

As we stand firm on the message of God, which is His Son, Jesus Christ, let us remember the words of 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love." May we go forth in this world

as beacons of His love, grace, and truth, always relying on the solid rock of our salvation.

The Days of the End, The Beginning

Section 6

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” -Daniel 12:4

6.0 Introduction

The passage from Daniel 12:4 serves as a significant moment and mystery in biblical prophecy. The Lord offered a directive to Daniel to seal the prophetic words until the end times, a period characterized by unparalleled movement and the exponential growth of knowledge; for generations, many have wondered what exactly was sealed.

The sealing up of the book sets the stage for a deeper exploration into the eschatological framework presented throughout the Scriptures, particularly as elaborated in the subsequent chapters of Daniel and the Revelation of Jesus Christ or The Book of Revelation.

Before delving into the days of the end, the prerequisite knowledge required to understand the intricacies of these days has been covered in the above writing. The importance of the prophecy of Daniel chapter 12, wisdom in the last days, a general description of the days, and the typologies make it possible to explain the mechanism or the blueprint of these last days.

Remember that the instructions of the saints are to understand, be wise, and remain patient. Patience is the key because there is faith, and with faith in Jesus Christ, we are washed by His blood and saved by grace.

6.1.1 The Preaching - Day 1 to 1260

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, or Book of Revelation, is Daniel chapter 12 unsealed. Let's begin with the first section of time, *the Preaching*.

To understand this stage and the stages to follow, it's important to note that the Book of Revelation chapters 11 and 13 describe the same events but are told from different perspectives.

Revelation 11 describes how the followers of God, the saints, and the Two witnesses will bring their power to the setting of the last days. Revelation 13 describes how Satan will bring his demonic creatures to the events of the last days. However, they represent the same periods, reflecting what occurs in Daniel 12, the 1335 days.

In Revelation chapter 11, the two witnesses are appointed to minister for 1260 days.

“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” -Revelation 11:3

During this period, the two witnesses are imbued with power over the earth. They are not to be harmed by anyone who comes against them.

Revelation 13, in contrast, shows the Beast that rises from the sea, imbued with power from the Dragon (as described in Revelation chapter 12, the Dragon is a euphemism for Satan). During the stage of *The Preaching*, The Beast is not permitted to harm the witnesses (see Revelation 11:5, Revelation 13:5). However, The Beast verbally insults during this period and exercises his power.

“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.” -Revelation 13:5

Note that months are 30 days long in the Hebrew calendar. 42 months * 30 days per month = 1260 days.

The beast's blasphemies elicit the old saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” The beast can say his harmful words but cannot hurt the witnesses. This is because the two witnesses are supernaturally protected during their preaching period. They are anointed with power and protected, as are God's people during this time. Who protects them? That is a mystery to be uncovered now.

6.1.1.1 Then “I” Stood

Notice the first sentence of 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. -Revelation 13:1

Who is “I” in this verse? Some translations read, “The dragon stood on the shore of the sea.” (NIV). The translators leave a note in the NKJV that “I” is “he,” which indicates that it is not John who stands on the sand of the sea. However, is it the dragon? It could be,

as seen in Revelation 12, the furious dragon pursues the woman. However, the scripture in Revelation 12 shows that it cannot be the dragon during this time.

“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.” -Revelation 12:14

Notice that the woman is flown off into the wilderness, where she is nourished for the same number of days at The Preaching, that is, 1260 days. The events of Revelation 13:1 begin on day 1 of 1260, just as the events of Revelation 11:1 begin on day 1 of 1260. If the woman is protected, she cannot be attacked by the beast coming out of the sea. It is not until afterward that the dragon goes after her offspring.

“...where she would be taken care of for a **time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. 15 Then** from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent...**17 Then** the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” -Revelation 12: 14-15, 17

So the dragon is preoccupied with the woman until later, after the 1260 days. This is before he goes to war with the saints (see *The Great War, section 7*). Another intriguing verse is in Revelation 10. The angel stands on the sea and the land (Revelation 10:5). We know that the angel is not the Lamb but mimics what the man in linen does in Daniel 12. Then who is it that stands on the sand of the sea?

The answer resides in Daniel chapter 12. The description of this chapter also begins on day 1 of the 1260 days. The verse reads:

“At that time **Michael shall stand up,**

The great prince who stands watch over the **sons of your people**” -Daniel 12:1

Dissecting this verse, “At that time,” what is the angel Gabriel referring to? *The time of the end*. That is day 1 of the 1260-day period. Michael, one of the chief archangels, stands up and protects!

6.1.1.2 On the Sand of the Sea

What is “*the sand of the sea*” in Revelation 13:1? This is revealed in Daniel 12:1. The sand of the sea (Revelation 13:1) are “the sons of *your* (Daniel’s) people” (Daniel 12:1).

Notice the term 'as numerous as the sand of the sea' is used multiple times to describe the descendants of Abraham. First, let's start with the promise that God makes to Abraham in Genesis,

"blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the **sand which is on the seashore**; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies." -Genesis 27:17

Next, see Exodus 32,

For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as **the sand of the sea**, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' " -Exodus 32:12

(note: this is the same chapter as the Golden Calf, a vital typology of the last day's saints)

Again, in 1 Kings,

"Judah and Israel were as numerous **as the sand by the sea in multitude**, eating and drinking and rejoicing." 1 Kings 4:20

In the New Testament, the phrase is used in Romans,

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the **sand of the sea**, The remnant will be saved. Romans 9:27

And again in Hebrews,

"Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as **the sand which is by the seashore.**" -Hebrews 11:12

Those familiar with the expression may rightly point out that this particular idiom commonly refers to many people. They would be correct, for this expression has been used in the Old Testament and Revelation 20 to describe the enemies of the Israelites as well as the descendants of Jacob. However, the following verses provide further clarity on the matter.

"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." -Revelation 13:1

The sea, or waters, as interpreted in Revelation 17, represents the nations, often referred to as the Gentiles,

Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues." -Revelation 17:15

Revelation 21 may provide the final clue. The description of the new earth and the new heaven. It reads,

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea." -Revelation 21:1

Why is there no more sea? Because no more Gentiles live on the face of the earth. The Gentiles and the opposition that arises from the Gentile nations (or the sea) have been removed from the face of the land. Only believers will inhabit the new earth and the new heaven.

With Michael standing watch, God's people, including the two witnesses, receive spiritual and holy protection.

6.1.1.3 The Power of the Witnesses

During *the Preaching*, the Two Witnesses have the following attributes:

- Power to shut up the heavens so that no rain falls (as with Elijah. 1 Kings 17:1;18:1)
- Power to turn water into blood (Moses, Exodus 7)
- Power to strike the Earth with plagues as often as they wish (Moses, Exodus),
- Fire comes from their mouth to any who seek to harm them. If any do harm them, they are destroyed similarly. (Jerimiah 5:14)

-Revelation 11:5-6.

The identity of the two witnesses combines the power of at least three Old Testament prophets. The combination of various powers matches the combination of the manifestations of the Beast coming out of the sea in Revelation 13.

6.1.1.4 The Beast out of the Sea

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. **2** 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.

There is a great deal of symbolism in the description of the beast arising from the sea. First, what is the sea? The sea represents the many nations and people of the earth. Essentially, the gentiles of the earth, their worldly thoughts, cares, and fleshly preoccupations.

The seven heads represent different nations in time. The ten crowns on his head represent the 10 kings (Revelation 17). The ten kings aligned with the antichrist but had yet to be given their kingdom (Daniel 7; Revelation 17). In Revelation 17, we learn that the 10 kings are of one mind, and they cede their authority to the Beast for one hour after they destroy Babylon, the Mother of Harlots, with fire (more on that topic in the next section).

Now, notice something else interesting regarding the description of the beast. It was like a leopard, with feet like a bear and a mouth like a lion. This describes the three beasts that preceded the fourth beast in Daniel 7. However, the beast in Revelation is a culmination of all four beasts. Also, the beast described in Revelation 13 is in reverse order than Daniel 7. This suggests that the evil inside goes way back to its roots.

After the time of the two witnesses' ministry, a new period begins. That of the *Ripening and Counting*.

6.2 The Ripening and Counting - Day 1260-1290

The Ripening and Counting is essentially a waiting or preparation period within the 1335-day calculation. For this period, we see an escalation of evil and exciting developments for good!

Directly after the verse related to the 42 months of "speaking many great things and blasphemies" Revelation 13:5, we see the following verse:

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

The Ripening and Counting is a time of preparation. Look at the plans for good that occur in Revelation 11.

"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and **those who worship there.**"

-Revelation 11:1

In the above verse, the angel instructs John (presumably) to measure the temple and all who worship there. This is the counting of the *saints*. They are numbered to ensure that everyone is accounted for. It is known that not one of the saints will be lost.

6.2.1 The Voice of the Shepherd

26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. **27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **30** I and My Father are one. -John 10:26-30

All who know the mighty voice of the Shepherd will come to Jesus. Every saint destined for the seal of God will receive it because they have been given to Jesus from the Father. This follows the prophecy of Daniel chapter 12:

...And at that time your people shall be delivered,

Everyone who is found written in the book. -Daniel 12:1

So, saints may be comforted and assured that they will be secured in Jesus. Of course, the sheep know the Shepherd's voice. And at this time, the last days, the flock can hear the Shepherd calling.

6.2.2. The wise and the turning

Those who are **wise** shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those **who turn many to righteousness**

Like the stars forever and ever. -Daniel 12:3

Who are the wise in the last days? Those who are made complete with God's word (2 Timothy 3).

Who turns many to righteousness? Those who hold the seal of God evangelize and warn the other sheep! Do not follow a false messiah or false sacrifices. Jesus is the only Christ. The sacrifice is complete. Jesus warns His disciples of all these things in Matthew 24.

This may be one of the reasons you are reading this book right now or why so many are turning toward Jesus. We hear the Shepherd's voice and know the signs of the time. Sheep must call to other sheep to "Wake up! The Shepherd is calling!" "Wake up! Lift your heads out of the grass! The Shepherd is calling!"

