

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE 2300 DAY PROPHECY

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Daniel chapter eight records a vision that Daniel had concerning “the time of the end” (Daniel 8:17), and an angel told him, “Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*.” (Daniel 8:19).

The time of the end is the conclusion of a time period, namely, “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days” (Daniel 8:14a). The end does not refer to the return of Christ, or to the tribulation, but to another event altogether.

“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.” (Daniel 8:26). The vision of the evening and the morning shows that the beginning of the 2300 days is as a great evening, while the conclusion of the 2300 day period is as a morning. And so a certain darkness comes in, which finally ends many days later. The prophecy is showing that the darkness cannot endure. There must be a great dawning.

The Scripture shows that the Word of God is light, “Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105). Acknowledgment of the truth may be described as light. The opposite to this is darkness, that is, the absence of the Word and the transgression of the Word. There are all kinds of things in the darkness, such as disobedience and corruption of the Word. Daniel’s prophecy must then relate to a great darkness, and how this darkness is ended, and the coming of the light.

In Daniel’s vision, he saw a ram and a goat. “The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat *is* the king of Grecia: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king.” (Daniel 8:20, 21). History shows that Alexander the Great led the Greek Empire, symbolised by the goat, against the Medo-Persian Empire, symbolised by the ram.

“Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.” (Daniel 8:8). “Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.” (Daniel 8:22).

History shows that Alexander the Great died in his prime, and that the Greek Empire was split into four main domains, being ruled by Alexander’s four generals, namely, Lysimachus (North), Seleucus (East), Ptolemy (South) and Cassander (West). Ptolemy’s base was Egypt, while Seleucus’ was Syria. After Cassander died Pyrrhus had control of most of the western territory.

“And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*.” (Daniel 8:9).

Out of one of the Greek realms came a little horn, which was a whole new empire. This would be the tool which Satan could use to bring in and enforce the darkness. The horn itself represents that evil spirit, or spirit of antichrist, which would be behind this empire.

The vision of the evening and the morning, and the beginning of the 2300 days occurred at this time. Bible prophecy shows makes a day represent a year (see Ezekiel 4:6), so the 2300 year “night” came to pass. That little horn which arose came from the west, incidentally, the same direction as the evening sun set. History shows that Pyrrhus, who was fighting in the western area of the Greek world, first lost to a new rising force. In 275 B.C. the Greeks lost to the Romans, which opened up Roman domination of the Italian peninsula. Thereafter, as the prophecy foretold,

Rome became very great, taking the south (Egypt), the east (Syria) and the pleasant land (Judæa).

The year 275 B.C. was the beginning of the 2300 years, the evening, where Rome arose in power. It was the evening for the truth, even though the Old Testament was translated into Greek in Egypt at the same time.

During the time of the Roman Empire, the early Christians knew that the spirit of antichrist was present, “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John 4:3). The Church found itself in a great “night”, where there was a continual warring against the Word of God. Although Christ came, and various prophecies were fulfilled, and the Gospel went forth everywhere, the Church’s progress was always limited, held back by the darkness. In other words, no Christian movement, Christian nation or Bible version would be able to gain any kind of manifestation as would actually be consistent with the Christian message, namely, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:4). In other words, it would have to be a coming and future “daytime” when such things could be revealed in magnificence, as Christ actually said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12). And Peter said, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

“And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.” (Daniel 8:10).

Pagan Rome fought against the Christian religion. The “it” is the spirit of antichrist, which came against the people of God. Many good Christians lost their lives for their faith.

“Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.” (Daniel 8:11).

The operation then manifested in a “he”, that is, in a ruling lineage. This is the papacy or Papal Rome, which usurped the position of Christ the prince in the Church, and set up a false Church. Thus, the true Church was cast down, but not utterly destroyed.

“And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.” (Daniel 8:12).

Paul wrote, “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15). The Church is the place where the Word is preached, obeyed and preserved through history.

The antichrist spirit is completely against the Word, which the Scripture reveals is very high, “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.” (Psalm 138:2). The spirit of antichrist could only have power to cast down the Church, and to keep the Word of God contained if the Church itself was compromised. This would mean that the Church would make the error of not fully keeping the Word, and would neglect the exaltation of the Word.

