

Big Picture Bible Study

Lesson 06: Restoring the Truth

TWO DISTINCTIVE ATTRIBUTES OF THE LITTLE HORN POWER

The Clay Kingdom (Dan. 2) and the Little Horn (Dan. 7) are symbols of the same power: the Roman power that usurped the name of Christianity. God gave Daniel the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy so that we can have evidence for discerning they whom the Bible identifies as an enemy of God.

Distinctive Attribute #1: Casting Down God's Law

Satan used human authorities to replace Christ's church on earth and redirect worship to himself. This monopolistic deception could have been fatal, but God gave us foreknowledge that this power could be identified specifically (not exclusively) as the power that tries to change God's law

- **Daniel 7:25** “²⁵He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.”
- **“Q. Which is the Sabbath day? A.** Saturday is the Sabbath day.
Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”
Geiermann, P. (1957). *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*. Ed. 3, p. 50.

The Roman Catholic Church is not ashamed of changing the law; in fact, they point to it openly as the mark of their authority.

Distinctive Attribute #2: Casting Down God's Sanctuary

History shows that the Roman Church literally claimed to have the authority to change God's law and to enforce obedience using the Roman State, thus setting up a false image of what God's church was supposed to be: **forced worship to laws that conflict with God's Word**. Daniel's vision in chapter 8 gives us further details, showing just how deep Satan would take his human agents who controlled access to God's Word.

- **Daniel 8:11-12** “¹¹He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. ¹²Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.”

The only way to know for sure which is the counterfeit of God's church—the one where Satan has setup his army of human agents to lead the world in redirecting worship away from God—and which is the genuine and loyal church, is to compare their teachings with the Word of God. The church that teaches on the authority of the Bible is loyal to God while the church that teaches on the authority of man must be rejected.

Did the Roman Church State establish doctrines that undermine the truths of the Sanctuary along with all the symbolism of the articles of furniture and the detailed understanding of proper worship that they teach?

Alter of Sacrifice – Christ’s one time sacrifice on the cross

The Eucharist teaching is that Christ must be literally sacrificed again, once was not enough. According to the **Fourth Council of the Lateran** (1215), *“His body and blood are truly contained in the sacrament of the altar under the forms of bread and wine, the bread and wine having been transubstantiated, by God's power, into his body and blood.”* But when we read **John 6:24-71**, Jesus is clear of the symbolic nature of communion.



Laver – The personal choice to be baptized

Sprinkling of Babies in baptism is not a decision impressed by the Holy Spirit, but the Sacrament of Baptism is believed to cleanse newborns from the contamination of original sin that was passed down from Adam. The emphasis is placed on the action of baptism rather than the intension.



Table of Showbread – Word of God

The **Word of God** was forbidden to all but the priests, According to the **Council of Toulouse** (1229) and **Council of Tarragona** (1234), *“We prohibit the permission of the books of the Old and New Testament to laymen ... expressly forbidding their having the other parts of the Bible translated into the vulgar tongue”* Allix, *Ecclesiastical History*, II, p. 213. With the truth hidden, traditions and pagan practices were easily introduced.



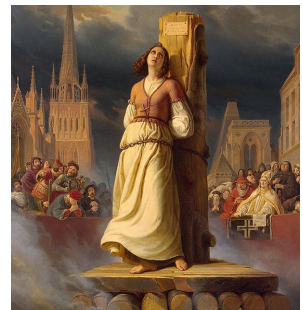
Alter of Incense – Prayer

Confessional Booths are where men offer forgiveness of sins to other men. No one could know that this went against God’s own desire to dwell with us because the Bible was not accessible; only the same priests could interpret its words from Latin. The two-roomed structure divided by a veil are considered “holy places.” The RCS teaches to pray to Mary, to the saints, and to priests instead of going directly to our Heavenly Father.



7-Branch Candlestick – Witness

The Inquisition became the standard modus operandi for the corrupted church to spread influence: “heretics” were tortured and/or burned at the stake. This practice to “combat heresy” began with Constantine, was promulgated in 650 and officially instituted by Pope Innocent III in Rome the early 1200s, continuing into the 17th and even 18th Centuries. As many as 50 or even 100 million were murdered.



Ark of the Covenant – Law & Presence of God

Changing the Law was evidence enough that Satan was using the RCS to attack God’s character, but the blaspheme goes further. The Pope is called “Holy Father” and admits that it changed the law of God. This Little Horn did the same thing that Lucifer did in Heaven.



