

Daniel chapter 12 — A Warning

The Time of the End

Introduction

“There are in the Scriptures some things which are hard to be understood and which, according to the language of Peter, the unlearned and unstable wrest unto their own destruction. We may not, in this life, be able to explain the meaning of every passage of Scripture; but there are no vital points of practical truth that will be clouded in mystery. When the time shall come, in the providence of God, for the world to be tested upon the truth for that time, minds will be exercised by His Spirit to search the Scriptures, even with fasting and with prayer, until link after link is searched out and united in a perfect chain. Every fact which immediately concerns the salvation of souls will be made so clear that none need err or walk in darkness.

...Those who lived in past generations were accountable for the light which was permitted to shine upon them. Their minds were exercised in regard to different points of Scripture which tested them. But they did not understand the truths which we do. They were not responsible for the light which they did not have. They had the Bible, as we have; but the time for the unfolding of special truth in relation to the closing scenes of this earth's history is during the last generations that shall live upon the earth.

“Special truths have been adapted to the conditions of the generations as they have existed. The present truth, which is a test to the people of this generation, was not a test to the people of generations far back.”

2 Testimonies 692,693

“There is no excuse for any one in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation. We are living in perilous times, and it does not become us to accept everything claimed to be truth without examining it thoroughly; neither can we afford to reject anything that bears the fruits of the Spirit of God; but we should be teachable, meek and lowly of heart. There are those who oppose everything that is not in accordance with their own ideas.” Review & Herald 1892-12-20

“We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed.” Review & Herald 1892-07-26

“Men have made desperate efforts to explain what they thought to be intricate scriptures; but too often their efforts have only darkened that which they tried to make clear.” COL. 110

“The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the sure word of prophecy; angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to Daniel and John the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk: "Write the vision, and make it plain, . . . that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth.” GC 522

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Before we get into Daniel 12 let's look at the last ten verses of Chapter 11.

11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

“We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. **The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.** Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that "shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." [Verses 31-36, quoted.]

Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Dan. 12:1-4, quoted.] Manuscript Releases Volume Thirteen p. 394 **This quote was written prior to 1910.**

The abomination that maketh desolate - Papal Rome. Thought to changed Sabbath to Sunday, caused people to confess to the priest, taught the immortality of the soul, eternal burning in Hell, Mary is redeemer, persecuted and killed God's people etc.

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Tidings from the east, the preaching of the three angels messages, will cause the Papacy to become furious against God's people and persecution will begin again, the final time of trouble. Verse 45. The Papacy will have a presence (tabernacles of his palace) in Jerusalem. The Pope is even now making arrangements to reign from Jerusalem. The Vatican already has an embassy there. He will then come to his end.

Verse 36–39 describes Papal Rome, Empire #5. The Pope is seen here putting himself in the place of God. He makes a strange god, Mary, mother of Jesus, “whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory”.

Verse 40,41 Napoleon, (Empire #6) who had just taken Egypt and in so doing had become the king of the south, pushes at him. Him, the subject of verses 36-39 is the Papacy. Napoleon took the pope captive in 1798, and then the king of the north (The Ottoman Turkish Empire) which had been the king of the north for almost 350 years, declared war against Napoleon because Egypt had long been a semi-dependent on the Ottoman Empire which it was unwilling to lose. This king of the north therefore “came against him (the king of the south, now Napoleon) like a whirlwind, with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships” and “overflowed and passed over,” Vs. 41 and “entered into the glorious land” (Judea) and “the land of Egypt shall not escape.” Napoleon lost Egypt to the Turks.

Verse 43 Empire #7 - Papal supremacy #2. But he (the pope) returned to power in 1929 when Musolini gave him a kingdom, the papal states. The pope was again a king, or a ‘beast’.

Verse 44 “Tidings . . . from the east” (The Loud Cry) enrages the Papacy, which becomes serious about enacting a Universal Sunday Law & later the Death Decree Rev. 13:15. Verse 45 Papacy sets up a presence in Jerusalem. Soon after this the Papacy comes to its end.

Daniel 12:1 When the Papacy sets up a presence in Jerusalem then Jesus stands up and we move into the last events of earth's history. Daniel 12

Matthew 24:14-22 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them . . . flee into the mountains: . . . For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. *This is referring not only to the distraction of Jerusalem but also an event just before us.*

Daniel chapter 12

“Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.”

