

## James Rafferty 2024 Q2 L7

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### The 2,300 Days of Daniel 8:14

William Miller observed that events predicted by the prophets were precisely fulfilled: the 400 years of the sojourn of Abraham's descendants, Israel's 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the 70 years of Israel's captivity, and Daniel's 70 weeks allotted to Israel (*Gen. 15:13, Num. 14:34, Jer. 25:11, and Dan. 9:24*).

**Read Mark 1:15, Galatians 4:4, and Romans 5:6. What do these verses tell us about God's timetable for the first advent?**

As Miller studied the prophecies, comparing Scripture with Scripture, he concluded that if God had a divine timetable throughout the Bible, God must have a divine timetable when it comes to our Lord's second coming.

**Read Daniel 8:14. What event was to occur at the end of the 2,300 days?**

William Miller accepted the popular view that the "cleansing of the sanctuary" was the purification of the earth by fire. He diligently studied the Scriptures to understand an event of such stupendous importance. He discovered the linkage between Daniel 8 and Daniel 9. In Daniel 8, the angel was instructed to "make this man understand the vision" (*Dan. 8:16*). By the end of the chapter, the

only portion of the entire vision of Daniel 8 left unexplained (see *Dan. 8:27*) was the part about the 2,300 days. Later the angel returned to Daniel and declared, " 'I have now come forth to give you skill to understand' " (*Dan. 9:22, NKJV; see also Dan. 9:23, 25-27*). This was to help him understand about the 2,300 days.

We know this because, after bidding Daniel to " 'consider the matter, and understand the vision' " (*Dan. 9:23, NKJV*), the first words of the angel were: " 'Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city' " (*Dan. 9:24, NKJV*). The word translated "determined" literally means "cut off." Seventy weeks, 490 years, are to be cut off. But from what? The vision of the 2,300 days, obviously—the only part of Daniel 8 that Daniel did not understand, and which the angel now came to explain.

And since the starting point of the 70 weeks was " 'from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem' " (*Dan. 9:25, NKJV*), Miller knew that if he had that date, he could know the beginning of the 70 weeks and the 2,300-day prophecy.

READ VERSES AND COMMENT. DEFINE THE WORD TIME. 2540- "occasion, set or proper time."

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IN TWO OF THESE VERSES, THE ONE IN MARK AND THE ONE IN ROMANS, THE BIBLE IS USING A GREEK WORD (KAIROS-KAHEE-ROS) THAT DENOTES A FIXED OR SET TIME (THE TEXT IN GALATIANS EMPLOYS A DIFFERENT WORD FOR TIME CHRONOS) BUT THE OTHER TWO VERSES REFER ALMOST SPECIFICALLY TO THE 70 WEEK TIME PROPHECY IN DANIEL 9.

NEW TESTAMENT VERSES THAT CONFIRM THIS: MESSIAH PAGES 37, 38 - 3ABN HAS IT AVAILABLE.

MARK 1:15 - "THE TIME IS FULLED THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND REPENT YE AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL"

John 7:6, 8 - TIME IS NOT YET; NOT YET FULL COME.

MATTHEW 26:18. - "AND HE SAID, GO INTO THE CITY TO SUCH A MAN, AND SAY UNTO HIM, THE MASTER SAITH, MY TIME IS AT HAND; I WILL KEEP THE PASSOVER AT THY HOUSE WITH MY DISCIPLES."

1 TIMOTHY 2:6 - "WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM TO BE TESTIFIED IN DUE TIME"

ROMANS 5:6- "IN DUE TIME CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY"

A REBUKE FROM CHRIST DIRECTED AT THE PHARISEES OFFERS. ANOTHER PIECE OF EVIDENCE DIRECTING US TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE 70 WEEK PROPHECY. THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS POSTED TO HAVE A GREAT PROPHETIC KNOWLEDGE YET THEY WOULD NOT "DISCERN THIS TIME" LUKE 12:56.

THE REBUKE IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE LUKE IS THE ONLY GOSPEL WRITER TO RECORD IT. ONE CANNOT HELP, BUT CONNECT THIS REVIEW TO LUKE'S HISTORICAL RECORD THAT CLEARLY ESTABLISHES THE TIMEFRAME OF THE 70 WEEK PROPHECY. THE JEWS SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS PROPHECY, BUT THEY FAILED TO MAKE THE APPLICATION OF THE TIMELINE TO JESUS. THEY REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS, AS THE MESSIAH, THE PRINCE.