The Clay Kingdom professed to serve God but was actually Satan’s frontman, ruling for 1,260 years.

It persecuted the loyal church, attempted to change the moral law, and cast the Sanctuary truths to the ground.

1,260 DAYS PROPHECY (538 A.D. – 1798 A.D.)

This timeframe of 1,260 days or prophetic years is mentioned seven times in the Bible, always in reference to the same power and the same period. By looking at each of these seven passages, we will have a fantastic example of how thorough God's prophecies are. We can trust the Spirit of Prophecy. Remember the **"Day for a Year"** principle for studying Bible prophecy.

Principle for Bible Prophecy "Day for a Year" Example #1: **One Year = 360 Days**

- **Revelation 11:2-3** "2But 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. 3And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."
 - By comparing these two texts in Revelation, we see that **1,260 days = 42 months**.
 - Let's first look at 42 months: with 12 months in a year, $42/12 = 3\frac{1}{2}$ years,
 - Now let's compare with 1,260 days: with 1,260 days, $1,260/3.5 = 360$ days.

Each year must only be 360 days.

Principle for Bible Prophecy "Day for a Year" Example #2: **'Time' = Year**

- **Revelation 12:6, 14** "6Then 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. ...14But 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."
 - 1,260 days in verse 6; [$time (1) + times (2) + half a time (\frac{1}{2})$] = $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. in verse 14
 - $1,260 \text{ days} \div 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ years} = 360 \text{ days}$
 - 1 prophetic year equals 360 days (12 prophetic months of 30 days each)

Each reference to "time" must only be 1 year (or 360 days).

Principle for Bible Prophecy "Day for a Year" Example #3: **'Dividing of Time' = Half**

- **Daniel 7:25** "25He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."
- **Daniel 12:7** "7Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished."

By comparing texts, we see that "dividing" of time = "half" a time.

Principle for Bible Prophecy "Day for a Year" Example #4: **42 Months = 1,260 days**

- **Revelation 13:5** "5And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."
 - By comparing the context of this verse with the context of **Revelation 11:2**, we see that this is a reference to the same time period

With Bible mathematics we know the following about prophetic time:

**$3.5 \text{ times} = 42 \text{ months} = 1,260 \text{ days}$,
 $\text{therefore } 1 \text{ year} = 1 \text{ time} = 360 \text{ days}$.**

The Beginning of the 1,260 Days in History

God prophesied that this terrible timeframe when the Bible was clothed in sackcloth, the imposter church persecuted the loyal, and the imposter church rose to political power would begin and end on certain dates. Which event marks the beginning? We need to look at the story in the prophecy to then search history for the date.

- **Daniel 7:23-25** “²³Thus he said: “The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. ²⁵He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.”



The four beasts are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. In perfect fulfillment of the details of the prophecy, Rome, the fourth beast, broke down into the ten barbarian kingdoms that eventually became the European nations.

The Roman Church State ruled after Rome’s disintegration and destroyed 3 of the 10 tribes. When were they “given” power?

The Justinian Code of Law

In Rome, the predominantly-Greek East was very different than the predominantly-Latin West. The pagan emperor Constantine became a Christian and moved the Empire’s capital city from Rome to Constantinople in 330, creating a system of general ecclesiastical councils to settle doctrinal issues on faith. The gulf between East and West continued to widen and when Germanic tribes conquered the disintegrating remains of the West in 476, the Byzantine Empire began a re-conquest of Rome.

Justinian I came to power in the Byzantine Empire in 527. The Ostrogoths had already been empowered to reclaim the city of Rome from the [Heruli](#), and so Justinian sent his general Belisarius to also reclaim the northern African regions (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia). By 534, Justinian turned his army on the Ostrogoths who had gone to Rome and ejected them from the city in 538. The wars continued, but it Rome was established as the spiritual head for the Empire.



The 1,260 years begin the moment that the Little Horn Power (RCS) gained its political authority to enforce spiritual laws.

The Justinian code of law, famously known as the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, was written in 534 and codified all the Roman laws into one. It placed religious authority legally in the hands of the Bishop (Pope) of Rome as **head of all churches** and **defender against all heretics**. This new Roman Law was instituted in 538 and whose recognition went uninterrupted all the way to Napoleon and the modern era.