Ellen G. White Letter 161, July 30, 1903

Now we move into Daniel chapter 12. This chapter has not been understood generally, and has traditionally been taught as historical. I challenge you to look very carefully for any breaks in thought or flow of time between chapter 11 and 12 as well as within chapter 12 that could be used to indicate that we are no longer going forward in time but have jumped back into the past instead of a continuous progression of events moving forward in time, as Ellen White states.

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

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

Daniel 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Daniel 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

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

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

Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily (those who **continually** seek God's face, the mighty and the holy people)* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

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

Daniel 12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

“We are close to the time spoken of by Daniel the prophet: "At that time shall Michael stand up, that great prince that standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time: but at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" [Daniel 12:1-3]. The Lord is about to do a short and effectual work in the earth.” Manuscript Releases Volume Five p. 212

“The Lord has shown me in vision, that Jesus rose up, and shut the door, and entered the Holy of Holies, at the 7th month 1844; but Michael's standing up (Dan. 12:1) to deliver his people, **is in the future**. This, will not take place, until Jesus has finished his priestly office in the Heavenly Sanctuary, and lays off his priestly attire, and puts on his most kingly robes, and crown, to ride forth on the cloudy chariot, to "thresh the heathen in anger," and deliver his people.” Word to the "Little Flock", 1847

“One week ago, last Sabbath, we had a very interesting meeting. Brother Hewit from Dead River was there. He came with a message to the effect that the destruction of the wicked and the sleep of the dead was an abomination within a shut door that a woman Jezebel, a prophetess had brought in and he believed that I was that woman, Jezebel. **We told him of some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended and numerous errors of his.** It had but little effect. His darkness was felt upon the meeting and it dragged.” Manuscript Releases Volume 16 p. 208.3

From the first verse of chapter 12 as well as Mrs. White's comments above, we can safely conclude that this chapter is talking about future events. See also: 5T 212 par 5, GC 613 par 1, HS 156 par 2, AU 1907-03-11, RH 1889-03-26, TM 115, and Spiritual Gifts Volume 4 p. 431 par 1.

*See study paper on The Daily of Daniel.

The "Final Fulfillment" Of The 42 Months Of Persecution As Shown To E. G. White

Why was Mrs. White shown something in vision and then writes: "I was taken off in vision and saw much that I cannot write?"

John the Revelator had the same experience. "I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." *Revelation* 10:4.

I submit to you that the things that the above prophets were not allowed to describe, has to do with what Mrs. White called "the final fulfillment" of the 42 literal months of papal persecution, which is part and parcel of the above mentioned 1335 days of Daniel 12:12! **"In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light** with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the **whole earth**. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. **THEN will take place the FINAL FULFILLMENT of the Revelator's prophecy. 'And they worshiped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies **and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.** ' [Revelation 13:4-18 quoted]" -Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, Volume 19, page 282 [Manuscript 153, 1902].

Did you notice that the above prophecy is to take place "in the last days"? Was AD. 538 -1798 the last days?

Did Satan appear at that time **as an angel of light** with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the **whole earth**?

Why did she write: "Final fulfillment"? Obviously there was a prior fulfillment of this prophecy based on one day for a year, but the final fulfillment is about to take place now!

Have you realized that the application of the 42 months of papal persecution of Revelation 13:5, from AD. 538-1798, CANNOT be the "final fulfillment" of that Scripture, since it takes place after the healing of the wound (Revelation 13:3) which commenced in 1929?

" A significant event occurred in **1929** when the Lateran Treaty restored temporal power to the pope, who was given the rule of Vatican City . . . *Following the healing* he saw 'all that dwell upon the earth,' except a faithful few, worshiping the beast (v. 8; cf. GC 579). **This is still future.** " -*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 7, page 817.

In other words, it is not until after 1929, after the wound is healed and "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3), that "power was given unto him to continue forty and two months" (Revelation 13 :5).

Why does the woman flee into the wilderness TWICE?

In Revelation 12? : " **And the woman fled** into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.** " -*Revelation* 12:6.

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly *into the wilderness*, into her place where she is nourished for a **time, and times, and half a time.** from the face of the serpent." *Revelation* 12: 14.

This 42 month period is mentioned seven times in Scripture [Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 11 :2; II :3; 12:6; 12:14; 13:5.] Mrs. White applied five of these references as prophetic time (one day for a year), from A.D. 538- 1798, but she never applied two of those references.

Is it just happenstance, that in all of her 70 years of ministry, Mrs. White chose to apply Revelation 12:6 three times, yet she did not apply Revelation 12:14 even once? Likewise, Daniel 12:7 was never applied.

"It shall be for a **time, times, and a half:** and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people** all these things shall be finished." *Daniel* 12:7.