LUKE FURTHER RECORDS THE PROPHETIC WORDS OF JESUS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, WARNING THAT THE SAME NEGLECT TO DISCERN THE PROPHETIC MESSIANIC TIMELINE WOULD BE REPEATED. FALSE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS WOULD SAY "THE TIME DRAWS NEAR" LUKE 21:8. CHRIST WARNING POINTS TO FALSE RELIGIOUS TEACHING EVEN TODAY. THEY, LIKE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS BEFORE THEM, MISAPPLY THE 70 WEEK PROPHECY, TEACHING THAT IT IS YET TO BE FULFILLED WHEN IT'S REALITY IS IN CHRIST. CONFIRMATION OF CHRIST WARNING CAN BE FOUND IN THE "LEFT BEHIND" ENTHUSIASM THAT HAS TAKEN MUCH OF THE EVANGELICAL WORLD BY STORM.

THE JEWS APPLIED THE PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH TO A CONQUERING CHRIST. TODAY, THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY IS BEING APPLIED TO A CONQUERING ANTICHRIST. BOTH INTERPRETATIONS FAILED TO CONNECT DANIEL'S TIMELINE PROPHECIES TO JESUS CHRIST.

LUKE 21 HERE JESUS WARMS THAT SOME WILL TRY TO APPLY THESE TIME LINE TO OUR DAY - WE SEE THIS IN THE ATTEMPT TO DETACH THE LAST PROPHETIC WEEK OF DANIEL'S 70 WEEK PROPHECY AND APPLY IT TO ANTI CHRIST AND THE END TIMES WHEN IT WAS FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST IN AND HIS ATONING SACRIFICE ON CALVARY.

THE TEXT ALSO GIVES US AN ENDING DATE "TO MESSIAH THE PRINCE".

SO WE HAVE TO POINTS BY WHICH TO VERIFY THIS TIME PROPHECY. WE HAVE A STARTING DATE - FROM THE GOING FORTH OF THE COMMANDMENT. AND WE HAVE AN ENDING DATE UNTO MESSIAH THE PRINCE.

THE PERIOD ALLOTTED IN THIS VERSE IS 69 WEEKS OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS. SO FROM THE GOING FORTH OF THE COMMANDMENT TO REBUILD JERUSALEM TO MESSIAH, THE PRINCE IS 69 WEEKS.

GIVEN SEVEN DAYS IN A WEEK EQUALS 483 PROPHETIC DAYS. APPLY THE PROPHETIC KEY OF A DAY FOR A YEAR (NUMBERS 14:34; EZEKIEL 4:6) THE 483 PROPHETIC DAYS EQUALS 483 LITERAL YEARS.

THIS PROPHETIC TIME, NOW BROKEN DOWN TO LITERAL YEARS BEGINS WITH THE COMMANDMENT AND GO FORWARD TO THE MESSIAH OR WE CAN BEGIN WITH MESSIAH AND GO BACK TO THE COMMANDMENT. THE PERIOD OF TIME (483 LITERAL YEARS) IS HUNG BETWEEN THOSE TWO EVENTS.

HISTORICALLY WE HAVE BEGUN WITH THE COMMANDMENT TO RESTORE JERUSALEM DATING IT AT 457 BC AND MOVING FORWARD TO END IN 27 A.D. THE WORD MESSIAH MEANS ANOINTED. THE NEW TESTAMENT WORD FOR MESSIAH,

OR ANOINTED IS CHRIST. SO THIS TIME PROPHECY GIVES US THE DATE FOR THE ANOINTING OF JESUS CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE NEW TESTAMENT ACTUALLY RECORDS THE VERY YEAR THAT THIS HAPPENED. ACCORDING TO LUKE CHAPTER 3 AND ACTS CHAPTER 10 JESUS WAS ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AT HIS BAPTISM BY JOHN IN THE RIVER JORDAN IN THE 15TH YEAR OF TIBERIUS CAESAR. THIS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION IS GIVEN TO US BY THE AUTHOR OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE AND THE BOOK OF ACTS. WE FIND FIVE REFERENCES, HISTORICAL REFERENCES TO IDENTIFY THE 15TH YEAR OF TIBERIUS CAESAR'S REIGN, WHICH IS OFFICIALLY DATED AT 14AD BUT WAS IN PRACTICAL EFFECT IN AD13 WHEN HE BECAME CO- RULER WITH AUGUSTUS CAESAR A YEAR BEFORE AUGUSTUS'S DEATH. ADDING 15 YEARS INCLUSIVELY BEGINNING IN AD 13 TAKES US TO A.D. 27. WALKING BACK 483 LITERAL YEARS FROM AD27. WE LAND ON 457 BC. SO WHETHER WE GO FORWARD FROM 457 OR BACKWARDS FROM AD 27 WE LAND IN THE SAME PLACE. THIS IS DOUBLE CONFIRMATION, THE SECOND TIMELINE BEING BASED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.