*The Justinian Code of Law put into effect in 538 A.D. declared the Pope to be the **head of all churches** and **defender against all heretics**, continuing the Little Horn Power’s trampling of God’s loyal church.*

The Justinian Code of Law is huge: 12 books that each have over 50 chapters. The law combines all of the laws of the old Roman laws and new Roman Catholic Empire into one. It includes extensive portions over the Pope's unquestionable authority over all religions and his right to defend Christendom from all heretics. This law was the law by which the Inquisition was promulgated across Europe. This was the law that allowed the Roman Pontiffs to persecute the Reformers by excommunication and execution.

- **Luke 21:16-17** ¹⁶"You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by all for My name's sake."

Persecution had been harsh during the growing years of the church. But centuries of compromise, amalgamation and paganization had created a corporate Christianity that carried forward the Pagan tradition. Persecution once more burst upon those who faithfully followed the word of God. For more than a millennium the RCS sought to eradicate all who remained loyal to the Bible.

The accession of the Roman Church to power marked the beginning of the "Dark Ages." As her power increased, the darkness deepened. Faith was transferred from Christ to the Bishop (Pope) of Rome.

But God's word was not lost. The enemy was not successful in destroying the loyal church. Pockets of believers maintained a more accurate understanding of scripture, like the Celtic church during the Early Middle Ages, like the Waldensians in Italy during the Middle Ages, like the Huguenots in France during the early Reformation, and many more

The 1,260 prophetic years began in 538 when the Roman Church received political authority to enforce spiritual laws. The ending date is 1798 A.D. What happen in 1798 to end the Papacy's secular power?

The Ending of the 1,260 Days in History

The time 538 – 1798 A.D. was a very dark age in the world's history. Christianity was corrupted and used to enforce the most diabolical of schemes. Satan used the human powers under his control to stifle the spread of the word of God. But God used invention and technology to bring the scriptures to more people: the printing press! With God's words now more readily available, the pagan church who pretended to be Christian began to lose their hold as intelligent men, led by God, began to rediscover many of the precious truths lost during the corruption of the church.

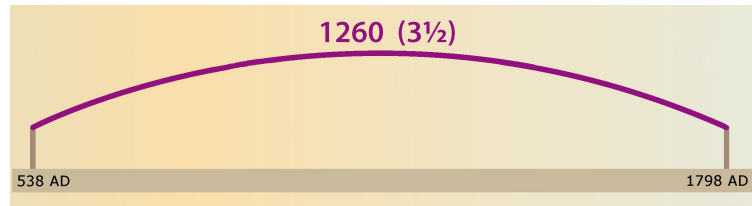
What Happened in 1798: Napoleon and General Berthier

Reformation led to Enlightenment, and soon came a man named Napoleon. He believed as did many modern Frenchman: he was fed up with the terrible corruption and backwardness of the "Christian" leaders. The French Revolution of 1789 sparked a series of wars in Europe that lead to the 7 Coalition Battles of the European nations against Napoleon and the French Army. The French ideal was moving quickly after the French Revolution, condemning religion and replacing it with Reason. Napoleon sent his general Berthier in 1798 to invade Italy and the Vatican.



The French army invaded the Vatican. Napoleon reorganized the Roman republic and took Pope Pius VI prisoner. He took the Pope in chains back to France where, after a torturous journey under Berthier's supervision, the Pope died. Justinian's Code of Law, the *Corpus Iuris Civilis*, was officially

revoked and was replaced with a new law: the Napoleonic Code of law. The new law cast down the role of religion and instead uplifted reason as the basis upon which civic decisions are made.



In 1798 the Pope was taken captive and the Roman law was revoked. Reason instead of religion was uplifted. It was exactly 1260 years. Thus was issued a “mortal wound” to the Little Horn.

What did people think about this in 1798?

This prophecy stretches way past the chronological breadth of the Bible. Thankfully, history permits us to compare the biblical record with the secular. What did modern historians say when 1798 came? Were they aware of what the Bible had predicted?

EDWARD KING (1798)

- This is the year 1798, and just 1,260 years ago, in the very beginning of the year 538, Belisarius put an end to the empire and dominion of the Goths at Rome. He entered... in the name of Justinian, Emperor of the East... leaving there forward from A.D. 538 no power in Rome that could be said to rule over the earth excepting the ecclesiastical pontifical power. A power that was now become sufficiently established for that purpose... whilst a most characteristic badge of corruption had also now begun to be confirmed, by the worship of the Virgin Mary being ordained, by a general council at Constantinople, in 528... Still, however, no dominion, no power ruling over the world, ever had and set there any more, except the Papal.” King, E. (1798). *Remarks on the Signs of the Times*. London, p. 16-17.