"*Study Revelation in connection with Daniel or history will be repeated.* . . . **We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know.**" Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 116.

Friend, do not be deceived. The "final fulfillment" of the 42 literal months of papal persecution is still future.

The Sabbath question **WILL BE** the issue in the great conflict in which all the world **WILL ACT** a part. 'And they worshipped the dragon. . . and they worshipped the beast. . . **and power was given unto him to continue FORTY AND TWO MONTHS.** . . . And it was given unto him to **make war with the saints, and to overcome them** ' . . . **This entire chapter is a revelation of what WILL surely take place** [Rev. 13:11, 15-17 quoted]" Ellen G. White, *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Volume 7, page 979.

"In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. **To the period just prior to** the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, **and here their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply.** The **prophetic periods of Daniel extending to the very eve of the great consummation** throw a flood of light upon events **THEN** to transpire. The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the **last generation.**" Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*, September 25, 1883.

How can the "prophetic periods of Daniel" extend to the "very eve of the great consummation," if these periods have already been fulfilled?

"The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its **treasures-for this last generation** " Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, Volume 3, page 339.

"**For His church in every generation** God has a special truth and a special work. . . As in earlier ages, **the special truths or this time are found not with the ecclesiastical authorities**, but with men and women who are not too learned or too wise to believe the Word of God." Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 78, 79.

Let's now look at each verse one at a time.

Daniel 12:1 "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Here we see Jesus standing up in preparation for his Second Coming. And the final time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, is about to begin.

Daniel 12:2 "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Here we see a special resurrection take place prior to His Second Coming.

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

"And those who pierced the Saviour, those who scourged and crucified him, will also be raised, to behold him whom they mocked and despised coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the angelic host. Before the priests and rulers will rise the scene in the judgment hall. Every circumstance will appear as if written in letters of fire. Then those who prayed, "His blood be on us, and on our children," will receive the answer to their prayer. Then those who have chosen to war against God will know and understand what they, poor, feeble, finite beings, have been fighting against. In agony and horror they will cry to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Advent Review and Sabbath Herald 1911-13-13 The Blessed Hope

A Message of Warning

"When Christ comes to gather to Himself those who have been faithful, the last trump will sound, and the whole earth, from the summits of the loftiest mountains to the lowest recesses of the deepest mines will hear. The righteous dead will hear the sound of the last trump, and will come forth from their graves, to be clothed with immortality, and to meet their Lord. And those who pierced the Saviour, those who scourged and crucified Him, will also be raised, to behold Him whom they mocked and despised, coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the heavenly host, ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands."

Testimonies Containing Letters to Physicians and Ministers, 1904 SPTB02 p.24 par 2

Daniel 12:3 "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Let's see how Ellen White describes this event.

"Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000, in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, he poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai." 1T 59

Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Daniel is told to shut up the words that he has been told, and seal them in a book until the time of the end. (NOW!)

Daniel 12:5 "Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river."

Two angels appeared standing on either side of the river that Daniel was by.

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

One of the angels asks Jesus Christ (man clothed in linen) "How long will it be to the end of these wonders?"

Daniel 12:7 "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people**, all these things shall be finished."

We are now given a time period. It tells us how long it will take for the power of God's holy people to be scattered, and at the end of this time period all things will be finished — Time, times, and an half or 3½ years or 1260 days. In these texts we do not see beasts and images or other symbolic things. We are talking about literal things, so it can be taken that we are talking about literal time as well. So God's people will be persecuted for 3½ years and then God will announce when Jesus will come and remove them from the power of sin and this sinful world. This prophecy begins at the scattering of God's people, or the beginning of the persecution, the time of trouble, which begins when the Universal Sunday law is enforced. It ends with the death decree (Rev. 13:15). This prophecy also correlates with the prophecy found in Revelation 13:3-9, which is also future.

[Rev. 13:4-8, 10 quoted.] "This entire chapter is a revelation of what will surely take place" (MS 88, 1897).

Daniel 12:8 “And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?”

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

Here we see that Daniel is unable to understand what he is being told. He is being told that there is to be additional time to the time that he was previously told about. He is told not to worry about it, but that the words are to be understood in the time of the end. Now! It is chapter 12 that is being discussed here not the prophecies preceding it. Daniel was always “made” to understand them.