The antichrist spirit not only has sought to throw down the Word, but also has caused a false word and doctrine to usurp the position of the Holy Bible. A false view of the Word was established, and

that doctrine was backed all the way to the Pope by false words, so that it “opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

The power of the spirit of antichrist has been greater since 1798, after the Papacy lost their temporal power. This has been because there has been an exaltation of the antichrist word, which came about “by reason of transgression”, namely, not believing and keeping the Word, and unbelief that God could preserved or gather His Word. The “daily sacrifice” in the New Testament temple (the true Church) is the sacrifice of praise. “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15). The Word of God is praiseworthy, and if the Word is no longer esteemed and cast down, the sacrifices cease, “In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.” (Psalm 56:10). As a result, the place of the Word’s sanctuary, the Church, was kept down. And many went into further errors, by generally compromising with Romanism, accepting the false authority of the anti-Bible doctrine which is backed all the way to the Vatican, and magnifying modern versions, contradictions, deleting verses, promoting imperfection, blaspheming, lying, deceiving and so on. Thus, a false view of the Bible and a false Bible doctrine were yet established in the Church, or rather, expanding the false church.

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?” (Daniel 8:13).

The lack of the daily sacrifice of praise of the Word (see Psalm 56:4), and the great transgression, have caused the Church to be weak, and the faith of many to fail, through willing deafness. “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11). The Word has not failed or been lost, but there has been a general lack of hearing on the part of the Church. Thus, many may be seeking something, but not finding the truth.

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” (Daniel 8:14).

Despite the great darkness, God is in control. The Spirit of God has made sure that the Word can never fail, though it may be cast down to the ground. In fact, it is from the ground, or lowliness, that it may grow up, both to convert many and to consume the antichrist power. A particular consuming may be shown to come at the conclusion of the 2300 years, which may be called a great dawning and morning.

The operation of Jesus Christ through the Church is to have His true and pure Word reinstated, “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). The consuming began with the prophecies of the Word coming to pass in the French capture of the papacy in 1798, and that Protestants, especially those using the King James Bible, entered into a great period of successful Bible dissemination. Even when a new English version was made in an attempt to replace the King James Bible, this was not able to stop the continuation of a true Christian witness (1882), and despite increasing apostasy (1968), there are those who still stand for truth. At the same time, the operation of the spirit of antichrist has suffered from being consumed by its own curse, that is, its alliance with secularism, which is the separation between Church and State. However, the prophecy demands that the true Word of the true Church must, by preaching and signs, greatly consume the anti-Biblical spirit. Around the year 2000 it seemed as if the Church would never see

such a morning, because of the supposed foolishness of Christian witness, the seeming power of the enemies and the apparent loss of the true Word.

So Satan's war even beyond the year 2000 was able to succeed against Christianity, even though certain darkness and consuming was manifested on the papal system, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 12:17). But the Church with the Word shall be able to turn about this war of the Word, "For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*." (Zechariah 8:12).

The prophecies concerning the Church must come to pass, especially the purging of the lukewarm and deceived Laodicean Church, and the cleansing of the Church Remnant, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:26, 27). The Bible is showing that there must be a great rise of the Church as a witness with the pure Word before the return of Christ.

Paul wrote, "LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." (Romans 13:1). Most particularly, when the minister of God was operating, he was doing God's work, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Romans 13:4). Therefore it would be highly relevant that Christians should obey the Word, "love *is* the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:10b). And then he shows that they were in a night of darkness, "And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*." (Romans 13:11–14).

Although a great night had descended, true believers were of the light, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness" (1 Thessalonians 5:4a). But, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:5–8a).

Peter, in his second epistle, made numerous references to the compromise and apostasy of certain ones claiming to be Christian, and their feigned, swelling and vain words. They would be known for their lust, and their rejection of proper government, divine order or godly ordination. But the true believers would stand for the present truth, "That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" (2 Peter 3:2). The true Scripture was open, reliable and established, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:19–21). Thus, this and many other Scriptures show that there is a great night, and that the Word is light, and that there to be a coming dawn or morning.