DAVID SIMPSON (1798)

- “The popish constitution is overturned in Rome; and 1,260 years from this time the Roman pontiff began his secular dominion in that proud and idolatrous metropolis of the Christian world, through the expulsion of the Goths by Belisarius the Roman general! ...Is it not extremely remarkable, and powerful confirmation of the truth of Scripture prophecy, that just 1,260 years ago from the present 1798, in the very beginning of the year 538, Belisarius put an end to the empire of the Goths at Rome, leaving no power therein but the bishop of that metropolis? Read these things in the prophetic Scriptures; compare them coolly with the present state of Europe, and deny the truth of Divine revelation, if you can. ***Open your eyes, and behold these things accomplished in the face of the whole world. This thing is not done in a corner.***” Simpson, D. (1798). *A Plea for Religion and the Sacred Writings*. London, p. 196, 186-187.
- “Were not the nations, which, for so many ages, had given their power unto the beast, to turn against that beast, and use means for its destruction? Is not this part of the prophecy also, in a good degree, fulfilled at the present moment? Have not all the catholic powers forsaken the pope in the time of his greatest need? And is not he, who, a few ages ago, made all Europe tremble at the thunder of his voice, now become weak like other men? Are not the claws of the beast cut, and his teeth drawn, so that he can no longer either scratch or bite? Is he not already in our day, and before our own eyes, stripped of his temporal dominion?” *Ibid*, p. 186.

God has been and will be in ultimate control for all time.

2,300 DAYS PROPHECY (457 B.C. – 1844 A.D.)

Daniel 7 contains the prophecy with the 4 beasts from the sea. Daniel 8 gives more information on them through a vision of a ram (Persia) being killed by a goat (Greece). We have already seen this incredible passage and how Gabriel points to the division of Greece and how the Little Horn will have two separate phases (pagan Rome—papal Rome). Daniel hears another angel ask the first angel how long the Little Horn (Roman powers) will be able to persecute God's truth and people.

- **Daniel 8:13-14, 26** ¹³Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?" ¹⁴And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." ... ²⁶And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future." "

Daniel must have been very confused by this prophecy. 2,300 days and then the Sanctuary will be cleansed? What does that mean, I imagine him saying. Gabriel tells Daniel later in the chapter that the "*evenings and mornings*" that refer to the 2,300 days and are still much in the future.

Daniel 8 Explained by the Angel Gabriel

- **Daniel 8:16-17** ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "*Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.*" ¹⁷So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "*Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end.*" "

Gabriel is sent to Daniel to explain the details of the vision. The first thing Gabriel says is to set the context, saying that the whole vision is referring to events that will happen at the end of the world. Verses 18-25 include those amazing passages that point to Media and Persia, to Greece, to the first Greek King, to the four-way division, and the growth of the Roman pagan and then papal power from out of one of the four Greek nations.

Daniel Faints before the Full Explanation

It is the same rise and fall of kingdoms as were seen in Nebuchadnezzar's Dream in Chapter 2 and in the Daniel's vision in Chapter 7, offering more details on each power. Gabriel explains each figure, and each segment from beginning to end. I imagine he is building volume and power, gearing up to tell Daniel the most important information: the time prophecy's events and dates.

- **Daniel 8:26-27** ²⁶And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future." ²⁷And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it."

The only part remaining to be explained was the time element of the 2,300 days. But Daniel suddenly fainted, right in the middle of the as the vision explanation; **12 YEARS GO BY.**

- **Daniel 9:2** ²in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem."

Do you see what is happening? There is a bigger reason as to why Daniel was looking for numbers in the scroll of Jeremiah than just that he was trying to figure out when he could return to Jerusalem. He was also trying to understand his own time prophecy of 2,300 days!

Daniel's Prayer: Jeremiah's 70 Year Prophecy

Daniel was reading Jeremiah trying to find when to start counting the 2,300 days that Gabriel had told him. In his search he was reminded of Jeremiah's 70 weeks prophecy.

- **Jeremiah 25:11** "11And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years."
- **Ezra 6:15** "15And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king."