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

God’s true followers will be purified, and made white, through persecution; but the wicked will not change, and they will not understand what is happening while God’s followers will. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily (those who **continually** seek God’s face, the mighty and the holy people) shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

See Daniel 12:7

We now have another time period, 1290 days. Beginning at the taking away of God’s people, or the beginning of world wide persecution, the wicked want to get rid of those who will not cooperate with them. This begins when the Universal Sunday law is enforced, and ends after the destruction of Babylon, the abomination that maketh desolate. It begins at the same time as the 1260 days of verse 7.

Revelation 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both **speak**, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

Here we have the Beast given power to speak, (beginning of the 1290 days) and then a Death Decree being enacted just before the end of the 1290 days.

Revelation 17:12 “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings **one hour** with the beast.”

The one hour is prophetic time since these verses in Revelation are talking in prophetic symbols, Kings and beasts, representing the powers of the world. All the kingdoms of the earth join together with the beast for 1 hr. (or 15 days) against God’s people to utterly destroy them. This is when the death decree is enacted at the end of the 1260 days and God announces the day and hour of Christ’s second coming.

Let’s now look at another short time prophecy found in Revelation 18:10, 17-21

Revelation 18:10 “Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in **one hour** is thy judgment come.”

Revelation 18:17-21 “For in **one hour** so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in **one hour** is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”

Here we have another hour (15 days) during which time Babylon is destroyed. This destruction takes place right after the death decree is to be carried out and after God delivers his people at the midnight hour. (Revelation 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.) He also announces the day and hour of Christ’s coming at the beginning of this time.

Deliverance of the Saints

“It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked looked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. Everything seemed turned out of its natural course. The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.

The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus’ coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, . . . “ Early Writings 285

Adding the 15 days that the kingdoms of the world are united with the beast, to destroy God’s people, to the end of the 1260 days brings one to the death decree. This brings us to the voice of God, announcing the day and hour of Christ’s second coming. Then if

we add on the 15 days in which Babylon is destroyed, we'll see that the total is 1290 days, which also ends with the destruction of Babylon. This brings the 1290 days found in Daniel 12:11 and the 1260 days together. The 1260 and the 1290 days both begin with the same event, and after the 30 days are added to the 1260 days, end with the same event. They begin with a Universal Sunday Law, Rev. 13:5-8, and end with the destruction of Babylon. (Rev. 16:18,19 Rev. 17:12, 18:10.)

Rev. 16:18, 19 "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

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

We have another time prophecy here of 1335 days. This prophecy ends with a blessing pronounced on those who wait and come to the end of it. When is a blessing pronounced on God's people? At the end of time. The 1335 day time line begins with the United States enforcing a national Sunday law. It ends at the deliverance of God's people and the announcement of the day and hour of Christ's second coming and the pronouncement of a blessing on them.

"It is **at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people.** The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17.

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. . . .

"The voice of God is heard from heaven, **declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant** to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when **the blessing is pronounced** on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory." GC 636, 640. Also see Early Writings page 285 "Deliverance of the Saints"

Revelation 19:9 "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The blessing is pronounced at the midnight hour, when the death decree is to be carried out, and God delivers his people. This takes place just prior to the 15 day destruction of Babylon, which ends in the middle of the two 15 day prophecies. So, the 1335 days begins with the Lamb-like beast making an image to the beast, the United States of America enacting Sunday laws, and ends with the deliverance of God's people.

Revelation 13:11, 12 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

The end of the 1335 days coincides with the ending of the 15 days at which time the death decree is to be carried out and God announces the day and hour of Christ's coming. Following the 1335 days, Babylon is destroyed in 15 days bringing us to the end of the 1290 days and the 1260 days plus 15 days plus 15 days, tying all three time lines of Daniel 12 together. See back page.

At the beginning of the 1335 days we have another small time segment. Rev. 8:1 says "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour." The seventh seal is the last seal to be opened. It is the beginning of the final events of earth's history. The next events to take place are the sounding of the trumpets of warning to the earth that the end is here. The trumpets sound after the Sunday laws are enforced. In Rev. 8.5, 6 we are told: "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound." I believe that the space of about half an hour (about 7 1/2 days) is the time that God gives His people who are still in the cities to flee them. See Matthew 24:14-22 Then the angel will cast down the censer to the earth and thunderings, and lightnings, and a earthquake will take place and the seven angels will prepare to sound their trumpets, the seven first plagues which proceed the seven last plagues. If you look at what the trumpets affect and what the plagues affect, you will find that all but the first affects the same things. The trumpets affect only 1/3 of the earth 7

while the plagues affect the whole earth.

