



## *Life More Abundant Bible Study*

# **Bible Prophecy: Daniel Chapter 12C**

Our conclusive study of the book of Daniel captures the hope of all that has been spoken. Through a prophetic revelation of times and historic events, we trace the fulfillment of the great events described throughout the book of Daniel and the bible. We have already seen the accuracy of bible prophecy from our studies of Daniel Chapter 9 where the very year, month, day, and hour of Jesus' crucifixion and death are foretold. The last few verses of Daniel 12 are no less amazing in their detail of the rise of God's covenant keeping, *remnant church*. This study involves a review of former historic events mentioned in prior chapters. Please prayerfully review the chapters and lessons for Daniel Chapters 8, 9 and 11 particularly to benefit most from this study.

We concluded our last study by identifying the characteristics of the two classes of people identified in the bible, the wise and the wicked (unwise), and their works upon the earth towards the end of time. Primary characteristics of the wise are

1. Their understanding of true Christianity and wisdom of scripture through God's Holy Spirit
2. Their understanding of last-day prophetic events revealed to them by the Holy Spirit
3. The settling-in of the prophetic truths in their hearts so that their lives become conformed to the knowledge entrusted to them
4. A full surrender to Jesus Christ

The focus of this study is to understand the events foretelling the specific message given at the time of the end, and the identifying marks of the group who will make up the last-day "wise".

Daniel 12:11 Reads:

*"And from the time [that] the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, [there shall be] a thousand two hundred and ninety days."*

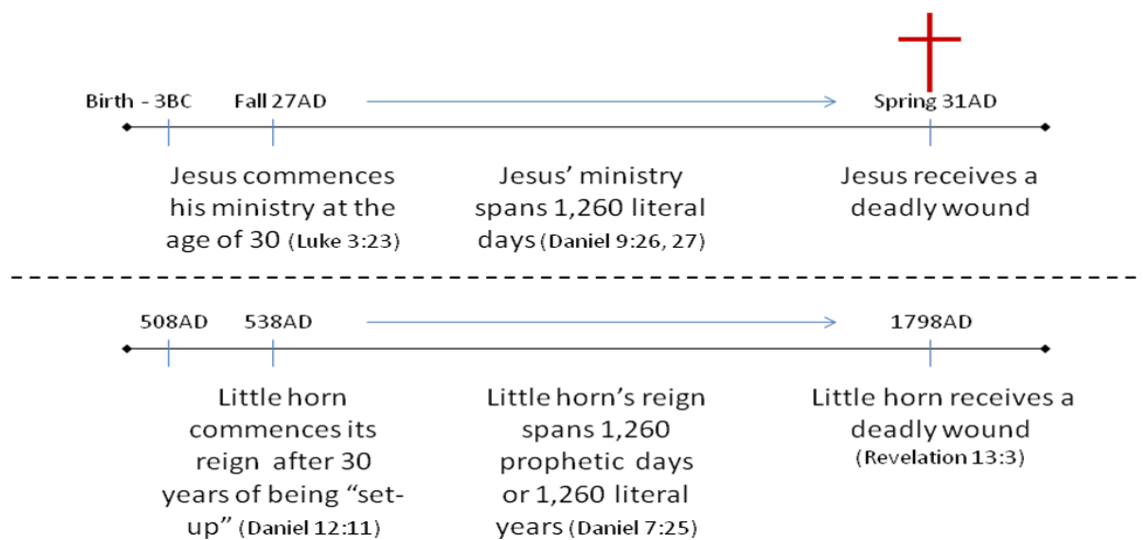
From prior studies, we understand that *the daily* (Heb. *tamayid*) is a prophetic reference to the religious system of *paganism*, practiced by the enemies of God as a continual affront to God, while oppressing the people of God. God foretold the 1,260year reign of paganism over the people of God (723BC- 538AD), only to conclude with the rise of a more sinister device of the devil, the *Abomination of Desolation*, namely paganism enshrouded in a garb of Christianity, that too would reign over the people of God for 1,260years (538AD-1798AD). It is at this point of inflection that the verse begins its discourse.

The establishment of the forces that would bring about the demise of *the daily* (paganism) in fulfillment of prophecy occurred when the last of seven barbarian tribes of Europe forsook paganism as a national religion and adopted Catholicism as its preferred religion. England in 508AD elected King Arthur, a “Christian” monarch, who like six other monarchs of other nations before him renounced paganism as their national religion which included financial support of pagan ceremonies and rites, and pledged allegiance and military might to the Bishop of Rome. In that same year, Clovis, the King of the Franks and the first of the seven barbarian tribal kings to convert to Catholicism, thus earning the title *Eldest Son of the Church (Papacy)* defeated the purported Arian Visigoths on behalf of the Church of Rome. So it was that the seven Kings of Europe who once pledged their faith to paganism now pledged faith and fidelity to the Bishop of Rome. Through financial and military support (arms), these seven nations in fulfillment of prophecy constituted the engine from which “the Beast” would receive its power, and authority (Daniel 11:31; Revelation 13:2) and would be set-up to assume the throne over the earth. This engine of military and political might was used to first defeat the three barbarian tribes who refused to pay homage to the Church of Rome, and secondly to subject their own citizens to the authority of the Bishop of Rome.

