## Daniel 12:1-7: The 1260 Days and Time of the End

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### Final Papal Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant Ends in the Defeat of the King of the North

Prophecy of Daniel 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."

# Final Papal Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant

"He will pitch his royal tents between the seas toward the beautiful holy mountain." (New **English Translation)** Here is the final attempt of the papacy to destroy God's remnant that survived the final onslaught of persecution.

## Final Papal Strategy to Destroy God's Remnant

His strategy is to put his royal tents, or the center of the false papal worship, between the seas toward or facing the beautiful or glorious holy mountain.

The papacy will place its apostate worship in the midst of peoples of the world, leading them toward the beautiful or glorious holy mountain, God's remnant, in a final global attack to destroy them.

#### Now Michael Shall Stand Up

**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."

#### Now Michael Shall Stand Up

#### **Observations:**

During the final time of trouble after the close of probation Christ will intervene in behalf of His people and deliver every one who is written in the book.

### When Christ Finished His Atoning Ministry

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### When Michael Stands Up

"When our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out" (Early Writings, p. 36).

#### A Special Resurrection

**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."

#### A Special Resurrection

"It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people...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....

#### A Special Resurrection

"Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth...awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient" (GC 636, 637).

#### The Influence of the Wise

#### **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."

## Observation They are participants in the latter rain. proclaiming the loud cry.

### The Sealing of the Book of Daniel

**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."

Observation:

Is the book of Daniel sealed?

"The book that was sealed is. . . that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days." (Acts of the Apostles 585).

### How Long Will It Be till the Time of the End?

**Daniel 12:5, 6** 

"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"

"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? Observation:

How long will it be till the time of the end?

### The 3 Prophetic Time Periods

- 1. The time, times, and half a time (Dan. 12:7)
- 2. The 1290 days (Dan. 1211),
- 3. The 1335 days (Dan. 12:12).

**Observation:** 

In order to understand these time periods one needs to look at the structure of these prophecies.

Notice their context
The book of Daniel is sealed
until the time of the end (Dan.
12:4).



## Structure of the Time Prophecies

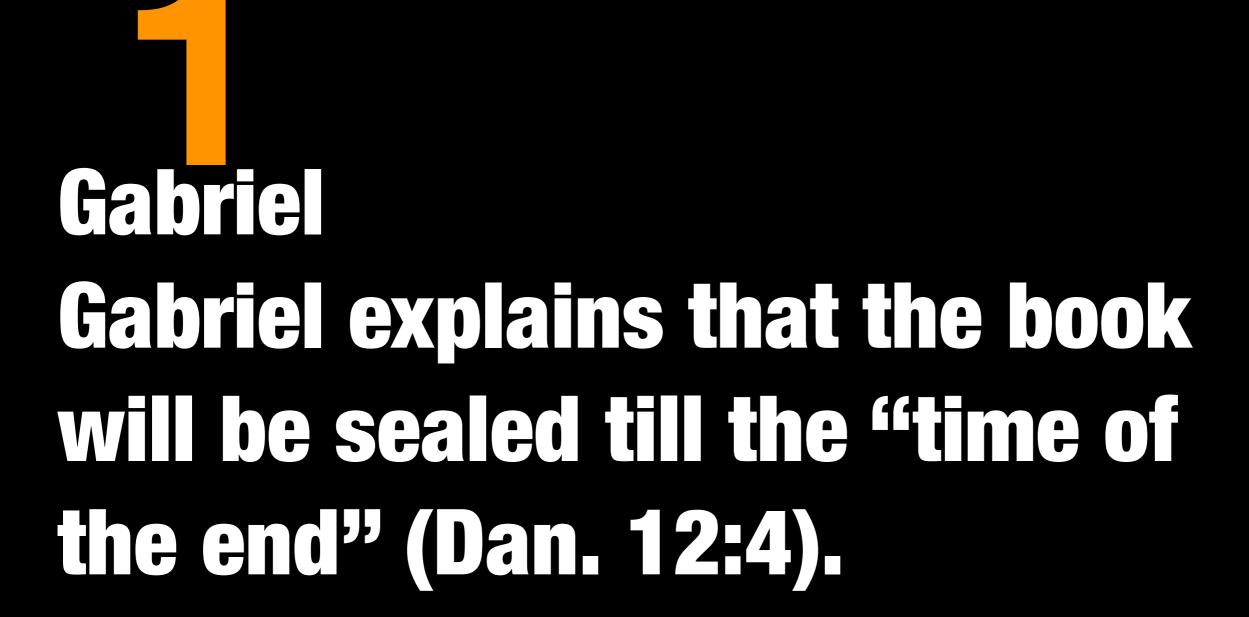




These time prophecies are part of two dialogues.

Each dialogue reveals the significance of a time prophecy related to the time of the end.

### 1st Dialogue (Dan. 12:4-7)



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#### Angel

One of the angels standing on the riverbank asked the Man clothed in Linen who was above the waters.

Question: Who is the Man clothed in linen? Context; Dan. 10:4-6. See Rev 1:10-16

It is Jesus.

Question; "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"

According to its context, the question is related to the time of the end (Dan.

12:4). The angel is interested in knowing how long it will be until the book of Daniel will be unsealed (Dan. 12:5, 6).

#### The Man in Linen

The Man in Linen (Jesus) responds by giving a time prophecy that reveals when the time of the end will be. Jesus said 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" (Dan. 12:7, NKJV). The KJV translation of the Hebrew text reads, "and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

### Prophecy About the Arrival of the Time of the End

The arrival will be at the end of the time, times and half a time (3 1/2 times)

Jesus answer to the angel explains that the time of the end begins with reference to the time of persecution of God's people by the little horn (Dan. 7:25). How long is the "time, times, and half a time" (3 1/2)

How long is the "time, times, and hair a time" (3 1/2 times)?

Jesus reveals in Revelation the length of time ,times, and half a time. Rev 12:6, 14. Satan will persecute God's people for "a time, times, and half a time" or 1260 days

### Prophecy About the Arrival of the Time of the End

It was in the 12th century that a pious RC abbot Joachim of Fiori discovered that in symbolic prophecy time is also symbolic. The key is that a prophetic day is a solar year.

1 day = 1 year

### Prophecy About the Arrival of the Time of the End

Thus 1260 prophetic days is 1260 solar years of the persecution of God's people by the Antichrist. We notice that in this prophecy Jesus did not give the beginning of this prophetic time period, but He focuses only on the end of the period.

### The Arrival of the Time of the End

He stated that the time of the **end** would be at the end of the **3 1/2 times** when the scattering or dispersion of God's people has been completed.

From the prophecies of Daniel 7:25, 12:7; and Revelation 11:2; 12:6, 14 and 13:5 we know that this prophetic time period began in 538 and lasted for 1260 years until 1798.



### The Arrival of the Time of the End

In 1798 Napoleon's **General Berthier took Pope Pius VI captive and** abolished the papal government by proclaiming the Roman **Republic on Capitoline** Hill that borders the Roman Forum.

#### On Feb 13, 1798 Berthier Entered Rome

## On Feb 15 Abolition of Papal Government on the Capitol

### Vatican Occupied

# Feb 20 Pope Pius VI Arrested and Taken From the Sistine Chapel and Taken Into Exile.

### Pope Pius VI Died on Aug 29, 1799 in Valance, France.

#### Why do Christians Today No Longer Hold This View?

Many misinterpreted the deadly wound in Rev 13:3

They thought that the deadly wound predicted the end of the papal power in 1798

They did not understand the healing of the wound of the beast in Rev 13:3: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Conclusion: The deadly wound was to be healed and the world was to follow it