Darius ascended the throne of Persia in 522 B.C. making the 6th year of his reign 516 B.C. This was exactly 70 years after Nebuchadnezzar had taken Israel captive in 586 B.C. God's word always is sure. Daniel believed this and it was for this multifold reason that he fell to his knees in chapter 9 and prays the pray that we studied all last week (**Daniel 9:3-19**).

Daniel's Prayer: Hebrew Words for "Vision"

- **Daniel 9:21-23** "21yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. 23At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:"



Daniel prays for God to return His people and remember His promise. Gabriel shows up and says very specifically that he had come to give Daniel "skill to understand" and to "consider...the vision." Chapter 9 does not contain any vision—only the prayer. So why would Gabriel show up to help Daniel understand the vision? It must be that Gabriel is returning to help Daniel understand the portion of the interpretation he missed when he fainted!

The term "**vision**" is used 8 times in Daniel Chapters 8 and 9 but these are all translations of two different Hebrew words, **chazon** (a reference to the vision as a whole) and **mar'eh** (a reference to particular parts within the **chazon**, literally meaning "an appearance").

- **Daniel 8:14** "14And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

This special timeframe is referred in **Daniel 8:26** as "...the vision [**mar'eh**] of the evening and the morning..." meaning a specific portion of the larger vision. But in **Daniel 9:21** he sees Gabriel appear and says it was the same angel "whom I had seen in the vision [**chazon**] at the beginning" meaning that it was the same angel who had come 12 years earlier to help him understand. Gabriel was also very specific and quotes God's voice directly from **Daniel 8:16** and in **Daniel 9:23** tells Daniel to "consider the vision [**mar'eh**]."

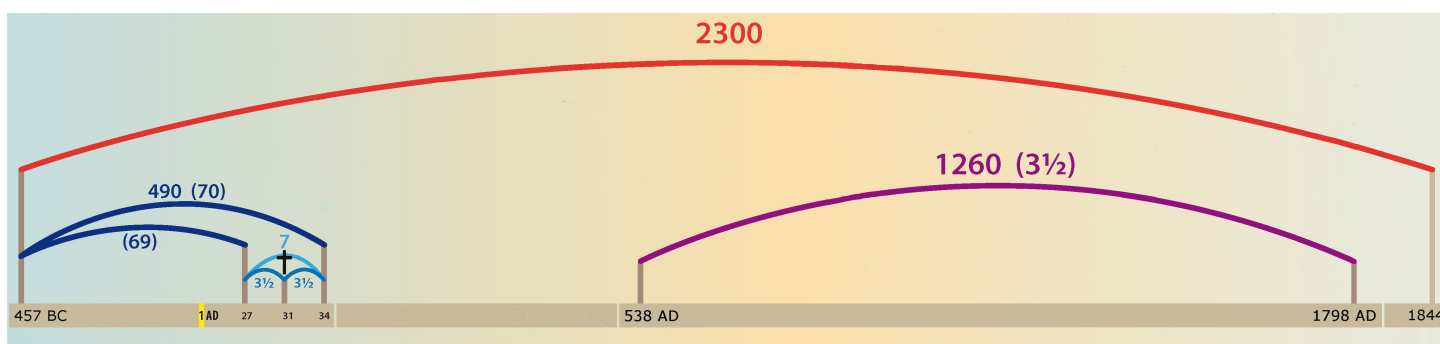
Daniel had said in the very end of chapter 8 that he fainted and did not understand the vision. Even though Gabriel had explained every portion and every symbol, he did not understand when he was to start counting. Gabriel shows up to give him the starting date/event and ends up giving him an entirely new prophecy: the 70 Weeks Prophecy.

Gabriel's message in Daniel Chapter 9 is not a new and independent vision, but is rather the picking up where Gabriel left off in the literal explanation of the symbolic vision of Daniel Chapter 8.

How the 70 Weeks Relate to the 2,300 Days

- **Daniel 9:24** “²⁴Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

This is the first verse of the 70 Weeks Prophecy. It says that the timeframe is “determined,” which is the Hebrew word *chathak*. It appears nowhere else in the Bible, but the definition implies that the timeframe was “**allotted**,” or “**apportioned**,” to the Jewish people, during which time certain specific things were to be accomplished. The definitions also imply that the years were “**decreed**,” or “**determined**,” for this purpose. But the word *chathak* also has the meaning “**cut off**.” Just as a piece of material is cut off from a roll, the 70 weeks are cut off from a longer period of time.