Let's see what Ellen G. White says about the trumpets and the vials:

The Last Great Struggle

"The battle of Armageddon will be fought. And that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us **are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded; vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth.** Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us and these things will be sure indications of the presence of Him who has directed in every aggressive movement, who has accompanied the march of His cause through all the ages, and who has graciously pledged Himself to be with His people in all their conflicts to the end of the world. He will vindicate His truth. He will cause it to triumph. He is ready to supply His faithful ones with motives and power of purpose, inspiring them with hope and courage and valor in increased activity as the time is at hand." Selected Messages Book 3 page 462.

Revelation 15:6-8 & 16:1 Here we're told what the vials are. "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." *The vials contain the seven last plagues.*

Time not to be a test

"... The great test on time was in 1843 and 1844; and all who have set time since then have been deceiving themselves and deceiving others." 1T 73

"Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test." Early Writings 74

"The Lord showed me that time had not been a test since 1844, and that time will never again be a test." R & H 1850-11-01

It is obvious from these statements that time will never be a test of faith again. So, end-time prophecies that deal with time must have another reason for their existence. If the time-lines found in Daniel 12 are not to be used as a test of any kind, then what would they be for? I believe that God gave them to His people not as a test, but to give them hope. Shortly after these time-lines go into effect, probation will close for God's people, and then for everyone else. Since probation will be closed before the conclusion of these time prophecies, they can't be used to prove anything, or used as a test of faith. No one will be brought to Christ because of them. There is no reward or merit in following these time lines. They are given to us, not for time-setting, but to strengthen our faith, but in answer to Daniel's question, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" (the final time of trouble/persecution) Daniel. 12:6. God gave us His law and the test that is just ahead of us is based on obedience to the fourth commandment. He will save those who obey His law above man's law (Sunday worship).

How can the time lines of Daniel 12 give God's people hope? If you know how long something uncomfortable is going to last, doesn't that give you the strength, hope and resolve to carry you through that time? It sure would for me. This, I believe, is the reason God gave us these time-lines. The first time of persecution was 1260 years. But the end-time persecution will be cut short in comparison, only 1260 days. This, in itself, offers hope.

Ellen G White also says that "Prophetic time closed in 1844." Early Writings p.243, Spiritual Gifts. Volume 1 p.148. In other words prophecies that refer to time after 1844, as found in Daniel 12, that cover time after 1844 are to be reckoned as literal time not prophetic time, a day for a day instead of a day for a year as reckoned with prophetic time.

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

I believe that this is another clue as to the fact that the 1260 days of Daniel 12 is a literal time period of 1260 days. It relates to the 1260 years of persecution during the dark ages. The first time period was long, the second will be short. Daniel 12:12 also lets us know that the time period (1335 days) will take place in the lifetime of those who come to it, experience it and are blessed at its end. "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." God has given His followers a great hope as they come to the end-time events. He has not left them in darkness as to what He is going to do. He has told them how long the coming persecution will last, just as He revealed how long the first one would last. Those who live through this time can take hope because they will know when it will end and they will get their reward for remaining faithful and waiting and watching for their Lord to come. God doesn't keep anything secret from his followers, but he reveals it through his prophets.

"... none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10

"There are men among us who profess to understand the truth for these last days, but who will not calmly investigate advanced truth. They are determined to make no advance beyond the stakes which they have set, and will not listen to those who, they say, do

not stand by the old landmarks. They are so self-sufficient that they cannot be reasoned with. They consider it a virtue to be at variance with their brethren, and close the door, that light shall not find an entrance to the people of God. It will require heavenly wisdom to know how to deal with such cases. Light will come to God's people, and those who have sought to close the door will either repent or be removed out of the way. The time has come when a new impetus must be given to the work. There are terrible scenes before us, and Satan is seeking to keep from our knowledge the very things that God would have us know. God has messengers and messages for his people. If ideas are presented that differ in some points from our former doctrines, we must not condemn them without diligent search of the Bible to see if they are true. We must fast and pray and search the Scriptures as did the noble Bereans, to see if these things are so. We must accept every ray of light that comes to us. Through earnest prayer and diligent study of God's word, dark things will be made plain to the understanding." Signs of the Times, 1890-05-26.

"I have been shown that many who profess to have a knowledge of present truth know not what they believe. They do not understand the evidences of their faith. They have no just appreciation of the work for the present time. When the time of trial shall come, there are men now preaching to others who will find, upon examining the positions they hold, that there are many things for which they can give no satisfactory reason. Until thus tested they knew not their great ignorance. And there are many in the church who take it for granted that they understand what they believe; but, until controversy arises, they do not know their own weakness. When separated from those of like faith and compelled to stand singly and alone to explain their belief, they will be surprised to see how confused are their ideas of what they had accepted as truth. Certain it is that there has been among us a departure from the living God and a turning to men, putting human in place of divine wisdom.