The time for calling will quickly be over as The Ripening and Counting ends. The text suggests that at this time, those on Earth will either have one of two appointments: the seal of God or the mark of the Beast. It will be like the sheep and the goats. During the Great War, the saints will be tried as never before.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. **33** And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left." -Matthew 25:31-33

6.3 Summary

Daniel 12:4 sets the stage for a deep exploration into biblical end times, signaling increased movement and knowledge expansion. This prophecy connects to the Book of Revelation, detailing a timeline from the initial preaching stage through a period known as The Ripening and Counting and culminating in the final judgment distinguishing the righteous from the unrighteous. The powers, attributes, and connection to Old Testament prophets are described as the two witnesses are described. The restraint of the beast is described as well. Key themes include divine protection, the role of prophecy, and the victory of good over evil. The narrative emphasizes wisdom, faith, and patience, as reflected in the scripture. In the next section, we go deeper into a pivotal moment of the end, the Great War.

Devotional Thought #7

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28

Our primary purpose is to do the will of our Heavenly Father. In John 6:29, Jesus clearly states, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." Our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the very foundation of our Christian walk.

The Apostle Paul, in Colossians 1:23, urges, "if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard." We must not just hold on, but remain unwavering in our commitment to Christ, placing all our hope, trust, and faith in Him alone.

In a world filled with confusion, distractions, and temptations, we often lose sight of our true purpose. However, we must remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." It's not just about believing but about living. Our actions and decisions should not just align but be a reflection of God's will, and our lives should not just show but radiate the love and grace of our Savior.

As we seek to complete the will of the Father, we can find comfort and strength from Hebrews 12:1-2, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." We must focus on Christ, trusting His perfect plan for our lives. We must remain obedient and loyal, even when we fall short or backslide. Through His blood, we can pick ourselves up and carry forward again. Do not allow yourself to wallow in despair because of wandering; instead, step forward and recommit your life to do the will of the Father.

Remember, our faith in Jesus is not just a one-time moment caught up in the emotion of a desperate moment or a stirring revival ceremony. Faith is a daily decision, a daily declaration through word and deed. Every day, we should re-center and re-focus on following Him and obeying the will of the Father. Not for salvation; once we are sealed, we are sealed. The daily commitment is for rejuvenation. This will help us walk in peace and freedom following the footsteps of the Good Shepard, Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9-10 states, "9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Notice

that 'confess' and 'believe' are both in the present tense, not the past or future tense, but the present. It does not say, "If you *confessed* with your mouth and *believed* in your heart," but rather "confess" and "believe!"

Faith is a living thing. It requires nourishment through prayer, God's word, fellowship, and doing the work of our Lord. We must keep that ongoing faith, not necessarily for salvation, but for strength, reinforcement, and consistency in His presence. If we are genuinely sealed and truly changed into a new creation, the daily commitment will occur so naturally that we will most likely not notice its presence.

How do we change? We can change in many ways. Here are just some of the ways we are changed by the goodness of our God. First, by acknowledging Him. Second, by sitting with Him in stillness and through life struggles. Third by growing in relationship with Him. Fourth, we can change by surrendering to His will.

We change by giving up ourselves, by figuratively dying on the cross with Him to our new life. It is a life dedicated to Him, no longer of ourselves. We don't have to try, just surrender. It is about His work, not about us. This is completely contrary to the ways we have learned in this world, the harder we work the more we accomplish. Rather, the more we surrender and humble ourselves to His glory, the more His Spirit works in and through us. Not for greatness in the material world. Or for respect or accolades or any other Earthly prestige. Rather, for His glory, for His prestige, for His honor. It is through Him and about Him. It is His work and His work alone.

As we continue on this journey, may we find comfort and encouragement in the promise of Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Amen

The Great War - Day 1290 - 1332 - THE MIDDLE

Section 7

5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. -John 10:5-6

7.0 Introduction

The Great War represents one of the most turbulent times for the saints. During this time, there will be temptation, attack, and persecution. It is vital to remain patient and faithful and stand on His promise that He is with us, even until the end of the age. According to God's purpose, this part of the plan, this bitter cup, must be fulfilled. There will be pain at night, but joy comes in the morning.

7.1 The Great War - Day 1290 - 1332 (42 days)

Following the thread of The Great War requires the discernment to know that the Book of Revelation changes in perspectives and in time, it is not chronological and may often change in perspective, setting, and time, even in the same chapter.

7.1.1 The Dragon

The Great War occurs when the beast is no longer restrained and is free to war with the saints and the two witnesses. Three perspectives are outlined in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, or Book of Revelation. One in Revelation 12, another in Revelation 13, and finally in Revelation 11. The dragon's perspective is outlined in chapter 12,

7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, **8** but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. **9** And **the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan**, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:7-9

Satan is expelled from heaven by the heavenly warriors. Of note is the Archangel Michael, who is one of the chief archangels and the protector of God's holy people (see Daniel 10:20).

Satan, the dragon, pursues the woman who gave birth to the child. She was given two wings to escape the dragon. The woman is taken to the wilderness where she is protected for "time, times, and half a time" or 1290 days, the same time period as The Preaching and The Ripening and Counting (see Daniel 12:7). Despite the dragon's best efforts, he cannot harm the woman. This infuriates the dragon, and he goes to his next target, her people.

"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." Revelation 12:17

7.1.2 The Beast

It is at this juncture that the dragon and the beast can now make war with the saints, the people of the woman in Revelation 12, and are free to inflict harm and even death.

Continuing in Revelation 13, from the beast's perspective, the beast is now free to move from insults and blasphemies to persecution. Note the following verse:

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. Revelation 13:7

During the great war period, the beast's followers will worship the dragon, and the beast, because of the beast's power:

...and all the world marveled and followed the beast. **4** 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?" -Revelation 13:3-4

7.1.3 The False gods

Notice that all the world, or all the people of the world, worshiped not just the dragon, but the beast as well. Later in the chapter, the false prophet, who comes out of the earth, will make an image of the beast and all the people of the world, that is all the people who *are not* described in Revelation 12:17 "*who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*" will worship the image of the beast. Tracking the worship, three entities are being worshiped:

- The Dragon,
- The Beast,
- The Image of the Beast.

Much like the failed Israelites in Exodus 32, they broke the first commandment of God to have no other gods but Him (Exodus 20: 3), those who take the mark will break this commandment, worshiping the dragon and the beast. Like those who worshiped the golden calf, the false god that is in the *proximity* of God, they will have broken the first commandment. This false god worship will incur the wrath of God.

Aaron describes the people at that time:

So Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. **You know the people, that they are set on evil.** -Exodus 32: 22.

The people are set on evil. An intriguing description, and Jesus alludes a similar description of those in the last days. In Luke 17, Jesus describes the people as being likened to those in the days of “*Noah*” and those in the day of “*Lot*” (verses 26-29). He describes them as eating and drinking and making merry. There is another interesting detail that the people at that time were utterly wicked. The people in the days of Noah are described in the Old Testament as such:

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and **that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** -Genesis 6:5

If the words of 2 Timothy 3 match the preceding verses, we may see a detailed description of those in the last days, those who take the mark.

Also, those who take the mark break the second commandment:

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything that is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or **that is in the water under the earth;**” -Exodus 20:4

Notice this important detail, the water under the earth. Where does the beast emerge from? From the sea! In Revelation 13, verse 1, “And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea.” It is interesting to note here that the dragon who is worshiped comes from the heavens (Revelation 12:9), the false prophet comes from the earth (Revelation 13:11), and the beast comes from the sea (Revelation 13:1). This covers the totality of the realms forbidden from which to create images to worship.

Returning to the Golden Calf, there is a typology of the curses of those who take the mark.

In section 5.1.3 Israelites and the Golden Calf - Typology 2, Recall how Exodus 32 outlines the Golden Calf.

An additional detail regarding the Golden Calf is that it is burned in the fire, and Moses ground it to powder with fire, destroying it. Subsequently, the powder is mixed with water, and the Israelites who worshiped the calf were forced to drink (Exodus 32: 20). Then Moses makes a line in the sand and asks for all who are on the Lord's side to come to him (Exodus 32:26). The Levites join Moses. With the sword, many Israelites are killed (Exodus 32:27). Afterwhich, the Levites are set apart as bearers of the priesthood and a holy people (Exodus 32:29).

Parallels may be seen by those who take the mark of the beast. They must drink from God's wrath, and then they, too, are killed with the sword. Please note the following verses from the Book of Revelation:

10 They, too, **will drink the wine of God's fury**, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be **tormented with burning sulfur** in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. -Revelation 14:10

Notice also,

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. **13** Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." -Revelation 14: 12-13

The above verse is the same period as Daniel chapter 12. This is reflected in the opening of the fifth seal in Revelation chapter 6 verse 9, where under the altar was held the souls who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. This concept is mentioned in Genesis after Cain kills Abel.

And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. -Genesis 4: 10

Here it is established that the testimonies and voices of those slain for the Lord are preserved, heard, and honored. Now there's another very interesting verse in Revelation that addresses another aspect of preserving the saints.

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on

the sea, or on any tree. **2** Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, **3** saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." -Revelation 7: 1-3

The angels of destruction are intentionally restrained until the work of God has been completed. All of those who belong to God must be appropriately marked and counted. This occurs during the Ripening and Counting period. Then there will essentially be two types of people: those of the seal of God and those of the mark of the Beast.

Those who take the mark must drink from the bitter cup, just as the Israelites were forced to drink the ashes of the false god. Just as the Levites killed the Israelites with the sword, so too will the takers of the mark be killed with the sword (see Revelation 14). The punishments for those who do not heed the warning in Daniel 12 are clear and gruesome.

7.1.4 The 144,000 in the Great War

Unlike the people of "the world," (see Revelation 13: 3-4) the people of God, the saints, those with the seal of the Holy Spirit of promise are not deceived, impatient, or led astray in time of the Great War. Instead, they remain steadfast, even in the face of great adversity and trial.

Paul warned about deception from the devil specifically in relation to being a pure bride for Christ. In 2 Corinthians 11, the topic of false Christ and deception is covered in detail along with warnings not to follow those who come in the name of Jesus but are really working for their ends. Consider the following passage:

2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. **For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.** **3** But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness,** so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. -2 Corinthians 11: 1-3

Notice the intent to betroth the people of God to present to Christ as a virgin. The same language describes the 144,000 virgins presented to God, the first fruits in Revelation 7. They are protected and sealed through the Preaching and The Ripening and Counting.

Saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." -Revelation 7:3

Another important detail is the purity of these saints. They have been washed with the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14). Lastly, the people of God, the sealed, have not

defiled themselves with women as described in Revelation 14, the moment after the Resurrection and the Rapture.

4 These are the ones **who were not defiled with women**, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. **5** And in **their mouth was found no deceit**, for they are without fault before the throne of God. -Revelation 14:4-5

Why were they not defiled with women? Firstly, because they do align with Babylon, the Mother of Harlots. They did not worship the dragon, the beast, or the image of the beast. Notice how it says, "in their mouth was found no deceit?" This is because they did not follow "*the deceiver of the whole world*" (Revelation 12:9). Rather, they follow Jesus Christ:

Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**" -John 14:6

Moreover, God has described Himself as a jealous God and will not tolerate the worship of idols and false gods.

At this point, there are essentially two types of people: those with the seal of the holy God and those with the mark of the beast. Those with the seal will suffer for 45 days during the Great War and the Devil's Victory, but those with the mark will suffer for eternity. More on this particular topic to follow later.

A typology emerges from previous scripture that denotes the separation of peoples that is expected during the Counting. The first is in Exodus 32, where Moses declares:

"Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him." -Exodus 32: 26

Moving back to Revelation 11, the perspective of God's people is described. For the people of God, the 42 days appear as follows:

"Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss **will attack them, and overpower and kill them.**" Revelation 11:7

In the Olivet discourse, Jesus also warns His followers about The Great War:

9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **10** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, **11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people” -Matthew 24:9-11

During this time, two primary sources will come against the people of God. The first is temptation. The second is force.

7.1.5 Temptations

In considering temptations and threats, it is important to know that Jesus has set the template for how the saints should respond. Peter highlights this when he writes:

21 “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **you should follow His steps:**

22 “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; -1 Peter 2:21-22

The saints are to follow the example and the template as outlined by Jesus. Especially in the last days, when there will be tempting and threats made by the beast to join him and his army of the unwise.

In Revelation 13, during the period of the false prophet, we see the mark of the beast as a temptation and a threat.

“and that **no one may buy or sell** except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” -Revelation 13:17

The phrase “no one may buy or sell” may have various connotations. First, it is literal: the saints are excluded from the world's economic system. Essentially, the saints will be cast out of *society*. Without buying or selling, the saints cannot buy food to eat. They will not be able to grow and prosper as others are doing during this time. Being omitted from the financial system will be both a temptation to rejoin and a threat. The saints will lose their prosperity.

7.1.6 The steps of Jesus

To follow in the footsteps of Jesus, let's examine how He responded to the devil's temptation in the desert. The temptations the saints endure will follow a parallel path to what Jesus endured.

Jesus is tempted in three domains by the Devil, that of the flesh, the soul, and the spirit. First, Jesus is tempted with bread (Matthew 4:4). This is a temptation of the flesh, the carnal needs of the body.

Jesus responds by saying that we shall live on the word of God. Notice this is a quote from Deuteronomy:

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. -Deuteronomy 8:3

The same will be true for the saints. If the saints cannot buy or sell, they will not be able to buy bread to eat. The saints must hold fast to the word of God. This particular temptation is not dissimilar to the temptation that Esau succumbed to, selling his birthright for a bowl of soup (Genesis 25). God made His feelings about Esau known in Malachi 1, “..Yet Jacob I have loved; But Esau I have hated..” -Malachi 1: 2-3.

Next, Jesus was tempted with power (Matthew 4:6). The Devil tempts Jesus by asking Him to throw Himself off of the top of the temple and let God’s angels rescue Him. Fundamentally, this is a test of the soul, or the will, that of Jesus putting His will above the will of God, getting outside of God’s plan to demonstrate Jesus’s deity. However, Jesus resisted and said, “**It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’**” -Matthew 4:7. Here is the scriptural reference from Deuteronomy:

“You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted *Him* in Massah.”
Deuteronomy 6:16

For context, Massah refers to a site near Rephidim that the Israelites reached during their exodus from Egypt after leaving the Wilderness of Sin. Faced with a lack of water, their dissatisfaction threatened Moses' life. Following divine instructions, Moses advanced ahead of the group and struck a rock at Horeb with his staff, miraculously producing water. He dubbed the site "Proof and Contention" to signify the Israelites' criticism and their challenge to the Lord's power (Exodus 17:1-7).

Saints may be tempted to call upon the mighty power of God during the Great War. Hope should not be lost, as God does not immediately answer with great and mighty miracles or actions. Remember how Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:

9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. -Matthew 6:9-13

The fulfillment of the Great War is part of the plan. Saints must have the mighty faith during this time of trial, temptation, and suffering. Notice, "Your will be done on Earth as in Heaven." Submission to God's will in obedience and devotion distinguishes those with wisdom and with the seal of salvation. Depend on the Lord for bread, depend on the Lord for forgiveness of debts, depend on the Lord for all things, and pray for His kingdom and power in Heaven and on Earth. God will provide a way for the saints to persevere and be patient.

Saints are to wait patiently for the Lord. This is a test of faith. During the Great War, the saints will be tempted to test the power of God to put a stop to evil and persecution. However, the saints are instructed to *wait*, have faith, and not give up hope.

"Blessed *is* he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days." -Daniel 12:12

Finally, Jesus is tempted with all the world's riches if He only worships the Devil. This particular test demonstrates two extremely important ideas. First, that the Devil is willing to give up everything, all of his kingdom, just to have the victory. We can see this reflected in Revelation 18, when the beast devours Babylon, which has become a prison for all the demons and foul spirits. The devil destroys this because he believes this will give him the victory. More on this particular topic to come.

Second, this is the final test, the test of the spirit. If Jesus worships the devil, the Holy Spirit will not dwell within Him. What we worship is where the spirit dwells. It is the holy

of holies within a person. This is why, fundamentally, the last day's people are either sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise or marked by the beast. There is only room for one within the holy of holies. Which the people pledge their allegiance to is paramount. Jesus mentions this tangentially in the following passage,

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” -Matthew 6: 24

As Jesus is tempted of the spirit, He rebukes the Devil and affirms His loyalty only to God.

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘**You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.**’” -Matthew 4:8-10

The beast will most likely tempt those who follow him with great power, wealth, and riches. Perhaps he may even tempt them with a false promise of eternal life. The Deuteronomy verse quoted here is as follows:

“You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.” -Deuteronomy 10:20

The allegiance of the saints is only to God and no one else. Period. End of story. No other gods in *proximity* to Him. No Golden Calves like those in Exodus, who failed miserably to keep the first commandment during their great time of testing and trial. Nothing else. Only God. Notice also the first part of the verse, “you shall fear the Lord your God.” Here is a connection to Proverbs:

The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,

But fools despise wisdom and instruction. -Proverbs 1:7

The fools, or the unwise, especially in the last days (see 2 Timothy 3) will follow the Beast. They are not of the Shepherd. They have a mark, not a seal. Those two are distinctly different. As different as the sheep and the goats. Notice the connection in Daniel 12:

“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” -Daniel 12:10

Following the instructions of wisdom, to fear and serve the Lord, is critical to persevering during the Great War. Many will not survive, as is described below. Regardless, the saints are to resist all of the temptations of the beast, just as Jesus did.

The saints must walk closely in the footsteps of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21-22), to follow the template that He set out so that they may endure the Great War.

The temptations listed above are not meant to be exclusive but a template of temptations and responses. It is expected that the beast and those of the beast system may use all temptations. Including, perhaps, what the saints desire most in the world to deceive them into following and worshiping the beast. Dedication to a life of holiness to God can help protect against all temptations. Especially in dedicating our flesh to God. For if we only desire God, what can the devil tempt us?

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. -Romans 12:1

7.1.7 Threats and Violence

The same pattern, testing, and temptations may be presented to the saints to try to win their worship and to recruit them to the side of the Beast.

He was granted the *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast **to be killed**. -Revelation 13:15

This is the threat to the saints. Worship or die. We see the same situation in Daniel 3.

4 Then a herald cried aloud: “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, **5** *that* at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; **6** and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a **burning fiery furnace**.” -Daniel 3:4-6

In Daniel 3, all who didn't worship the image, were supposed to be put to death. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego did not worship, and they were put in the flaming fire, but the angel of the Lord stood with them, and they did not die.

We know that fire purifies precious metals. Peter writes about our trials being like fire and having that purification process.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, **though it is tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 1:6

7.1.8 How to Respond to the Testing and Violence

During the Great War, the pressure on the saints at this time will be immense. Only with the strength of the Lord and The Holy Spirit will they endure.

They will be hunted, tried, killed, captured, and turned on by family members and others. Betrayal will be commonplace, and love for others will be extraordinarily challenging. Jesus prophesied this to His disciples, see in Matthew:

12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. **13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.** **14** Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; **15** for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. **16** You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. **17** And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. **18** But not a hair of your head shall be lost. **19 By your patience possess your souls.**
-Luke 21: 12-19 (also See Matthew 24, and Mark 16, Book of Revelation)

Jesus depicts betrayal and hatred. However, it is also an opportunity to witness! It is a calling to be strong, just as Stephen was strong in Acts and provided one of the Bible's greatest testimonies. The tools of the saints overcoming is described in Revelation 12:

And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death. -Revelation 12:11

It will be a dark time but the saints will need to love Jesus more than their lives. Jesus provides instruction regarding this point in John 15.

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14** You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
-John 15: 12-15

If we have love for Jesus, our friend, then we will be willing to lay down our life for Him, just as He did for us, just as Stephen did in Acts, for the glory of the kingdom. Just as the early Christians who suffered mercilessly in Rome. Just as Christians do now, all over the world who die for the faith. May the Holy Spirit give us strength to be good and faithful friends should the moment arrive.

The commandment of love will also be very challenging during this time. However, it is through the Holy Spirit that the saints may be given power through the love of God by following Jesus's first commandment:

37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' **38** This is *the* first and great commandment.
-Matthew 22:37-38

However, even in these hostile times, the second commandment applies as well, Jesus teaches in Matthew:

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47** And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? **48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**" -Matthew 5: 43-48

Some may be tempted towards bitterness and anger towards God for not rescuing them during this turmoil. However, the Bible tells us that God is faithful and will never leave us. Therefore, we must remain patient for the Lord and have faith, no matter the circumstances. Jesus teaches the saints to pray for everyone, even for those who persecute the saints. Further, the saints are to love even their enemies. We will be delivered as promised. In the time of the Great War, it's essential to continue to hold fast to the commandments given to us by Jesus (see

Now, notice verse 48, which instructs us to “be perfect,” as many have misinterpreted this as ‘sinless,’ which is impossible for man to do. Rather, the Greek word here is τέλειος, or “**teleios**” and the definition is “having reached its end, complete, perfect.” In usage, it says, “perfect, (a) **complete in all its parts**, (b) **full grown, of full age**, (c) specially of the completeness of Christian character.”