The 70 Weeks are the first 490 years of the 2,300 years

In Daniel 9, Gabriel explains the rest of the vision in Daniel 8, so it must deal with the 2,300 days. But the only prophetic time mentioned in the vision of Daniel 9 is the 70 weeks. When Gabriel deals with the 70 weeks, or 490 years, he is explaining the first part of the 2,300 days prophecy. The first period (490 years) was cut off specifically for the Jews and their earthly Sanctuary; the remainder of the total time period (2,300 – 490 = 1,810 years) was opened up for the period of the Christian church and the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The life of Christ during the 70th week validates 457 B.C. as the date to start counting. Since the 70 weeks were cut off from the 2,300 days, then they have the same starting date, ending in 1844 A.D.

Albert Barnes (1857) – Presbyterian

- “The meaning would seem to be, that this portion of time – the seventy weeks – was *cut off* from the whole of duration, or cut out of it, as it were, and set by itself for a definite purpose.” Barnes, A. (1857). *Notes on the Bible (13)*. Blackie & Son Publishing.

Ellen White (1888) – Seventh-day Adventist

- “The word here translated ‘determined’ literally signifies ‘cut off.’ Seventy weeks, representing 490 years, are declared by the angel to be cut off, as specially pertaining to the Jews. But from what were they cut off? As the 2300 days was the only period of time mentioned in chapter 8, it must be the period from which the seventy weeks were cut off; the seventy weeks must therefore be a part of the 2300 days, and the two periods must begin together.” White, E. G. (1911). *The Great Controversy*. Pacific Press Publishing, p. 400.

1300s: John Wycliffe “Morning Star of the Reformation”

Wycliffe wrote the first complete translation of the Bible into English. He was one of the forerunners of the Protestant Reformation. The politico-ecclesiastical theories that he developed required the Roman Catholic Church to give up its worldly possessions, and in 1378 he began a systematic attack on the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. He began the work of restoration, but did not finish it.

Truth Restored: Table of Showbread

1400s/1500s: Martin Luther “Founder of the Lutherans”

Lutheranism advocates a doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. This went directly against the Roman Catholic view of justification through the church. Luther continued the journey, receiving more light about how we are to surrender nowhere save at the cross, but did not finish it.

Truth Restored: Alter of Sacrifice

1500s: John Calvin “Founder of the Presbyterians”

Calvin broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530, fleeing to Switzerland. He published many works and wrote extensively on the power of prayer between man and God, not through the priests. He understood the power that prayer and music have during worship to connect us directly to God. He made great strides, improving on the light that had been revealed up to his point, but did not get the full truth.

Truth Restored: Alter of Incense

1600s: John Smyth “Founder of the Baptists”

Smyth was an English defender of religious liberty; he believed in “believer's baptism” and not “infant baptism” of the RCS. His early followers formed one of the earliest Baptist churches. They taught baptism as a sign of obedience to God and immersion as pictorially symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. His leadership brought God’s church even closer to the fully restored truth, but not all the way.

Truth Restored: Laver

1700s: John Wesley “Founder of the Methodists”

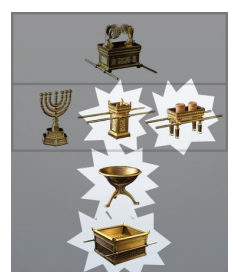
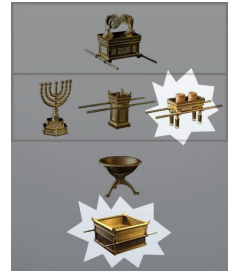
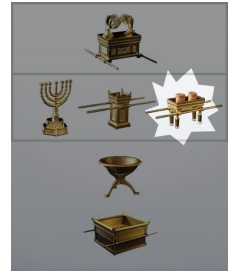
Wesley helped found the Methodist movement when he took to open-air preaching, using the services to successfully reach those who would not enter most churches. Methodism was a highly successful evangelical movement in the United Kingdom, and encouraged people to experience Jesus Christ personally. His work continued down the path of light that God was leading the church down, but he did not get to the end.

Truth Restored: 7-Branch Candlestick

1800s: Ellen White “Key Figure in Seventh-day Adventism”

Ellen White, William Miller and others were the first to understand that the Heavenly Sanctuary, the investigative judgment, and the 10 Commandments as the standard for judgment. They realized the Sabbath was still in the Decalogue and must be followed. Even still, they did not understand the truths yet; just like the disciples with Jesus, they could not see past their own expectations.