God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them, which will sift them, separating the chaff from the wheat. The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. It is Bible truth, showing the perils that are right upon us. This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold. God would have all the bearings and positions of truth thoroughly and perseveringly searched, with prayer and fasting. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Their faith must be firmly founded upon the word of God so that when the testing time shall come and they are brought before councils to answer for their faith they may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear." 5T 707

"God was, in the beginning, dishonored by the holy pair in Eden, because they held the word of Satan above the word of God. This is the difficulty with the people today. If they would take God's word just as it reads, and have reverence for it, and receive the sacred oracles of God as his voice, there would be a growing regard for the law of Jehovah." RH.1888-12-18

"The Bible, just as it reads, is to be our guide. Nothing is so calculated to enlarge the mind and strengthen the intellect as the study of the Bible. No other study will so elevate the soul and give vigor to the faculties as the study of the living oracles. The minds of thousands of ministers of the gospel are dwarfed because they are permitted to dwell upon commonplace things, and are not exercised in searching for the hidden treasure of the word of God. As the mind is brought to the study of God's word, the understanding will enlarge, and the higher powers will develop for the comprehension of high and ennobling truth." RH. 1897-09-28

We have been told that Daniel 12 is a warning that we need to understand before the time of the end. We know that the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation is just ahead of us and I believe that Ellen White was trying to make us aware of the fact that Daniel 12 deals with this time. She has never referred to these verses as dealing with past events, only future events. They are a warning as to what is just ahead of us, and taken as such should give us hope and strengthen our faith to go through what is coming.

"The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part.--6T 352 (1900). Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.--6T 395 (1900). The substitution of the false for the true is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal God will reveal Himself. When the laws of men are exalted above the laws of God, when the powers of this earth try to force men to keep the first day of the week, know that the time has come for God to work.--7BC 980 (1901). The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. **When this substitution becomes universal God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth.**" --7T 141 (1902). {LDE 135} "He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity. The earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." --RH, April 23, 1901

This takes place at the beginning of the 1260 and 1290 day prophecy of Daniel 12. These two time periods begin with the same event, Universal Sunday Law. It is at this time that Michael stands up and the events of Revelation 8 begin.

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, and here their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation, throw a flood of light upon events then to transpire. The book of Revelation is also replete with warning and instruction for the last generation. The beloved John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, portrays the fearful and thrilling scenes connected with the close of earth's history, and presents the duties and dangers of God's people. None need remain in ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God. RH.1883-09-25

A Short Version of the Timelines of Daniel 12

Daniel 12:5-13 is an Epilogue.

“The grand climax of the prophecies of the book of Daniel is reached in Daniel 12:1-3, where it describes the great resurrection. Immediately after that, in verse 4, those prophetic outlines are brought to a conclusion. It says: “...SHUT UP THE WORDS, AND SEAL THE BOOK...” These words, “shut up the words” complete those outlines which have outlined the history of the ages. At first view the remaining verses 5-13 appear simply to be tacked on as a needless repetition. Closer investigation leads to a conclusion that this passage is an epilogue, pointing to the final confrontation of the great controversy and final deliverance of the people of God.” “Epilogue.” “A speech . . . spoken after the conclusion of a play.” “Concluding section . . . serving to complete the plan of the work.” Webster’s Dictionary.

Daniel 12: Uses Literal Language. It Contains No Symbolic Time. It contains no images, beasts, etc.

“Reliable hermeneutic principle demands that texts and time units be viewed in context. Symbolic time is computed by the Year-Day Principle when nestled in symbolic or figurative context. The Daniel 12 timelines are given without figurative symbolism, and are literal statements of three specific time periods.” (p. 61 *Getting It All Together In Daniel and Revelation* Marian Berry)

The 1335 day timeline of Daniel 12:12 is a waiting time. The strong indication is that those who are waiting for this time period to begin will be blessed at the end of it. If this is so, this time period cannot be years but literal days. They are waiting from the time of the first National Sunday Law in the USA until God delivers his people from the wicked and blesses them, Matthew 25:34. It begins and ends with “Voices.” It begins with the “voice of a nation (USA) and ends with the “Voice of God.” It begins with the “speaking” of a nation in legislative action (A National Sunday Law in the United States of America) and ends with the “speaking of God as He pronounces it is done. He then announces the day and hour of Christ's coming. It begins with a fulfillment of prophecy (Rev. 13:11) and ends with a fulfillment of prophecy (Rev. 16:17). Those who have waited for this time and come to its end, and live through it, and come to its end will be blessed. This is also when God deliverers the everlasting covenant to His people, the blessing.