Jesus was fully matured at 30 (*The Ripening and Counting*), commencing His baptism by John and subsequent *Great War* or time of temptation and trial against the devil. So, to have the Saints complete their *Ripening* period, they can become fully mature and obtain “a completeness of Christian character.” This is why turning lives towards holiness and God-focused orientation is so important. So that we may be prepared for the Great War and act and respond in a way that pleases our Lord and Savior, to be complete, the saints must love God with all of their beings and love one another, just as Jesus has loved them (see John 13:34-35).

The saints should remember that their perseverance will be rewarded, and those who follow the beast will be put in the fire forever and ever.

7.1.9 Desperate Times

Finally, the saints are instructed to endure during this period. There will be evil and sacrilege all around. The saints will be led into captivity, some executed for the faith.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. **10** He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. **Here is the patience** and the **faith** of the saints. -Revelation 13:9-10

The saints must wait *patiently* during this time and remain steadfast in the faith. Until Jesus comes in the clouds, we must wait for His sign and appearance. During this time, all indications will be that we are losing and losing badly. We must remember the prophecy of Daniel 12:

“...and when the **power of the holy people has been completely shattered**, all these *things* shall be finished.” -Daniel 12:7

It must seem like a hopeless cause and that the people of the Lord have been overcome for the prophecy to be fulfilled.

The term “power” of the holy people is important to investigate. In Hebrew, the term for ‘power’ here is Ṭ ‘hand.’ The figurative definition is *strength or power*. Look at an example in the Psalms:

The stouthearted were plundered;

They have sunk into their sleep;

And none of the mighty men have found the **use of their hands.** -Psalms 76:5

Use of their hands means use of their power. It will seem to the saints that all of the power and influence of the people of God has been destroyed. The saints are dominated, hated, and killed. During this time, they are at the mercy of the beast and his people. Fear not because God is in control.

Remember when the Israelites did not endure? They failed miserably at the foot of the mountain, waiting for Moses to return.

“Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as *for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” -Exodus 32:1

They did not know when Moses would return. They turned to idol worship. Specifically, calf worship (like the Red Heifer). This is like the Great War when the people starved for a savior. They will turn to idol worship again, the Red Heifers, and the building of the new temple. Jesus alludes to this in the Olivet discourse in Matthew 24.

“So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.” -Matthew 24:26

The Red Heifers will be executed on the Mount of Olives. Which may be interpreted as ‘the wilderness.’ Now, notice the reference to the “in the inner rooms?” This refers to the temple.

When the temple is sanctified, and the antichrist goes into the temple, this will be where people will look for the Messiah. There is the *wilderness* with calf worship and the *inner rooms*, the temple with antichrist worship alluded to by Jesus. Not just that, the antichrist will declare, “I am he.”

During the Great War, many will turn, through the great deception, to believe that Messiah is here, coming out of the *inner rooms* and following him. The Bible explains the dynamics of the great deception that will fall on the unwise who worship what comes from the wilderness and the inner rooms.

"11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." -2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

Notice that these wicked people share a fate similar to those who worshiped the golden calf during the Exodus. God was furious with them for worshiping an idol, and none of them lived to see the promised land except for Joshua and Caleb.

33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. **34** Now therefore, go, lead the people to *the place* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin."

35 So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made. -Exodus 32:33-35

The Lord was highly displeased with the Israelites' idol worship. The Lord expresses the same fate for those who take the Mark of the Beast during the Great War.

9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "**If anyone worships the beast and his image**, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, **10** he himself **shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. **11** **And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever**; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9-11

Notice this in Daniel 12:

"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, **but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand**, but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10

What is wicked? To worship any sacrifice after the last and completed sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

7.1.10 No More Sacrifices - It is Finished.

Look at the next verse in Daniel 12:

“And from the time *that the daily sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”
Daniel 12:11

The daily sacrifice in Hebrew is the word הַתְּמִיד or hat·tā·mîḏ the definition is “continuity” or continual. From Browns-Driver-Briggs “תְּמִידָה” noun masculine continuity (perhaps originally *extent*; Late Hebrew as Biblical Hebrew, Eccles **תְּמִיד** Ecclesiasticus 45:14); – תָּ’ always absolute; –” Notice the end, “always absolute.” Jesus is the absolute sacrifice. His work was final. Jesus said on the cross,

“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” John: 19:30.

Any further sacrifice is an abomination to God. Hebrews 10 outlines the finality of the final sacrifice for atonement of sins.

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins.** **12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, **13** from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. **14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.** -Hebrews 10:11-14

During the Great War, the unwise, wicked people are fooled into believing in sacrifice and will follow and worship another god. They receive a great deception from God. They will suffer a fate similar to those who worshiped the golden calf in the Exodus.

This is why the warning in Daniel chapter 12:12 is clear - “*Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.*” The opposite of blessed is *cursed*.

Cursed are those who do not wait and turn their worship to something or someone other than God. *Cursed* are those who follow new sacrifices related to the third temple and whatever or whoever emerges from the temple declaring themselves to be God.

Christians know that the final sacrifice was Jesus and that the temple is not on Earth. It is in heaven with God.

“Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.” - Revelation 11:19

Further, the saints are the temple of the Holy Spirit, as it clearly says in the Bible.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. - 1 Corinthians 19-20

Anything coming out of a new temple that is not of Jesus and goes against what the Bible teaches. Those who follow whatever comes from a third temple will suffer and will be a clear sign of the beast and the beast system. Those who are cursed will experience the very wrath of God forever.

7.1.11 Heeding the Warning is Paramount

We return to this point as it is the most crucial information detail, other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for last days' saints. Heed the warning. Heed the warning even if you don't ascribe to the presented Biblical timeline or any connections made in this document. Heed the warning even if you align with other rapture timing beliefs. Heed the warning if you find yourself on the earth after the rapture of the saints.

Action: Accept Jesus, and Jesus only as your savior and salvation. Do not take the mark; do not worship the beast. Do not follow what comes out of the third temple in Jerusalem before Jesus returns. Read and know the signs of Jesus's return. He tells us in Matthew 24, Luke 17, 21, Mark 13, and the Book of Revelation.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **31** And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. - Matthew 24:30-31

And

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; **26** men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **27** Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. -Luke 21: 25-27

And

24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; **25** the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. **26** Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. **27** And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. -Mark 13:24-27

And

24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day...**26** And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: **27** They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29** but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. **30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. -Luke 17:24,26-29

In Luke 17 we see it shall be a time of great wickedness and rejoicing. A time of “peace and safety.” (1 Thessalonians 5:3 - see *The Devil’s Victory*). Then the sun, the moon, and the stars are darkened. The powers of heaven will be shaken. Jesus shall come like lightning flashes from the east to the west. All the world, the people of the world, will see Him and mourn. The resurrection and the rapture directly follow the coming of the Son of man. These are the signs.

Therefore, sacrifices, images, or pronouncements of deity will be of false gods and should not be worshiped or followed. Be vigilant during the Preaching, The Ripening and Counting, and the Great War. It is swearing allegiance to the wrong god, especially during the 1335 days, as described in Daniel chapter 12, which are accompanied by curses and damnation.

For Jesus says, “**For he who is not against us is on our side.**” (Mark 9:40). By inference, those who are not for the gospel of Jesus Christ, those who do not have the Holy Spirit’s seal of promise (Ephesians 1:13) will be takers of the mark of the beast. Then they will belong to the dragon, that old serpent from the garden. Their fate is final. They are sons of their father, the Devil. They will follow the son of perdition. They will worship the image of the beast.

Know that any further sacrifices of red heifers or any sacrifice at a new temple in Jerusalem is a sacrifice for the devil and his beasts. It is evil, and those who follow it will be blotted out of the Book of Life. Again, to the words of Daniel chapter 12:

“Blessed is the one **who waits** for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.” (Daniel 12:12)

The final verdict: Those who have the seal of promise, who wait until the end of 1335 days will be blessed, those who do not wait, who have the mark, who worship the beast, dragon, and beast image, will be cursed, killed with the sword, and suffer everlasting hell fire.

7.1.12 The Mark of the Beast - Revelation 13

It is important to take a brief moment aside to discuss the mark of the beast. The mark of the beast, as introduced at the end of Revelation 13, is an intriguing topic that has been debated and discussed over the centuries. Many Christians will be surprised by the findings within this section as they do not align with past thinking on using the mark to identify the beast. Instead, it aligns with the calculation of days described in Daniel chapter 12, Revelation 11, Revelation 12, and Revelation 13. Calculating the mark takes the reader to the end of the Great War. It is truly a marvel how this method has eluded so many for so long.

7.1.12.1 Calculating the Beast - Understanding and Wisdom

In Revelation 13, the mark of the beast is described as follows:

“Here is wisdom. Let **him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast**, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.” -Revelation 13:18

Here again, there is a distinction between the wise and the unwise. The wise will calculate the number. This harkens back to the verse in Daniel 12:10:

“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; **and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.**” -Daniel 12:10

7.1.12.2 Counting the Beast - Understanding and Wisdom

So the wise shall understand, but what are we to understand? People have been calculating numbers in names such as ‘Nero’ for generations and deriving 666. However, looking closer at the original Greek can provide further insight.

Verbatim it reads, "Here the wisdom is the [one] having understanding let him **count of the beast number for a man's** it is and the number [is] of it six hundred and sixty-six." The terms '*calculate*' and '*count*' may be quite different.

In Greek, it does not say that the number is the '*name of a man*,' although most assume that meaning as many have attempted to use the Hebrew alphabet numerical system to compare names of men to the value of 666. It seems to be something much different.

It is the 'number of a man,' as in **the number of days of a man**. The number of days can be counted. Why is it the number of a man? Because a man's days are numbered, unlike those of God, the Alpha, and the Omega, outside of time and space.

