

Surprising Facts Series 2

18. God sets a Date for the Judgment!

We learned that God has an extremely important three-point message that must be delivered to every person on earth before the final end of time. The purpose of this fantastic three-point message is to prepare people for Jesus' second coming. Point one of the message solemnly commands people to worship God and glorify Him because His hour of judgment has arrived (Revelation 14:7). In Daniel chapters 8 and 9, God reveals the very date for the judgment to begin. And more, He proves that Jesus is His divine Son, the Saviour, the Messiah. No prophecy in all of God's Word is more vital and momentous and yet few people are even aware of it. Please read Daniel chapter 8 before you proceed, and ask God to guide as you study this lesson on the three angels' messages.

1. In vision, Daniel saw a two-horned ram pushing west, north, and south and conquering every beast he met. **"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great."** Daniel 8:3, 4. What does that ram symbolize?

"The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia." Daniel 8:20.

Answer: The ram is a symbol of the world kingdom of Medo-Persia, which was also represented by the bear of Daniel 7:5. The prophecies of the Bible books of Daniel and Revelation follow the principle of "repeat and expand," which means they repeat prophecies covered in earlier chapters of the book and enlarge upon them. This approach brings clarity and certainty to Bible prophecies. The ram represents Medo-Persia.

2. What remarkable animal did Daniel next see?

"And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven." Daniel 8:5-8.

"And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation." Daniel 8:21, 22.

Answer: Next in Daniel's vision, a male goat with one huge horn suddenly appeared, traveling at

great speed. He attacked and conquered the ram. Then the great horn was broken off and four horns arose in its place. The rough male goat symbolized the third world kingdom of Greece, and the huge horn symbolized Alexander the Great, the first ruler. The four horns that replaced the great horn represent the four kingdoms into which Alexander's empire was divided. In Daniel 7:6, these four kingdoms are represented by the four heads of the leopard beast, which also symbolizes Greece. These symbols are so fitting that it is easy to identify them in history. The goat symbolizes Greece.

3. According to Daniel 8:8, 9, a little horn power next arose. What does the little horn represent?

“Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them [the winds] came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.” Daniel 8:8, 9,

Answer: The little horn represents Rome. Some have suggested that the little horn represents Antiochus Epiphanes, a Seleucid king who ruled over Palestine in the second century B.C. and who disrupted the Jewish worship services. Others, including most leaders of the Reformation, have believed that the little horn represents Rome in both its pagan and papal forms. Let's examine the clear Bible evidence for this:

A. In harmony with the prophetic rule of "repeat and expand," Rome must be the power represented here because both chapters 2 and 7 of Daniel point to Rome as the kingdom that follows Greece. Daniel 7:24-27 also establishes the fact that Rome in its papal form will be succeeded by the kingdom of Christ. The little horn of Daniel chapter 8 fits this pattern exactly: It follows Greece and is finally supernaturally destroyed or "broken without hand" at Jesus' second coming. **“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” Daniel 8:25** (Compare with Daniel 2:34. **“Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.”**)

B. Daniel chapter 8 says the Medo-Persians would become "great" (verse 4), the Grecians "very great" (verse 8), and the little horn power "exceeding great" (verse 9). History is clear that no power following Greece became "exceeding great" other than Rome.

C. Rome extended its power to the south (Egypt), the east (Macedonia), and the "pleasant land" (Palestine) precisely as the prophecy predicted (verse 9). No major power other than Rome fits this point.

D. Only Pagan Rome stood up against Jesus, "the prince of the host" (verse 11) and "the Prince of princes" (verse 25). Pagan Rome crucified Him.

The "little horn" of Daniel chapter 8 represents Rome in both its pagan and papal stages. In Daniel 8, the gender of the words in the Hebrew clue us in to which is referred to in the various verses. So the little horn of the last days is the papacy.

4. Daniel 8 informs us that this little horn power would also destroy many of God's people (verses 10, 24, 25) and cast truth to the ground (verse 12). The little horn power persecuted and

destroyed millions of God's people. When a saint asked how long God's people and heavenly sanctuary would be trodden under foot, what was heaven's reply?