The 1260 day timeline of Daniel 12:7 begins and ends with “Voices“. It begins with the “Voices” of ALL nations united with the voice of the “beast” power (A Universal Sunday Law) (Rev. 13:5) and ends with the “Voices” of ALL nations united with the “image to the beast.” in the death decree. (Rev. 13:15).

The 1290 day timeline of Daniel 12:11 also begins and ends with “Voices”. It begins with the “Voices” of ALL nations united with the voice of the “beast” power (Rev. 13:15-17) and ends with the “Voices of Doom”, voices announcing the doom of the wicked accompanied by thunder, lightning and a great earthquake and the giving of the cup of the wrath of God. (Rev. 16:18,19).

See the last page of this document for a graph of the timelines of Daniel 12 as well as two time lines that tie into them found in Revelation 17 and 18.

Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. He has declared that he will come the second time, to gather his faithful ones to himself, and to take vengeance on them that reject his mercy. As he warned his disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin that they might make their escape, so he has warned his people of the day of final destruction, and given them signs of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come. Those who behold the promised signs are to "know that it is near, even at the door." "Watch ye therefore," are his words of admonition. "If thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief."

Volume 4 Spirit of Prophecy, 1884 p. 38

“None need remain in ignorance, none need be unprepared for the coming of the day of God.”

Recently I became aware of some quotes that are very interesting. They may give us more information as to when the National Sunday Law may be enacted and the time of trouble may begin.

“Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that **He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for four thousand years had pointed to His death.** As He ate the Passover with His disciples, He instituted in its place the service that was to be the memorial of His great sacrifice. The national festival of the Jews was to pass away forever. The service which Christ established was to be observed by His followers in all lands and through all ages.

The Passover was ordained as a commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. God had directed that, year by year, as the children should ask the meaning of this ordinance, the history should be repeated. Thus the wonderful deliverance was to be kept fresh in the minds of all. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to commemorate the great deliverance wrought out as the result of the death of Christ. Till He shall come the second time in power and glory, this ordinance is to be celebrated. It is the means by which His great work for us is to be kept fresh in our minds.” The Desire of Ages 652.3

“This ceremony (The ordinance of foot washing) means much to us. God would have us take the whole scene, not only the single act of outward cleansing. This lesson does not merely refer to the one act. It is to reveal the great truth that Christ is an example of what we through His grace are to be in our intercourse with each other. It shows that the entire life should be one of humble, faithful ministry. . . . The ordinance of feet washing most forcibly illustrates the necessity of true humility. While the disciples were contending for the highest place, in the promised kingdom, Christ girded Himself, and performed the office of a servant by washing the feet of those who called Him Lord. He, the pure, spotless Lamb of God, was presenting Himself as a sin-offering; and as He now ate the Passover with His disciples, **He put an end to the sacrifices which for four thousand years had been offered.** In the place of the national festival which the Jewish people had observed, He instituted a memorial service, in the ceremony of feet washing, and the sacramental supper, to be observed by His followers through all time and in every country. These should ever repeat Christ's act, that all may see that true service called for unselfish ministry “(MS 43, 1897). S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 5 1139

“The great plan of redemption results in fully bringing back the world into God's favor. All that was lost by sin is restored. Not only man but the earth is redeemed, to be the eternal abode of the obedient. For six thousand years Satan has struggled to maintain possession of the earth. Now God's original purpose in its creation is accomplished. "The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."“ {The Adventist Home 539.3}

“The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf, and to fasten souls in his snares. To hold the people in darkness and impenitence till the Saviour's mediation is ended, and there is no longer a sacrifice for sin, is the object which he seeks to accomplish.“ {Great Controversy 518}

Jesus began His ministry in the spring of AD 27 and was crucified 3 1/2 years later in the fall of AD 31. Ellen G White insinuates that the first four thousand years of sin terminated with Christ's death in the fall of AD 31. Since God is very much into numbers and symbols I believe that this could very well be fact. If this is the case then the three and a half years of persecution which begins with a National Sunday Law could take place and begin in the spring of 2027 two thousand years after Jesus was baptized and began His ministry. The announcement of the day and the hour of Christ's second coming and the blessing pronounced on the righteous which comes at the end of the 1335 day prophesy of Daniel 12 would happen in the fall of 2031.