1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. -Psalm 90: 1-2

God is eternal and has no beginning or end of days. However, a man's days are numbered. They have a beginning, "a created-on date." Just as a manufacturer puts on a product, all the angels have a created-on date. All people have a created-on date. All the stars in heaven, planets, moons, and celestial bodies have a created-on date. Every atom has a created-on date. Only God does not have a created-on date. That is because God created that date, limiting the days of everything under the sun.

7.1.12.3 God is Deity

God is eternal. Only God is a deity. The heavenly creatures are 'divine,' but not deities. As such, they were all created by God, which means they are not eternal. Adam and Eve were created by God and, therefore, not eternal. Even if spirits and resurrected bodies last forever, we are, at best, divine creations - but never deities. John Chapter 1 adds additional information:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. -John 1:1

God designates a deity. Deity is the eternal creator. The divine, a heavenly creation, is still created by deity. Jesus, The Word, was not created by God, but is God. Part of the Triune God, the Holy Trinity, without beginning or end. This exposes a massive flaw in the plan of Lucifer. Lucifer was created by God. He sought to lift himself up the throne of God. That is, to become a diety. Isaiah adds some context:

14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'

15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,

To the lowest depths of the Pit of God. -Isaiah 14:14-15

Lucifer desires to be like the most high, but since he is not a creator, he will never be able to achieve his aim. Only God, the triune God, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, can create. Jesus informs His disciples about the limitations of the devil:

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." -John 10:10

In this passage, Jesus describes the limited power of the devil. Also, He describes His nature, the conduit of life and abundant life. Jesus is describing the creation power of life. This is an attribute that Lucifer, even in all his power, does not possess and never will possess. Lucifer cannot create a world, or gardens of Eden, or even his own demons. He had to steal members of his entourage by corrupting the heavenly hosts to follow him. Just as he will corrupt man, to take the mark and follow him to cursing and destruction.

Never without a beginning or end. As such, because there is a beginning to the days of the divine and the flesh, all have days, whereas God does not have days. The following verse illustrates this point, see:

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. -Revelation 17:8

Notice the distinction between Revelation 1:8 and Revelation 17:8. In Revelation 1:8, Jesus proclaims His eternal nature, whereas Revelation 17:8 proclaims the temporal nature of the beast. The beast proclaims to be God, but because he is not eternal, he cannot be and is inferior to our great Lord and Savior. The beast, by implication, is not the Messiah. This is why the beast has days, and God does not.

7.1.13 Counting the Days of the Beast

The days of the beast begin the day it emerges from the sea, as seen by Michael in Revelation 13:1. This is day 1 of 1335. To count the number of days, the rising from the sea is day one.

Then there is the number 666. This doesn't seem to align with any of the stages of the end days. However, there's additional information in Revelation 18. See the following verse:

“Render to her just as she rendered to **you**, and repay her *double* according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix *double* for her.” -Revelation 18:6

Critical to this verse is discerning the belonging of the pronoun ‘you.’ Whomever ‘you’ is will give Babylon the great, the Harlot, *double* according to her works. But who could this ‘you’ be? Who is the avenging force that carries out God’s will and destroys the awful city? The previous chapter reveals the answer.

15 Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which you saw on **the beast, these** will hate the harlot, **make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.** -Revelation 17:15-16

The beast hates the Harlot and wants total control. The beast is the ‘you’ pronoun referred to in Revelation 18:6. He is the avenging force of God, and he will make the Harlot “desolate and naked, eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.”

According to Revelation 18:6, the beast is supposed to pay her back double. So, here again, we can calculate 666 (days of the beast) X 2 (double for the Harlot) = 1332. The exact number of days between the start of The Preaching (day 1) and the end of the Great War (day 1332)! When the three days of death are added, the Devil’s Victory, the total number of days is 1335 days.

7.1.14 Motivations for the Destruction of Babylon

Why would the devil destroy the Harlot? Babylon is evil and filled with every foul spirit. These should be the followers of the devil, minions of evil, and soldiers in Satan's army.

Revelation 18 reads,

“And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a **dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!**” -Revelation 18:2

Looking at the language of that verse, evil is virtually consolidated within Babylon.

However, note that the righteous also dwell in Babylon:

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

At least some people of God live in Babylon along with the evil of the dragon. Recall in Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham negotiated with God to spare the cities if there were just ten righteous people who dwelled in them. God was willing to listen and make a deal with Abraham. So, how does destruction come when there could be many righteous people in the city? That is a significant reason for the call the saints to go out of her.

This is also reflected in the Olivet discourse, where Jesus says that when the saints see the signs of abomination, they are to run!

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17** Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. **18** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes." Matthew 24:15-18

This presents a dilemma. Jesus provides wisdom of this dilemma. He recounts a parable of the last days.

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' **28** He said to them, '**An enemy has done this.**' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' **29** But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "**First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.**" -Matthew 13-24-30

The prison of all foul spirits and the home of the demons are illustrated in Revelation 18:2 represent the tares. While the enemy has seemingly consolidated these in one place, the enemy is playing right into God's hands.

Then notice, “first gather together the tares” in Matthew 13:30. The destruction of Babylon occurs during the Great War, the 42 days towards the conclusion of the 1332 days. They are burned by the beast. Why would the beast destroy his own?

The parable suggests that the beast is a servant of the Master. The beast may be an unwitting servant of the master, but he still obeys the Master’s command, which is to “first gather the tares and bind them” (see Revelation 18:2, Babylon is a prison for all the foul spirits). Then the Master commands “to burn them,” see Revelation 18:8 “she will be utterly burned with fire.”). The devil is doing exactly what God has commanded. Further, as mentioned previously, during the final temptation in the wilderness of Jesus, the Devil will stop at nothing to obtain victory. In the case of Babylon’s destruction, this includes destroying evil (Revelation 18). If the Devil thinks it will give him victory, he will pay any cost, as his spite for God is never-ending.

God has planned this all along. As it is written, “Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’” -Isaiah 46:10.

God knows the devil and his plans. He knows that the beast doesn’t have compassion for anything, even his own. “**The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy**”-John 10:10, even his own. Notice the verse in the parable of the wheat and the tares that come after the burning. Matthew 13:30 says, “**But gather the wheat into my barn.**” This will occur on day 1335, during the resurrection and the rapture.

7.1.15 The Final Day of the Great War

By the end of the Great War, on day 1332, many events will have transpired in just a matter of 42 days. There will be a power transfer from Babylon to the 10 kings and the beast. The two witnesses will be killed. The power of the holy people will be shattered. The saints will have endured trials and are hated by all the wicked. The gospel will have been preached to all nations. Evil that was consolidated in Babylon will be destroyed with fire. The ten kings and the beast take their seat of power and authority on the Earth for one hour.

Let’s look at the verses that demonstrate the events, starting with the two witnesses.

“Now when they have finished their **testimony**, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.” -Revelation 11:7

The word for testimony here is the Greek word μαρτύριον, or marturion. The definition is “a testimony, a witness.” Usages include “witness, evidence, testimony, proof.” Notice that this is the same word that is used in Matthew 24:17

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. -Matthew 24:14

One may infer that given the order of events and the rarity of the term, used only 19 times in the New Testament, the two witnesses are the ones who fulfill this prophecy as described by Jesus.

- The power of the holy people is completely shattered and brought to ruin.
“...the power of the holy people has been completely **shattered**, all these *things* shall be finished.” -Daniel 12:7

The Hebrew word for shattered is גָּרַץ or ‘naphats.’ The definition is “to shatter.” The Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance defines this as, “be beaten in sunder, break in pieces, broken, dash in pieces, dispersed, be overspread, scatter.”

To be beaten into sunder see, Matthew 24:

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. -Matthew 24:9

Also, the definition of “to shatter” includes “dispersed, be overspread, scatter.” This is reaffirmed by Jesus’s warning to those with the Holy Spirit of promise: when they see the sign of the abomination as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, they are to run (Matthew 24:15-18)

- The gospel will have been preached to all nations

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. -Matthew 24:14

- Babylon is destroyed by the ten kings:

16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. -Revelation 17:16

- Babylon is destroyed in one day:

“Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.” -Revelation 18:8

- The ten kings hand over their authority to the beast:

12 The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. **13** These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. -Revelation 17:12-13

By day 1332, it seems that the beast is utterly triumphant. The beast reigns supreme and uncontested on the Earth. Having removed the obstacles of the saints and Babylon, it seems like nothing can stop his ascent to dominion over God’s creation.

7.2 Summary

The Great War represents turbulence for the saints. Temptation, attack, and persecution abound. Remain patient and faithful. Jesus promises His presence. Follow His example and respond as He did to temptation. Endure threats, violence, and rapidly occurring societal changes. Many will be betrayed, hated, and killed for their faith. The saints are to witness, to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of testimony. In these desperate times, the saints will be shattered, the witnesses will be killed, and the gospel will be preached to all nations. Babylon, the holy city, will be destroyed by the beast and ten kings. Subsequently, the beast receives authority with the 10 kings to reign supreme on Earth for one hour. All seems triumphant. However, God is in control. Declaring the end from the beginning, His counsel stands. He allows the beast's temporary perceived victory for His own purposes, but the true victory belongs to the Lord.

In the next section, there will be a celebration and the declaration of “peace and safety.”

Devotional Thought #8

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” -John 16:33

These last days before the coming of our Lord will be vicious. As we walk this earthly journey, we may face countless trials and tribulations that test our faith. Even now, in work environments that restrict our expressions of faith, Christians stand strong. We remain steadfast despite being maligned and ‘canceled’ daily, mocked in public, and outwardly defamed. In some Western countries, we are even arrested for ‘thinking a prayer’ or for disobeying a Governmental edict to close our churches. Yet, we endure.

Let us take heart in the promise of our Heavenly Father. He assures us of rewards, both in this life and in the life to come, for staying true to our Christian faith, our genuine relationship with Christ, knowing His voice, trusting Him, and enduring all challenges. Because of Him, we cannot fail. This promise is not empty but a beacon of hope guiding us through the darkest times.

Our sacrifices and faithfulness to Christ will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. In Mark 10:29-30, Jesus assures us, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life." Jesus tells us of the rewards and stakes involved in following him. Many of us have already or will have to leave family relationships either implicitly or explicitly. We will be outcasts as ‘that crazy Christian.’