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

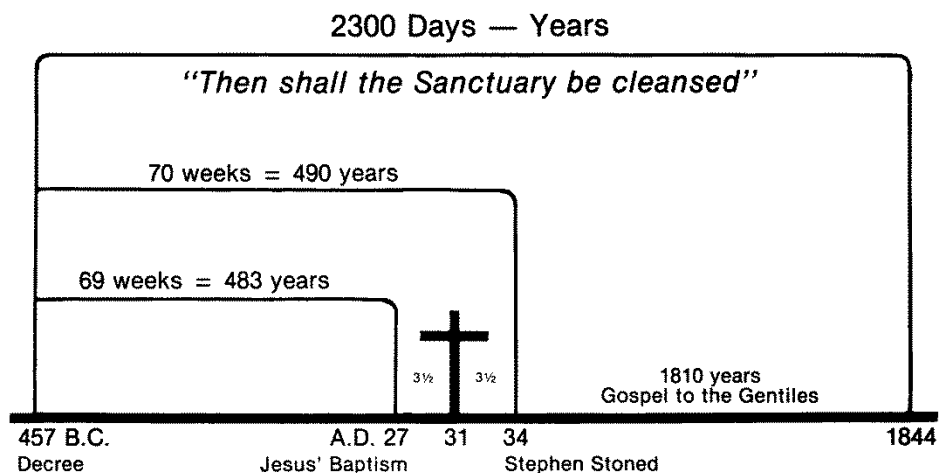
Answer: Heaven's reply was that the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed after 2,300 prophetic days, or 2,300 literal years, using the prophetic day-for-a-year principle found in Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34. The cleansing of the earthly sanctuary took place on the day of atonement in ancient Israel. On that day God's people were clearly identified as His, and the record of their sins was removed. The wicked who clung to sin were cut off forever from Israel. Thus the camp was cleansed from sin.

Heaven was here assuring Daniel that sin and the little horn power would not continue to prosper, control the world, and persecute God's people endlessly. Instead, in 2,300 years God would step in with the heavenly day of atonement, or judgment, where sin and sinners would be identified and later removed from the universe forever. Thus the universe will be cleansed from sin. The wrongs against God's people will at long last be righted, and the peace and harmony of Eden will once again fill the universe.

5. What urgent point did the angel Gabriel repeatedly stress?

"Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision." "I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation." "Wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days." Daniel 8:17,19, 26.

Answer: Gabriel repeatedly asserted that the 2,300-day vision involved events in the endtime, which began in 1798. The angel wanted us to understand that the 2,300-day prophecy is a message which applies primarily to all of us who are living in the end-time of earth's history. It has special meaning for today.



Introduction to Daniel Chapter 9: After Daniel's vision of chapter 8, the angel Gabriel came and began explaining the vision to him. When Gabriel reached the point of the 2,300 days, Daniel collapsed and was ill for some time. He regained his strength and resumed doing the king's business, but was much concerned regarding the unexplained portion of the vision, the 2,300 days. Daniel prayed earnestly for his people, the Jews who were in captivity in MedoPersia. He

confessed his sins and pleaded with God to forgive His people. Daniel chapter 9 begins with the prophet's earnest prayer of confession and appeal to God. Daniel prayed that God would help him understand the 2,300-year prophecy.

6. While Daniel was praying, who suddenly touched him and with what message?

“Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.” Daniel 9:21-23?

Answer: The angel Gabriel touched him and stated he had come to explain the rest of the vision described in Daniel chapter 8 (compare Daniel 8:26 with Daniel 9:23). The angel Gabriel came to Daniel to explain the 2,300-year prophecy.

7. How much of the 2,300 days would be allotted to (or ‘cut off’ for) Daniel's people, the Jews, and their capital city, Jerusalem.