Christians with the Word are to be a great and shining beacon, "Ye are the light of the world. A city

that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” (Matthew 5:14). The Church must come into a time when its light is so brilliant that it cannot be denied. Every attack on the Word of God must come to nothing, and the Roman system find that it cannot at all hold back the progress of the true Word. The last end of the indignation is how God’s judgment is to be manifest in regards to the Church and the Word, and against the enemies of the Church and the Word. However, it is not a final judgment against all evil, only the particular evil of Christian compromise and lack of exaltation of the true Word. It is the beginning of the latter days glory of the Church, a day of blessing and power.

Daniel goes on to show how the spirit of antichrist it thwarted.

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.” (Daniel 8:23).

While the great evening and morning of 2300 years may be calculated to begin with the rise of Rome in 275 B.C., the termination is in the year 2025. As the prophecy begins with Persia and Greece, so the connections to the particular concluding event must be understood, when the antichrist power is greatly consumed, and the cleansing of the Church manifested with the brilliant revelation of the pure Word.

The latter time of the Grecian kingdom has been interpreted by many to mean that an evil man should appear who would profane the temple at Jerusalem, such as Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 B.C., which is certainly a valid interpretation, but Jesus said that there would be a future “abomination of desolation” (see Matthew 24:15). This fact stands since there may be several valid interpretations of certain key prophecies. Thus, the Jewish stubbornness in Temple sacrifices to the year 70 A.D. was certainly an “abomination of desolation”. But in the Church, the setting up of a false Bible doctrine is also a valid interpretation, because the Church is the true temple, and the casting down of the Word is a cause of God’s great indignation, which must be dealt with at the end of the 2300 years. Therefore, there must be some sort of continuation of the Grecian kingdom through the 2300 years. This is possible firstly by the Roman rule, and the continuation of the Greek nation; secondly, that the eastern Roman Empire ruled from Constantinople was both Greek and Roman; thirdly, that the fall of Constantinople to the Turks allowed the territory to be held by the Turks and Muslims, which same religion was connected to Roman Catholicism at its founding; fourthly, that Moscow and Russia have taken the religion and spirit of Constantinople, and that various Roman links exist, such as with the creation of Communism and the Fatima prophecies of a Catholic-dedicated Russia; and fifthly, that Romanism would use a Russian-led confederacy with Islam to pursue its anti-Biblical agenda as shown in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Because of the rise of secularism, Rome would have to use the Northern Confederacy as a tool, because the Pope could never himself be seen as leading an army or killing Jews.

The fullness of transgressors specifically relates to the Word of God, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4). The great attack on the Word is evil, which has rejected God’s providence concerning the preservation of the pure Word, and denies that there is one standard, but rather, has the doctrine of perpetual imperfection of truth, including the Islamic doctrine that the true Bible is corrupt.

“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” (Daniel 8:24).

A terrifying leader should arise, who should be backed by the spirit operating through Roman doctrine, which is anti-pure Bible and anti-Jewish. Ezekiel 38 and 39 show this is the leader of Russia, who is called “Gog”.

“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” (Daniel 8:25).

He comes to steal, kill and destroy, and can justify such things under the guise of peace. But his true war is not merely against the Jews, but rather, against the very Word of God itself, to defy Scripture, to attempt to nullify it, and to be against those who do stand for the true Word. Most especially, he will be carrying out in practise what the Popes and the compromised Christians have said concerning the Bible. But in doing so, he is to be spectacularly broken. This means the establishment of the truth, the rise of true Christian witness, much to the consummation of the power of Roman doctrine and the blessing of the true Church. Thus, the Church should at this time be cleansed from filthiness, and the pure Word established with great witness and power.

“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.” (Daniel 8:26).

The Word is to be kept for many days. The prophet Ezekiel specifically accounts that Gog should come to Israel in the latter days, “After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.” (Ezekiel 38:8). Ezekiel shows that at the ending of the many days, which is Daniel’s 2300 years, Gog is destroyed. The rise of Gog is within the 2300 years, just as the pure Word is available while the 2300 years are still in progress.

Christian compromise and lack of praise of the Word is to be dealt with by God in this great event, when He sanctifies Himself in Gog.