And it should be with a badge of honor that we wear the “crazy Christian” label. Remember, in 1 Corinthians 4:10, Paul teaches, “We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!” When we step out of the norm and into our citizenship of the Kingdom, our behaviors will seem foolish to others. Our generosity will seem financially unsound. Our all-encompassing love will seem unwise. Our commitment to our Lord, the Beloved Son, may seem cult-like and infantile.

If someone who only likes to eat garbage is given a steak and says it tastes terrible, should we trust their opinion? If the wise of this world who are headed for destruction deem something wrong, logically, the inverse should be true—that the gospel is good!

For the 'wise' of this world embrace all kinds of doctrines of demons that go against the goodwill and purpose of our Creator. So, we must disengage from their evaluations and fully embrace the appraisal of our Father alone.

Moreover, the Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." The temporary hardships we face will be minimal in comparison to the eternal rewards that await us in Heaven.

As we persevere through the challenges of this life, let us hold fast to the promise found in James 1:12, "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." Our unwavering love for God and commitment to His Word will yield a glorious reward in the future.

We can find comfort in 2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The trials we endure are not in vain but are shaping us and preparing us for the incomparable glory that awaits us in eternity.

Press forward in the faith, knowing that our Heavenly Father has incredible rewards for those who stay faithful to Him. May we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author, and finisher of our faith, and run the race set before us with endurance and unwavering hope.

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34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. **35** For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **36** Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." -Luke 21:34-36

8.1 Introduction

As the smoke clears from the Great War, a dark and ominous cloud settles over the land for believers. For the people of the mark, it is a time for celebration and revelry. However, the devil's victory is false, and the time is short. He has played right into the hand of God. The beast and his kings rise victorious, their perceived triumph casting a pall over the shattered remnants of God's holy people. The two witnesses lie dead in the streets. Their bodies were left unburied as a grim trophy of the enemy's supposed conquest. These dark times last for three and a half days.

8.1.1 The Holy People Shattered

As covered previously, the term shattered may mean completely broken or dispersed. God's holy people and their influence, "the power of the holy people" (Daniel 12:7), is decimated. During this three-day period, the power of the dragon, the beast, the 10 kings (who give their authority to the beast), and the false prophet seemingly reign supreme. In a grand sacrifice, the beast has destroyed Jerusalem. He destroys his own, but also, presumably, God's holy people as well (see the wheat and the tares, the two harvests). The devil will stop at nothing to win the victory over God.

8.1.2 Unburied Bodies, Defiled Land

Uninhibited by the power of the holy people, a great party breaks out among the wicked people. Revelation 11 describes this event as follows:

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. -Revelation 11:8-10

Not burying the bodies of the two witnesses may be viewed as an insult, a warning, or a trophy of the victory. Any of those options would be plausible. Typically, in the Hebraic tradition, dead bodies were buried as quickly as possible. Leaving a body out was viewed as a defilement. There is a possible reference to the death of the two witnesses and the treatment of their bodies in Psalms 79. It reads:

1 O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance;

Your holy temple they have defiled;

They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

2 The dead bodies of Your servants

They have given as food for the birds of the heavens,

The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem,

And there was no one to bury them. -Psalms, 79:1-3

Why was there no one to bury them? The holy people have been shattered and scattered (see Daniel 12:7). There are either none of them remaining in Jerusalem to bury the witnesses, or they are so afraid for their lives that coming out of hiding to bury the witnesses would lead to their capture or death. Remember how virtually all the disciples abandoned Jesus during His hours in trial and on the cross? It is likely the very same type of atmosphere.

8.1.3 Locked Away

Indeed, the time is dark upon the land. Just as the disciples of Jesus locked themselves in a room for three days and three nights, the holy people most likely secured themselves in the safest places possible. It is written in John 20 as follows:

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" -John 20:19

Other translations, such as the NIV, write that the doors were "locked." As the word "doors" is plural, it is reasonable to assume that the room or building they were in was secured; all the doors were shut or locked. It is not clear in the scripture when the

disciples entered the locked room if they were waiting patiently for the Lord or if there was great dispute amongst one another. Certainly, this must have been a time of great anxiety and distress among them.

8.1.4 A Time of Darkness and Distress

For the disciples, it is easy to imagine that they also felt disheartened. The leaders had utterly succeeded in destroying the Lord, and that they were possibly next. This may be a similar emotional experience to what the people of the Holy Spirit of Promise may experience during the Devil's Victory. However, just as Jesus told the disciples of His demise in the future, so have we been told about what will happen. We have been instructed in Daniel 12:12 to wait patiently until the end of the 1335 days.

It is hard to know how far the anxiety and pressure of the time will spread during the Devil's Victory. It seems that much of the world may be oblivious to the goings on in Jerusalem, aside from its dramatic destruction.

8.1.5 The Oblivious Others

The following coincides with Jesus's teaching in Luke 17. Jesus describes the conditions of His coming. It is a time of revelry and merriment. Also, somewhat of a cluelessness regarding the conditions of the world. While some may see the "bodies" of the witnesses, others are carrying on as if it is just another day.

Jesus says,

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: **27** They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; Luke 17-26-28

The unwise people of the beast believe that now the beast is uncontested. The power of the people of God has been completely shattered (Daniel 12:7). The obliviousness of those around may explain the multiple expressions of "like a thief in the night." (Revelation 16:15; Matthew 24:43; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:4; 2 Peter 3:10). However, the Bible provides that phrase within the context of the saint's understanding. The saints are to read the word, understand its teachings, and see the signs of the fig tree so that the Lord does not surprise them like a thief in the night.

The people of Mark see the days after the Great War as a time of celebration, which is reminiscent of how the people in Exodus behaved with the Golden Calf.

6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. -Exodus 26:6

They brought peace offerings or “sent gifts to one another,” they “rose up to play” or “rejoice over them, make merry.” The template plays out very similarly. The beast and the 10 kings rule unimpeded by Babylon. The 10 kings turn over their authority to the beast, and they rule for one hour. The one hour here is interpreted figuratively. The actual time will be approximately three and a half days. All is lost for the saints as they appear to be spiritually dead.

8.1.6 Peace and Safety

For the people of the mark, this must seem like a time of peace and victory. The Bible tells us about a time of peace and security and the events that will transpire afterward. In 1 Thessalonians, it says:

For when they say, “Peace and safety!” Then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. -1 Thessalonians 5:3

Notice the important phrase “peace and safety.” In the Greek,

“peace” *iseiréné*: one, peace, quietness, rest.

Original Word: εἰρήνη, ης, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: *eiréné*

Phonetic Spelling: (i-ray'-nay)

Definition: one, peace, quietness, rest

Usage: peace, peace of mind; invocation of peace, a common Jewish farewell, in the Hebraistic sense of the health (welfare) of an individual.

Specific to this verse, Thayer’s Greek lexicon describes it as follows, “his goods are secure from hostile attack.” Here, there is a financial or material quality to the term “peace.” Also, as in the Jewish farewell, a type of permanence exists in the word. So, the term can be further understood as “the goods are secure, permanently.” That makes sense from the perspective of the devil, as he believes he’s won the world. The world now belongs to him, with the people in the world. The world is ‘his goods’ as are his people. He most likely doesn’t see any indications that his fate may change at this point.

A current event transpiring on the world stage may fulfill the “peace and safety” decree aside from the destruction of the two witnesses. This is the construction of the trade route directly from Saudi Arabia to Israel. Currently, shipping must go through the Red Sea, which is experiencing a type of blockade from the Houthis in Yemen. The construction and finalization of this trade route, circumventing the attacks on trade vessels and cargo, maybe the trigger of the term “peace and safety” throughout Israel. As such, after the phrase has been uttered and the celebrations commence, we would expect destruction to come on suddenly as is prophesied.

At this time, the people of the mark play and make merry when there is a sense of security. So, it stands to reason that there is a sense of joy among the victorious party. They believe that their great adversity has been concluded. It seems that they will be happy with the beast and the kings as they move forward. It is unknown what the beast and the kings have promised to those who follow them. It may be gold or riches, a false sense of eternal life, it may be all manner of temptations and promises.

8.2 Summary

In these bleak moments the people of the mark revel in their perceived victory, feasting and making merry over the fallen witnesses who once tormented them. Some, oblivious to the gravity of events, carry on as if nothing has changed, eating, drinking, and pursuing worldly pleasures. For them, the beast's reign ushers in a false sense of "peace and safety."

Yet for the scattered saints, locked away and fearing for their lives, this is a darkness before the dawn, a time of profound distress and anxiety. Though outwardly shattered, their faith remains unbroken, patiently awaiting the fulfillment of God's promised deliverance when the Son of Man returns in glory at the appointed hour.

Devotional Thought #9

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. -Psalms 46:1

There is a powerful purpose in prayer. Many times in life, our challenges and obstacles seem insurmountable. However, we must always remember our Father's incredible reassurances about His power and the power of prayer.

In the book of Daniel, we see a remarkable example of God's response to the humble prayers of His servant. Daniel 10:12-14 tells us, "Then he said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.'"

This passage shows us that God hears our prayers. He is pleased with humility. He is delighted when we surrender ourselves before Him and seek His understanding. Even when we face opposition or delays, we can trust that God is working behind the scenes, dispatching His angels to fight on our behalf and bring about His perfect will.

Moreover, Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of childlike faith and humility in our approach to God. In Matthew 11:25-26, He declares, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

As we come before the Lord in prayer, let us do so humbly and with childlike faith. Our Heavenly Father delights in revealing His truth and power to those who humbly and meekly seek Him. We don't need to rely on our wisdom or strength; instead, we can rest in the knowledge that God is always working on our behalf, even when we cannot see or understand His ways.

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness and confidence, knowing that our prayers are heard and our God is faithful to intercede. May we never underestimate the power of prayer or the love of our Heavenly Father, who moves mountains and parts seas to bring about His perfect plan for our lives.

Day 1335 The Resurrection and The Rapture

Section 9

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. -Revelation 14:4-5

9.1. Introduction

The dawn breaks forth after the darkest night. As the earth groans under the weight of sin and rebellion, a blazing light pierces the gloom. It is the return of the King in all His resplendent glory! For those who have patiently endured, who have held fast to their faith through persecution and temptation, this is the moment their steadfast hearts have longed for.