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

Answer: Seventy weeks were to be "determined upon," or cut off, for the Jews. The seventy prophetic weeks equal 490 literal years ($70 \times 7 = 490$). God's people would soon be returning from captivity in Medo-Persia, and God would cut off 490 years from the 2,300 years and allot them to His chosen people as another opportunity to repent and serve Him. Gabriel explained to Daniel important events to take place within the 2,300 years.

8. What event and date were to mark the starting point for the 2,300-day and 490-year prophecies? **“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” Daniel 9:25.**

Answer: The starting event was a decree from Persian King Artaxerxes authorizing God's people (who were captive in Medo-Persia) to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city. The decree, found in Ezra chapter 7, was issued in 457 B.C. the seventh year of the king (verse 7) and was implemented in the autumn. Artaxerxes began his reign in 464 B.C. King Artaxerxes authorized the rebuilding of Jerusalem in the year 457 B.C.

9. The angel said that 69 prophetic weeks, or 483 literal years ($69 \times 7 = 483$), added to 457 B.C. would reach to the Messiah (Daniel 9:25). Did it?

Answer: Yes, indeed! Mathematical calculations show that moving ahead 483 full years from the fall of 457 B.C. reaches the fall of A.D. 27. The word "Messiah" means "anointed" (John 1:41, margin). Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38) at His baptism. **“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him,**

and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” Luke 3:21, 22.

His anointing took place in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1), which was A.D. 27. And to think the prediction was made more than 500 years before! Then Jesus began to preach that "the time is fulfilled" (referring to the 483 years which were to reach to the Messiah). He thus audibly confirmed the prophecy. **“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.” Mark 1:14, 15; “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,” Galatians 4:4.** So Jesus actually began His ministry by clearly referring to the 2,300-day prophecy, stressing its importance and accuracy.

This is thrilling evidence that:

- A. The Bible is inspired.
- B. Jesus is the Messiah.
- C. All other dates in the 2,300-day/490-year prophecy are valid.

What a firm foundation on which to build! Jesus' baptism was an accurate fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

10. We have now considered 483 years of the 490-year prophecy. There is one prophetic week, or seven literal years, left. **“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. [or desolator]” Daniel 9:26, 27.** What happens next? When does it happen?

Answer: Jesus is "cut off" or crucified "in the midst of the week," which is three and one-half years after His anointing, or the spring of A.D. 31. Please notice how the gospel is revealed in verse 26: **"After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself."** No, praise God, when Jesus was cut off, it was not for Himself. He "who did no sin" (1 Peter 2:22) was crucified for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3; Isaiah 53:5). Jesus' priceless life was lovingly and willingly offered to save us from sin. Hallelujah, what a Saviour! Jesus' atoning sacrifice is the very heart of Daniel chapters 8 and 9.

11. Since Jesus died after three and one-half years, how could He "confirm the covenant with many" for the full final seven years, as the prophecy in Daniel 9:27 dictates?

Answer: The covenant is His blessed agreement to save people from their sins (Hebrews 10:16, 17). After His ministry of three and one-half years ended, Jesus confirmed the covenant through His disciples. **“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” Hebrews 2:3.** He sent them first to the Jewish nation (Matthew 10:5, 6), because His chosen people still had three and one-half years remaining of their 490-year opportunity to repent. The disciples

preached to multitudes of Jews.

12. When the 490 year period of final opportunity for the Jewish nation ended in the fall of A.D. 34, what did the disciples do?

Answer: They began preaching the gospel to other people and nations of the world. **“Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.” Acts 13:46.** Stephen, a righteous deacon, was publicly stoned in A.D. 34. From that date onward the Jews, because they rejected Jesus and God's plan, were no longer God's chosen people or nation. Instead, God now counts people of all nationalities who accept and serve Him as spiritual Jews. They have become His chosen people, "heirs according to the promise." Spiritual Jews do, of course, include Jewish people who individually accept and serve Jesus (Galatians 3:27-29; Romans 2:28, 29). After the stoning of Stephen, the disciples began preaching to the Gentiles.

13. After A.D. 34, how many years of the 2,300-year prophecy remained? What is the ending date for the prophecy? What did the angel say would happen on that date (Daniel 8:14)?