Truth Restored: The Ark of the Covenant



Where is Jesus in the Sanctuary?

The Millerites received the restoration of the final truth in the Sanctuary, completing a 500-year process of restoring truth that started centuries before, but they still did not fully understand what was being revealed until after the full 2,300 days prophecy timeframe was complete. It was in 1844, at the very end of 2,300 years since the time of Ezra and Nehemiah that those who had the restored truths thought Jesus was going to return. They had the correct timing but had the wrong events. That is how they discovered the great truths of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

- **Revelation 1:12-13** “¹²Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.”

Jesus Christ was in the Heavenly Sanctuary in 96 A.D. when John wrote Revelation and He was somewhere very specific: the Holy Place. He was interceding before the altar of incense, in the midst of the candlesticks, by the bread of His word. The Millerites saw these things, and found the patterns of Daniel 8 and 9. They came to the 2,300 days prophecy

- **Daniel 8:14** “¹⁴And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”



In their study they saw that this is a clear reference to the Day of Atonement where one day a year the High Priest would go into the Most Holy Place in the Sanctuary to atone for all the sins of the people for the whole year, taking the blood of a goat to represent the sacrifice. The Sanctuary rituals done by the Israelite priests before the death of Christ prefigured the true priestly work that Jesus is performing on our behalf in the Heavenly Sanctuary (**Hebrews 9:1-10**).

What happened on October 22, 1844 at the end of the 2,300 years?

What is the point? Why is this timeframe so important? What has supposed to happen at the end of 2,300 days? What does it mean that, “*the Sanctuary shall be cleansed?*” We are reminded about the typical Sanctuary—the symbolism of the earthly structure in the Israelite culture.

- **Leviticus 16:15-16** “¹⁵Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. ¹⁶So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.”

The Day of Atonement was the day in the Israelite year when the Sanctuary would be cleansed. The high priest would go into the Most Holy Place and atone for the sins of God’s people. In like manner, there will be a time when Jesus Christ—the real High Priest—will enter into the real Most Holy Place before the throne of God in Heaven and will begin the same process of judgment and atonement that was symbolized by the earthly Sanctuary... only it will be for all mankind. The Millerites were some of the first to understand this concept.

- “Under the Mosaic system the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the great Day of Atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month (Leviticus 16:29-34), when the high priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people. So it was believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless

his waiting people with immortality. The tenth day of the seventh month, the great day of atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, which in the year 1844 fell upon the 22nd of October, was regarded as the time of the Lord's coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2,300 days would terminate in the autumn, and the conclusion seemed irresistible." White, E. (1911). *The Great Controversy*, p. 400.

The Millerites thought that the 2,300 days prophecy was pointing forward to when Jesus would **leave** the Heavenly Sanctuary, just like on the Day of Atonement. However, it was on that date, October 22, 1844 that Jesus **began** the priestly work that was exemplified by the work of the high priest on the Day of Atonement for Israel. This was the beginning of the Investigative Judgment when God would judge every human by their own lives if they rejected Jesus' offer, or by the life of Christ if they accepted grace. *The Millerites had the correct **timing** but they had the wrong **event**.*

After the Great Disappointment they were spurred by the Spirit to go back to the Bible. They revisited the Heavenly Sanctuary. They revisited the work of the earthly high priest and then in Jesus' work as our High Priest. They revisited the symbolism of the Day of Atonement and how it pointed to Jesus' atonement for humanity. They understood that there must be a standard for the judgment. In Revelation they saw that the context of the opening of the judgment coincided with the revelation of the Ark of the Covenant and the Ten Commandments within the Most Holy Place:

- **Revelation 11:15-19** "15Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 18The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and **the time of the dead, that they should be judged**, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth." 19Then **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."

The seventh trumpet is the context of the end of probationary time, of the time when judgment is decided. In 1844 began the process of the "*time of the dead, that they should be judged*," so the next question is naturally: "by what standard shall they be judged? It is by the contents of the Ark of the Covenant: the 10 Commandment Law of Self-Sacrificing Love. At the end of the 2,300 days, in the year 1844, Christ moved into the Most Holy Place to begin the process of atoning for the sins of the world, taking the blood of The Lamb, His own blood, to atone for the sins of all mankind.

- **Hebrews 9:11-15** "11But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."

Jesus began the priestly work of atoning during judgment in 1844.