9.1.1 Patience Rewarded

This is the day when the patience of the saints is rewarded. Recall in Daniel 12, Daniel is told the following:

12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. 13 "But you, go *your way* till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days." -Daniel 12: 12-13

For three days, spiritual death and hopelessness have engulfed the wise while the unwise revel in their apparent victory. However, Revelation 11 describes the events that unfold:

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. -Revelation 11:11-12

The above verse describes the resurrection and the rapture! On day 1335 the breath of life will come into the wise, resurrect the dead and transform the living. The wise will meet with Jesus in the clouds! There will be rejoicing for all who have remained patient and not taken the mark of the beast and participated in abominable sacrifices or rituals. The faithful saints who forsook earthly temptations and testings of the beast and his

system remained steadfast in their faith in the almighty God. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 describes the resurrection and the rapture as follows:

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first.** **17** Then **we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. -1 Thessalonians 4:17

Many Christians refer to the 1 Thessalonians verse as the rapture, but it is important to remember that the resurrection comes first! Then those who are alive are caught up. We are all called up on the third day.

9.1.2 He Comes in the Clouds

Just as Jesus was in the tomb for three days, the Devil's victory will be in a type of tomb for three days, knowing that the Lord is coming. Look at the following verse in Matthew 24:

27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

"Immediately after the distress of those days

"the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

30 "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then **all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming** on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory **31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Matthew 24:27-30

Jesus comes like lightning. There will be no mistaking His coming. That is why, if someone comes into the "inner rooms" and declares himself to be god - it will **not** be Jesus. That person is never to be followed or worshiped. All the people of the earth - refers to the *unwise* people, those of hedonism, sorcery, followers of the beast - those of the type of **Jannes** and **Jambres** as alluded to in 2 Timothy 3. They will mourn because,

at that moment, it is believed that the great delusion will be lifted, and they will KNOW that they have made a horrible mistake.

9.1.3 The Blessing of the Patient

While the unwise mourn because the “wicked shall do wickedly” (Daniel 12: 10), great rejoicing will occur in heaven! Let’s look at the chapter right after the chapter of the beast in Revelation 13. In Revelation 14 it reads,

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. **3** They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. **4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.** **5** And in **their mouth was found no deceit**, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The 144,000 were not defiled with women. That is, they did not align themselves with Babylon, The Mother of Harlots, and heeded the message from the Lord in Revelation 18:4

“Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.” -Revelation 18:4

They follow the Lamb. They followed Him through The Preaching, The Ripening and Counting, The Great War, and The Devil's Victory to arrive at the resurrection and the rapture. In Daniel 12 it says:

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

2 Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever. -Daniel 12: 2-3

The wise are the ones who have endured to the end, like Daniel. Also, the ones who survived the end times of the beast. Those who share the warning of Daniel will be wise and bring many people to righteousness.

9.1.4 Righteousness

Jesus teaches about righteousness at the end of the Olivet discourse. He discusses the parable of the sheep and the goats, that the sheep will be moved to His right hand and the goats to His left. Jesus provides an example of righteousness:

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? **38** When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? **39** Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' **40** And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' -Matthew 25:37-40

During the time of the 1335 days there will be many opportunities for righteousness, just as there are now. However, there is an additional level of righteousness for those who know of the prophecy and warning contained within Daniel chapter 12. That is to warn all your brothers and sisters so the Master does not come on them like a thief.

Remember the parable of the ten virgins? It is told earlier in Matthew 25. Five were wise, and five were foolish. The five who were wise were prepared with enough oil in their lamps. They knew how to manage and navigate the situation which they faced. Much like the saints with the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom of the 1335 days will know how to traverse the perilous times. They will know how to be patient. They will know the signs. They will not be deceived and they will be able to coach, comfort, and soothe their brothers and sisters around them, leading many through the footsteps towards righteousness.

Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever. -Daniel 12:3

What is the righteousness here? For the purpose of this book, the righteousness is to share the warning contained in Daniel 12. To *read, heed, and warn*. The wise must warn

all their Christian brothers and sisters about the third temple, the evil that comes from Jerusalem proclaiming himself to be Messiah, to be god, and to forsake the temptation and the testing no matter the great pressure that is exerted during the Great War.

The Great War will only last for 42 literal days. The saints must persevere through that time period and stay faithful, some unto captivity, some unto death, some unto hunger and financial ruin. Know that the end comes quickly as the hostility increases with the beast.

We encourage all who read to act wisely. To read, heed, and warn. To follow the Lamb, wherever He goes. He is coming for us quickly and we long to hear:

His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Matthew 25:23

9.2 Summary

On the 1335th day, the breath of life from God Himself returns to the fallen witnesses and a great cry summons them to ascend into the clouds to meet their Lord. This glorious resurrection is the promised reward for the wise who waited, putting their trust in the Lamb's sure return. As they rise in triumph, a new song rings out in heaven. A jubilant anthem of the redeemed, whose purity and perseverance have seen them through to everlasting victory.

While those blinded by the world's delusions mourn in anguished recognition of the truth, the faithful shine like the radiance of the heavens themselves. Gathered from east to west by angelic hosts, the righteousness that issued from their patient obedience has turned many to the way of salvation. Now they bask in the eternal joy of their Lord, to whom they remained dedicated even unto death.

Devotional #10

Many People, Many Gifts

"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

As believers, we often question why God seems to speak differently through various individuals within the body of Christ. Some, like the prophet Jeremiah, deliver messages of repentance with a sense of urgency and gravity. Others, like the apostle John, emphasize the Father's love and the sufficiency of His grace. These differences can sometimes cause confusion or even division among God's people.

However, the truth is that God uses each of us according to our unique design and capacity. As the apostle Paul writes in Romans 9:21, "Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?" Our Heavenly Father, the master potter, shapes and molds us to fulfill specific roles within His kingdom.

His response is simple and profound when we ask God why He gives seemingly different words to different people. We as people have different uses for God. As such, we need to hold different messages to heart. These messages drive our motivation to action and purpose. God puts different messages in our hearts, different takeaways from His word and Spirit, for His good purpose.

This revelation should bring us comfort and understanding. God knows our limitations and our strengths. He does not burden us with more than we can bear but instead equips us to carry the message He has entrusted to us. As 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus preaching a message encompassing repentance and belief. At times, He emphasized one aspect over the other, depending on the needs of His audience. As believers, we should strive to follow His example, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Our personal experiences and struggles often shape the message God speaks through us. The apostle Paul once persecuted the church and became a powerful advocate for God's grace and redemption (1 Timothy 1:15-16). Similarly, our testimonies of God's faithfulness in our weakest moments can become our most potent messages to others.

Does a sunflower compare itself to an orchid? Does a willow tree compare itself to a pear tree? As believers, we have different purposes in God's plan on Earth and Heaven.

We must resist the temptation to compare ourselves to others within the body of Christ. As 2 Corinthians 10:12 warns, "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." Instead, we must recognize that each believer has a unique role in advancing God's kingdom.

At the same time, we are all under one gospel. All Christians, regardless of their unique gifts, callings, or experiences, are united under the one true gospel of Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul declares in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." This foundational truth that salvation comes through faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice and resurrection is the unifying thread that binds all believers together (Ephesians 4:4-6). Despite our differences in personality, background, or ministry focus, we are all part of the same body, serving the same Lord and proclaiming the same life-changing message of hope and redemption (Romans 12:4-5).

We should embrace the diversity of gifts and callings within the body of Christ, knowing that we serve the same God and share the same ultimate goal – to glorify Him and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). As we walk closely with the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, we can trust that He will use our unique experiences and capacities to minister to those around us effectively. May we diligently pursue spiritual growth, always seeking to understand God's truth more fully while extending grace and love to our fellow believers.

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Where are We Now?

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. **30** When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. **31** So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. **32** Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. **33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. -Luke 21:29-33

Section 10

10.0 Introduction

As we witness prophetic signs, and understand the Daniel warning and the road map of days, the big question remains: where are we? Many cling to the adage that no one can know the day or hour of Christ's return. However, a careful examination of Scripture suggests that the wise may discern the season of His coming. Just as the budding of the fig tree heralds the approach of summer, so too do the birth pains of the end times announce the nearness of God's kingdom (Luke 21:29-33).

This section explores the current geopolitical landscape and its alignment with the signs described in Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13. From the attack on Israel in October 2023 to the impending sacrifice of the Red Heifers, the stage appears set for the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy. By understanding the potential entry points to the final 45 days, we can better navigate the challenges that lie ahead and remain steadfast and patient as we await the return of our Lord and Savior.

10.1.1 Birth Pains

The following section seeks to answer one of the most essential questions in this entire book: where are we now? Are we in the 1335 days? How can we know? No one can know the day or the hour of the resurrection and rapture, or can we?

Throughout the above, we have documented the 1335 days prophesied in Daniel chapter 12 and the five corresponding stages. Knowing the stages only addresses half of the equation. Useful knowledge ought to lead to practical application.

Much of the battle described in the Book of Revelation occurs at the level of principalities, a spiritual battle played out on Earth. Men and women may only see

symptoms of that war being waged, just as one sees the turning of the fig tree leaves as a symptom that the climate is preparing for summer.

On September 23rd, 2017, the world witnessed the astrological event as described in Revelation 12, a formation of constellations that signified the events unfolding in Revelation 12. The dragon pursues the woman and her child. Such an important event should not be underscored when considering the timeline.

As of March 2024, the current geopolitical landscape is dire. Many of the birth pains described in Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 are in place at this very moment. Modern geological instruments detect earthquakes in various places. People are moving to and fro, and with AI on the precipice of self-awareness, knowledge is vastly increasing. People's hearts have turned cold as predicted, and the characterological attributes of the modern person closely align with 2 Timothy 3. Wars and rumors of war across a variety of geographic domains.

10.1.2 Major Events

The attack on Israel on October 7th, 2023, unveiled a wave of anti-Jewish sentiment. Christians are also being persecuted throughout the world, including in previously safe Western nations. Currently, Israel is surrounded by military vessels and enemies on all sides, as is predicted in Luke 21. Despite the global upheaval, people continue to live as they always have. People are marrying, being given in marriage, sowing, and planning for the harvest, just as predicted in Luke 17.

The fig tree leaves appear very ripe.