Answer: There were 1,810 years remaining (2,300 minus 490 = 1,810). The ending date for the prophecy is 1844 (A.D. 34 + 1810 = 1844). The angel said the heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed, or the heavenly judgment would begin. (The earthly sanctuary was destroyed in A.D. 70.) The heavenly day of atonement, or judgment, was scheduled for the end time. Now we know that the beginning date is 1844. God set this date. It is as certain as the A.D. 27 date for Jesus to become the Messiah. God's end-time people must be announcing it (Revelation 14:6, 7).

In Noah's day, God stated that the Flood judgment would occur in 120 years (Genesis 6:3) and it happened. In Daniel's day, God stated that His end-time judgment would begin in 2,300 years (Daniel 8:14) and it happened. God's end-time judgment has been in session since 1844. God's investigative judgment is witnessed by the heavenly host.

Meaning of the Atonement: The word "atone-ment" in the Hebrew, means to pay the price to compensate for a debt, to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel a debt: thus restoring harmony of relationship. Perfect harmony originally existed throughout the universe. Then Lucifer, a brilliant heavenly angel, as we learned, challenged God and His principles of government. One-third of the angels of heaven joined Lucifer's rebellion (Revelation 12:3, 4, 7-9).

This rebellion against God and His loving principles is called sin in the Bible (Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 3:4). It brings heartache, confusion, chaos, tragedy, disappointment, sorrow, betrayal, and evil of every kind. Worst of all, its penalty is death (Romans 6:23) from which there is no resurrection, in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). Sin spreads faster and is more lethal than the most deadly type of cancer. It put the universe itself in jeopardy.

So God cast Lucifer and his angels out of heaven (Revelation 12:7-9), and Lucifer received a new name, "Satan," which means "adversary." His fallen angels are now called demons. Satan seduced Adam and Eve, and sin thus came upon all humans. What a horrendous tragedy! The devastating conflict between good and evil had begun, and evil appeared to be winning. The

situation seemed hopeless.

But, no! Jesus, God's Son, deity Himself, who was more than equal to all the people who would ever live on earth, agreed to sacrifice His life to pay the death penalty for every sinner (1 Corinthians 5:7). By accepting His sacrifice, sinners would thus be freed from the guilt of sin (Romans 3:25). This glorious plan also included Jesus entering a person's life when invited (Revelation 3:20) and changing him to a new person (2 Corinthians 5:17). It provided power from Jesus to resist Satan and to restore every converted person to the image of God, in which he was created (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 8:29).

This blessed atonement offer includes a plan to isolate sin and destroy it, including Satan and his fallen angels, plus all who join him in rebellion (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:8). All who comprehend the spirituality of the law, all who realize its power as a detector of sin, are in just as helpless a condition as is Satan himself, unless they accept the atonement provided for them in the remedial sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who is our atonement, at-one-ment with God.

Further, the full information regarding Jesus and His loving government and Satan and his diabolical dictatorship will be taken to every person on earth, so all can make an intelligent, informed decision to align either with Christ or Satan (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6, 7).

The case of every person will be examined in the heavenly courtroom (Romans 14:10, 12), and God will honor the choice of each individual to serve either Christ or Satan (Revelation 22:11, 12). Finally, after eradicating sin, God's plan is to create new heavens and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13; Isaiah 65:17), where sin will never again rise (Nahum 1:9), and give it to His people as their home throughout eternity (Revelation 21:1-5). The Father and Son will then dwell with their people in perfect joy and harmony forever.

All of this is included in the "atone-ment." God has informed us of it in His Word and demonstrated it in the Old Testament sanctuary services, especially the day of atonement. Jesus is the key to the atonement. His loving sacrifice for us on Calvary makes it all possible. Getting rid of sin in our lives and in the universe is possible only through Him (Acts 4:12). No wonder heaven's three-point final message to the world calls upon us all to worship Him (Revelation 14:6, 7).

14. Why do some Bible interpreters detach the last week (or seven years) of the 490 years allotted to the Jewish nation and apply it to Antichrist's work at the end of the world's history?