In fact the National Sunday could very well be enforced in April 2027.

I am not saying that this is the way things will happen but at the same time it would not surprise me if they did.

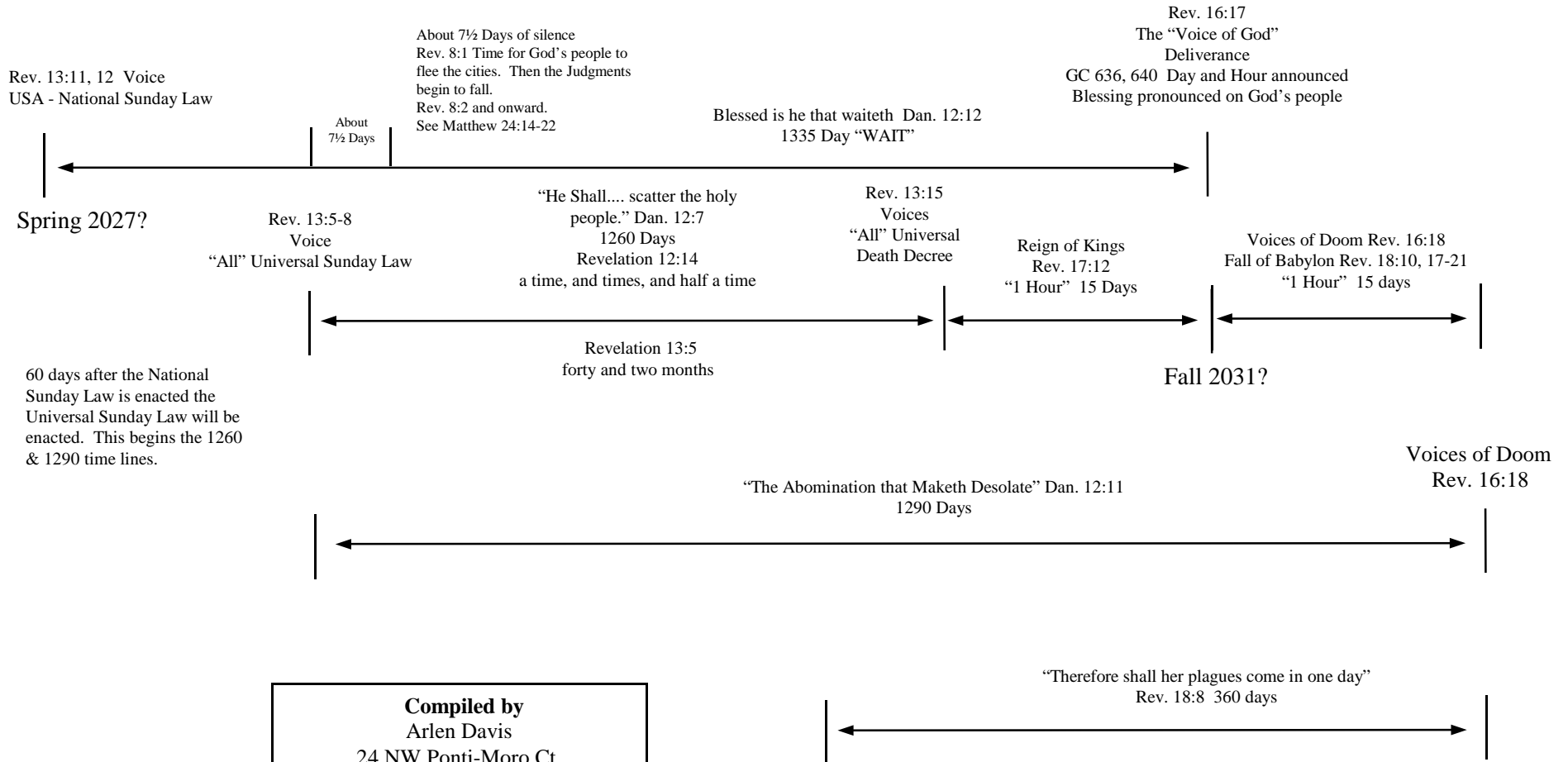
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The information found in Daniel 12 is not to be preached about by anyone. It is only for the wise to understand, God's Elect. It is to be discovered by study and the leading of the Holy Spirit in ones life.

If someone reads this and doesn't understand it they need to first study to find out who the wise/God's elect people are and what they must do to become a part of them. Only then will it make sense to them and be useful to them.

See “Thought” entitled “God's Elect” found at: <http://www.thoughtsonchristianliving.org/>

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