10.1.3 In the 1335 Days

The sacrifice of the Red Heifers on the Mount of Olives is imminent. As noted earlier in section 7.1.9, the Red Heifer sacrifice may fulfill Jesus' prophecy about seeking Him in the wilderness or in the inner rooms. The Temple Institute is preparing the third Temple, which may go up very quickly after the sacrifice of the Heifers has been completed.

The days of Daniel chapter 12 are considered literal, not figurative. This is derived from the various ways in which they are described in the Bible. There are three permutations of the days: years, months, and days. For example, time, times, half-a-time (years), forty-two months (months), and days.

At this juncture, it would appear fairly certain that we are within the 1335 day range, but before The Great War. Once the Great War begins, the days should begin to count down from forty-five. On the forty-fifth day, then there is the resurrection and the rapture.

10.1.4 The Entry Points to the Calculation

As stated in section 7, the Great War begins when the abomination that causes desolation (Matthew 24) manifests. When calculating the days, there are three distinct entry points that may indicate the location of the timeline. Those are:

- The abomination of sacrifice in the wilderness (Red Heifers)
- The installation or declaration of the abomination in the inner rooms (Temple mount, Antichrist declaration of deity)
- The establishment and completion of the Saudi Arabian to Israel trade route (Peace and Safety)

Two of the entry points pertain to the introduction of the abomination.

The first may be the sacrifice of the Heifers on the Mt. of Olives. Recall in the same paragraph where Jesus discusses the abomination, Jesus warns that if a fake manifestation of Him is present in “the wilderness” to not go out after it.

The second possible starting point of the 45-day period is the manifestation of the sacrifice, or the abomination on the Temple mount or “the inner rooms.” This would be a declaration of deity on the temple mount or the completion of the Red Heifer ritual on the temple mount, using the ashes to cleanse the priest and the temple instruments. Recall that the third temple is a fraudulent temple. Continued sacrifice to God after the ultimate sacrifice of His son is an insult to the mighty work that His Beloved Son completed on the cross. As such, either could be viewed as an abomination.

Now, many will state that the abomination occurs when the antichrist enters the temple and declares himself to be God. Perhaps this is the case, however, notice the language in Mark 13,

“So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where **it** ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. -Mark 13:14

Notice here that the language is not a personal pronoun “he” as one would expect in describing the antichrist. Instead, the language is “it.” Therefore, overly focusing on a personage to make the declaration causes error. Matthew 24 describes the event as,

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),
-Matthew 24:15

Here, a pronoun is not provided but rather a descriptor, “*standing*” in the holy place. The Greek for *standing* in his verse is ἑστῶς or “*estos*.” The definition is “to make to stand, to stand.” To stand or to make to stand may refer to an installation, possibly an altar, or even the setting up of the image of the Beast. Recall in section 5.1.3 regarding setting up images that are in proximity to God, especially related to the Golden Calf. This form of the word only occurs twice in the New Testament, in Matthew 24 and in Revelation 14:1, the scene in heaven when the saints are resurrected and raptured. Revelation 14 reads as follows,

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb **standing** on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1

The Greek for standing is the same word, ἑστῶς, or “*estos*,” and the definition is “to make to stand, to stand.” It’s interesting that this version of the word occurs only two times in the New Testament and for opposed forces, the abomination, the hideous thing, and the Lamb, the only one worthy of opening the seven seals in all of heaven.

A couple of other notes on these passages. First, note that in both Matthew and Mark, the reader is advised to understand. What are they understanding? They are specifically led to understand the saying of Daniel the prophet, and this may be a direct allusion to understanding the prophecy and warning of Daniel in chapter 12.

Interestingly, Luke does not mention the abomination. Instead, in Luke, a different warning is provided,

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. -Luke 21:20

Luke was written for the gentile audience, and the warning may have been tailored to help a different audience perceive a different sign. Still, the Great War and the Devil’s Victory time periods predict the destruction of Babylon, that is, Jerusalem. After the attack on Israel on October 7th, 2023, which was motivated by the impending sacrifice of the Red Heifers, Israel is surrounded by hostile forces, pretty much on all sides and all fronts. While armies have not yet been invaded, the country is surrounded by naval ships from large armies from many countries. This may fulfill the prophecy in Revelation 18, as it recounts,

17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.’ Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18

and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' -Revelation 18:17-18

The shipmasters, the cargo ships, and the military ships, which may represent the kings of the earth, will mourn over Babylon's sudden destruction. As of March 2024, the stage is set for this scene to unfold. This is another reason why it is believed that we are currently pre-Great War but within the 1335-day time frame as prophesied in Daniel chapter 12.

It is unknown which entry point triggers the final 45 days. Further, forty-five days may not seem like a long time to destroy and completely shatter the power of God's people, but recall how quickly society was changed and altered during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020? Virtually the entire world was shut down within a matter of weeks. Another example of rapid escalation is the Rwandan Genocide of 1994. Over the course of 100-days, between 500,000 to 800,000 members of the Tutsi ethnic group (as well as some Hutu and Twa) were killed by Hutu militias. We can see how conditions can change rapidly. As such, seeing one of the entry points will be an indication it is time to prepare, warn, and, in the case of those in Jerusalem, flee.

After the appropriate abomination triggers the countdown, the Great War begins. There will be 42 days remaining, the 3 days for the Devil's (false) Victory. The resurrection and the rapture will follow. Thus, the days of the end can be calculated.

The final entry point is the completion of the overland trade route from Saudi Arabia through the Middle East to Israel and then out to the countries of the world. This port's construction and operational functionality may trigger the phrase "peace and safety" as cargo is no longer vulnerable to attack, and Israel becomes a primary and permanent trade partner on the world stage, significantly increasing its visibility and financial outlook. Recall in section 8.1.6, the Greek translation may be interpreted as "the goods are secure permanently." Such a trade route would fulfill this sentiment.

10.1.5 No one can know the Day or the Hour

Many people may recant at such a prediction, as the visceral response is, "No one can know the day or the hour" (Matthew 24:36). However, let's pause for a moment and consider that phrase. Of course, this notion is extraordinarily useful. Why would God want His adversaries to know the day or hour of His victory and their defeat?

When Jesus says this phrase, it is in the context of His earthly ministry. Coming down to Earth, being fully God and fully man, He had to sacrifice some of the aspects of Deity, such as omnipresence. Some theologians have posited that Jesus intentionally

restricted His knowledge of His coming as a sign of His humble submission to the Father. However, after Jesus's resurrection and ascension, all things were put under His authority.

Let's explore some of the following verses:

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**" -Matthew 28:18

And

21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. **22** And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, **23** which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. -Ephesians 1: 21-23

And

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." -Revelation 1:8

These are but some of the verses that attest to the deity of Jesus Christ, the Beloved Son, ascending to a great place of glory after His mighty sacrifice and work were finished. While Jesus does not proclaim the day or the hour, it is reasonable to assume that He, having been given all things, knows the day and the hour. Jesus also knows what is sealed in Daniel chapter 12. He is the one dressed in linen, standing above the river, just as Jesus walked on water towards the disciples and spoke with Daniel, giving Him the sealed portion. Reading the Book of Revelation helps the understanding of Daniel chapter 12. For example, without Revelation 11 and 17, the durations of the five stages of the 1335 days could not be discerned.

Do you ever wonder why the Olivet discourse is found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke but not John? Notice this clue in Mark,

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, **Peter, James, John, and Andrew** asked Him privately, **4** "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" -Mark 13:3-4

Matthew, Mark, and Luke were not described as being present, but John was! A close reading of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the Book of Revelation, will show that this book closely matches the blueprint described in the Olivet discourse as well as the

words of Daniel chapter 12. They are meant to be put together to increase our understanding and wisdom in the last days. It could be that Jesus chose John the Beloved to reveal the culmination of the end times, too, as John was there at Jesus's feet for the beginning of the discussion on the Mt. of Olives and was the final witness of the complete description by Jesus's Revelation.

10.2 Summary

Seeing the signs of the times, it becomes increasingly clear that we are living in the season of Christ's return. The convergence of geopolitical events, the rise of anti-Semitism, anti-Christian public sentiment, and the preparations for the Third Temple all point to the fulfillment of the prophecies in Daniel chapter 12 and the Book of Revelation. While we cannot pinpoint the exact day or hour, we can recognize the indicators that the Great War and the Devil's False Victory are at hand.

By understanding the potential entry points to the final 45 days, such as the abomination of sacrifice in the wilderness, the declaration of the Antichrist's deity in the temple, or the establishment of the Saudi Arabian-Israeli trade route, we can better discern the times and seasons and prepare appropriately. Though the power of God's people will become shattered, and the darkness will seem overwhelming, take comfort in knowing it is only for a short time. We know with certainty that the victory already belongs to the Lord.

Summary and Conclusion

Throughout this book, we have explored the profound truths hidden within Daniel's prophecy and their connection to the events foretold by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse and through the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. By examining the intricacies of the 1335-day timeline, we have gained insight into the five critical stages that will unfold before the glorious return of our Lord.

We have seen the importance of discerning between the wise, whom the Holy Spirit seals, and the wicked, who fall prey to the deceptions of the beast system. We have also explored the typologies and parables that point to the ultimate fulfillment of God's plan in the last days.

Most crucially, we have emphasized the vital warning contained in Daniel 12. As believers we must heed this call to remain steadfast in our faith, patiently enduring the trials and tribulations that will come upon the earth. We must resist the temptations and deceptions of the beast, even in the face of persecution and adversity.

In light of these truths, we urge readers to take the following actions, in accordance with *read, heed, and warn*:

- Study the Word of God diligently, particularly the prophecies of Daniel, the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21), and the Book of Revelation. Let the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength to endure the challenges of the last days. Put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and abide in Christ daily (John 15:4).
- Share Daniel 12's warning with fellow believers, encouraging them to remain vigilant and faithful. Be a light in the darkness, turning many to righteousness (Daniel 12:3).
- Stand firm against the deceptions and temptations of the beast system, even in the face of persecution. Remember that those who persevere to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13).
- Look forward with hope to the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior (Titus 2:13), Jesus Christ, knowing that those who wait and reach the end of the 1335 days will be blessed (Daniel 12:12).

As we navigate the perilous times ahead, may we hold fast to God's promises, anchored in His unfailing love and faithfulness. Let us encourage one another and remain

steadfast in our devotion to Christ, eagerly anticipating the day we will be caught up together to meet Him in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus!

-Faithful Servants of Jesus Christ

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