Answer: This question is a good one; "Why would anyone remove the last seven years of the 490 years allotted to the Jewish nation and place it at the end of the world's history?" Satan is the cause for all sin. Let us review the facts:

A. There is no warrant or evidence whatever for inserting a gap anywhere between any of the years of the 490-year prophecy. It is continuous, as were the 70 years of exile for God's people mentioned in Daniel 9:2.

B. Never in Scripture does a specific number of time units (days, weeks, months, years) comprising a stretch of time, mean anything but continuous or consecutive time units. The burden of proof is on those who claim that any part of any time prophecy should be detached and counted later.

C. A.D. 27 (the year of Jesus' baptism) was the starting date for the last seven years of the

prophecy, which Jesus emphasized by beginning at once to preach, "The time is fulfilled." Mark 1:15.

D. At the moment of His death on the cross in the spring of A.D. 31, Jesus cried out, "It is finished." The Saviour here clearly refers to the predictions of His death made in Daniel chapter 9, such as:

1. "Messiah" would be "cut off" or crucified (verse 26).
2. He would "cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" by dying for all as the true Lamb of God (verse 27; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 15:3).
3. He would "make reconciliation for iniquity" (verse 24).

Why, would anyone cut away an important part of this prophecy? There is no biblical authority or evidence for detaching the last week, or seven years, of the 490 years allotted to the Jewish nation and applying it to the work of Antichrist near the end of the world's history. More serious, detaching the last seven years from the 490-year prophecy so distorts the true meaning of many prophecies in the books of Daniel and Revelation that people simply cannot correctly understand them. This is why God condemns private interpretations of prophecy, such as this seven-year gap theory. Such interpretations always lead people astray.

15. Jesus' atoning sacrifice was made for you. Will you invite Him into your life to cleanse you from sin and make you a new person? Your Answer: _____

Your Thought Questions Answered.

1. A little horn power appears in both Daniel chapter 7 and Daniel chapter 8. Are they the same power?

ANSWER: The little horn power of Daniel 7 symbolizes the papacy. The little horn power of Daniel 8 symbolizes both pagan and papal Rome.

2. The "two thousand and three hundred days" of Daniel 8:14 translated literally from the Hebrew reads "two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings." Does this mean 1,150 days, as some contend?

ANSWER: No, the Bible clearly shows in Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31 that an evening and a morning equal a day. There was no event in history at the end of 1,150 days that would fulfill this prophecy.

3. What part does "choice" play in a Christian's life?

ANSWER: It is a major key to success. God's way has always been freedom to choose (Joshua 24:15). Though He wants to save every person (1 Timothy 2:3, 4), He still permits free choice (Deuteronomy 30:19). God permitted Satan to choose to rebel against Him. He also permitted Adam and Eve to choose disobedience. Righteousness is never a locked-in, programmed provision that takes me to heaven no matter how I live and even if I do not want to go. Choice means I am always free to change my mind. Jesus asks me to choose Him (Matthew 11:28-30) and to reaffirm my choice daily (Psalm 86:3). If my daily choice is for Him, He will change me and make me like Him and eventually take me into His blessed new kingdom. But please remember, I am free to turn and go another direction at any time. God will not force me. My daily choice to serve Him is thus imperative.

4. Many believe that the Seleucid king Antiochus Epiphanes is the little horn power of Daniel 8. How can we be certain this is not true?

ANSWER: There are many reasons. A few of them are as follows:

A. Antiochus Epiphanes did not become "exceeding great," as the prophecy mandates (Daniel 8:9).

B. He did not rule at the "latter time" or near the end of the Seleucid kingdom as the prophecy requires (Daniel 8:23) but, rather, near the middle.

C. Those who teach that Antiochus Epiphanes is the little horn count the 2,300 days as literal days instead of prophetic days—each equal to a year. This literal time period of a little over six years has no meaningful application to Daniel chapter 8. All attempts to make this literal time period fit Antiochus Epiphanes have uniformly failed, which is an embarrassment to its proponents.

D. The little horn still exists at the "time of the end" (Daniel 8:12, 17, 19), while Antiochus Epiphanes died in 164 B.C.

E. The little horn was to become "exceeding great" in the south, the east, and Palestine (Daniel 8:9). Although Antiochus Epiphanes did rule Palestine for a while, he had almost no success in Egypt (south) and Macedonia (east).

F. Christ applied the desolating abominations of Daniel 9:26 and 27, not to the past outrages of Antiochus Epiphanes in 167 B.C., but rather to the immediate future when the Roman army would destroy Jerusalem and the temple in His own generation in A.D. 70 (Luke 21:20-24). In Matthew 24:15, **"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)"** Jesus specifically mentioned the prophet Daniel and said that his prediction of Daniel 9:26, 27 would be fulfilled when the Christians would see (in the future) the abomination of desolation "stand in the holy place" in Jerusalem. This is too clear to misunderstand. In this case the 'abomination' referred to the pagan Roman standards being placed in the area around Jerusalem that was counted as 'holy'. This was a signal for the Christians to flee.

G. Applying the prophecy to Antiochus Epiphanes, who died in 164 B.C., long before Jesus' birth, completely destroys the meaning of Daniel chapters 8 and 9 the most important time prophecy of the Bible.

Summary Sheet. Place a check beside the correct answers.

1. The ram of Daniel 8 symbolizes:

Babylon.

Medo-Persia.

Greece.

Rome.

2. What does the male goat of Daniel 8 represent?

Egypt.

Palestine.

Greece.

Assyria.

3. The little horn power of Daniel 8 represents:

Antiochus Epiphanes.

Rome, in its pagan and papal phases.

Atheism.

Iraq.

4. The day of atonement in ancient Israel was a day of judgment. Yes. No.

5. How much of the 2,300 years was cut off for the Jews?

490 years.

700 years.

1810 years.

100 years.

6. In Bible prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year. Yes. No.

7. The 2,300-year prophecy predicted (500 years before it happened) that the Messiah would appear in A.D. 27. He appeared right on time. This proves that:

The Bible is inspired.

The angel Gabriel made a lucky guess.

All other dates in the prophecy are accurate.

Jesus is the Messiah.

8. When the 490 years allotted to the Jewish nation ended in A.D. 34, what did the disciples do?

They began preaching to people of other nations.

They took a long vacation.

They said that no Jew would ever be saved after A.D. 34.

9. According to the 2,300-year prophecy of Daniel chapters 8 and 9, what happened in 1844?

The judgment began in heaven.

The day of probation for the Jewish nation ended.

Jesus ascended to heaven.

God closed probation for all people.

10. The prophecies of Daniel and Revelation apply primarily to us and our time.

Yes. No.

11. The 2,300-day time period began in:

A.D. 34.

1944.

1491 B.C.

457 B.C.

12. In A.D. 34,

Probation ended for the Jews as God's chosen nation.

The disciples began preaching to other people and nations.

Stephen, a righteous deacon, was stoned.

The judgment began in heaven.

13. There is no Bible authority or evidence for detaching the last week or seven years of the 490 years allotted to the Jewish nation and applying it to the work of Antichrist near the end of the world's history. True. False.

14. The heavenly day of atonement, or atonement, will bring all the universe into complete harmony with God. Which of the following statements tell the truth about some facet of the atonement?

Jesus sacrificed His life to pay our death penalty.

Jesus freed us from the guilt of sin.

Jesus changes us and makes us completely new persons.

Jesus restores us to God's image.

In the heavenly courtroom, God honors the choice of every person to serve either Christ or Satan.

Full information goes to every person on earth regarding Satan's plan to destroy and God's glorious plan to save people.

Sin, Satan, and sinners will be isolated and destroyed.

God creates new heavens and a new earth for His people and will dwell with them.

Sin will never rise again.

The atonement was made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary.

Satan and his angels will be converted and saved.

15. I have accepted Christ's atoning sacrifice for my life and have invited Him to cleanse me from from sin. Yes. No.