Note however, that the time from whence the engine of the Papacy (the seven European Kingdoms) unanimously pledged their allegiance to the Papacy and its rise to power in 538AD is a period of 30years. The bible here shows a most curious coincidence, or rather, prophetic revelation of a Satanic counterfeit where the instrument of Satan parrots the workings of Jesus to the letter. It was an established ordinance of God that a man of the tribe of Levi not serve as a minister of Israel until the age of 30 (Numbers 4:3, 47), and so it was that Jesus also, at the age of 30 began His ministry here on the earth (Luke 3:23). Therefore, in similar fashion thirty years elapsed from the set-up of this Satanic power which claimed equality with God and to be the Vicar or Christ on earth, to the commencement of its “ministry”: from 508AD, the year that the engine of the Papacy was fully established, setting-up the Papacy, until 538AD the ascension of the Papacy to its throne.

### Ministry of Jesus Christ is Counterfeited by the Little Horn

“...I will be like the Most High.” – Satan (Isaiah 14:14)



The year 508AD holds significance as the year that *the daily*, paganism, was “taken away” as well as the year that the *Abomination of Desolation*, the Papacy, is “set-up”. However, this year bears significance for a more glorious event as noted in the following verse:

Daniel 12:12 Reads:

*“Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”*

God uses the year 508AD as an anchor for identifying a most glorious work manifested both in heaven and on earth. The verse counts those who wait for a period of 1,335 prophetic days or literal years beyond 508AD as blessed. The year 1843AD is clearly identified as a time of blessing for those who patiently wait on the Lord.

The bible here gives its blessings and endorsement upon a prophecied religious movement, historically called the Advent Movement that occurred in North America, South America, Europe and Australia from 1833-1844. In North America, the Advent Movement was pioneered by William Miller and was joined by godly men from a diversity of Christian denominations such as Josiah Litch, Hiram Edson, Charles Fitch, and Joseph Bates who were moved by the Holy Spirit to study and understand *End Time* prophecies in the bible. The religious awakening that occurred after the fulfillment of prophetic signs in the skies and heavens (Matthew 24:29) on May 19, 1780 and November 13, 1833 drove men to study the books of Daniel and the Revelation where they, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit were led to understand the following biblical truths:

- The 2520 prophecy illustrated throughout the bible denoting both a scattering and a gathering of the people of God.
- “*The daily*” of Daniel 8:11 to be the demonic religion of Paganism that would be exalted against God and His people for 1260yrs before being displaced by the *Abomination of Desolation*
- The Little Horn of Daniel, Babylon the Great, and the Beast from the Sea of the Revelation to be the one apostate religious system of the Papacy
- The prophetic rise of Islam as a direct affront to, and scourge of the papacy and the nations of the world
- An understanding of the seven seals and seven trumpets in Revelation
- The day-for-a-year method of bible prophecy time interpretation
- \*The “cleansing of the sanctuary” as described by the time prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and the eminent Second Coming of Christ in the time frame of 1843 and 1844

\*Though this last belief was found to be in error by divine providence, the other beliefs are confirmable truths in the bible and in world history

The Advent Movement which drew members from a variety of mainline Protestant denominations was coined the name because of the conviction felt by its adherents that Jesus was to return to the earth sometime between the dates May 21, 1843 and

May 21, 1844 according to the Hebrew calendar, to cleanse the earth based on the cleansing of the sanctuary noted in the book of Daniel 8:13, 14. The movement was prophetically empowered [by an Angel bearing a book Who descended upon the earth and sea (the entire world), uttering with a loud voice seven thunders (Revelation 10:1-7)], and gained national attention when on August 11, 1840, the Ottoman Empire fell in exact fulfillment of the 391 year 15 day prophecy of Revelation 9:13-21. Josiah Litch, a prominent Adventist minister foretold and preached the event two years in advance by using the *day-for-a-year* bible prophecy technique, giving credence to the bible, the movement's method of bible interpretation, and the movement itself.

With the increase in notoriety and attention, men began to search the scriptures, eating the book of Daniel as prophesied in Revelation 10:8, 9. The experience of John the Revelator in these and succeeding verses was in truth the actual type, prophetically prefiguring the experience of the Advent Movement. Anticipation of Christ's return drew sincere men of all Christian faiths to forsake their lives of sin and repent in anticipation of meeting their Lord. In contrast, there were those who with the excitement of the movement and the foreboding of Christ's return offered repentance only in form. These would become the movement's most ardent opponents when fulfillment of the prophecy proved false. The movement however, was not universally received. In fact, by May of 1842 the mainline Protestant churches had closed their doors to the Advent Movement, following the publication of one of two charts by Charles Fitch, prophetically mentioned in the book Habakkuk 2:1-3, that clearly chronicled the prophetic waymarks in history leading to Christ's Second Coming. Members of these churches who understood and embraced the bible prophecy interpretations of William Miller and the Advent Movement were expelled from their congregations as ones causing dissent. Undeterred by this move, Adventist leaders and members continued to put forth superhuman effort through empowering of the Holy Spirit to spread the message.

The movement received its first disappointment on March 22, 1843, the day following the Jewish first month celebration of Passover. When Christ did not return on that date, men inspired by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the inspiration and infallibility of the bible and not their own wisdom, began to search the scriptures once again to better understand their error in calculation. The day of October 22, 1844 was presented by Samuel S. Snow, a Methodist minister, as a more accurate date based on the fact that Christ was coming to cleanse and reap the earth and therefore, the time period should coincide not with the spring time (seed time, sowing) feast of Passover, but with the Jewish harvest time (gathering) feasts on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Jewish year, the Day of Atonement. Additionally, the third and final decree authorizing self-rule to the Jewish Nation and commissioning the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem 2,300 years before, issued by Artaxerxes the Mede and fulfilling the prophetic starting point of the 2,300 day time prophecy of Daniel 8:14, was issued in the Fall of 457BC. This re-interpretation based on better principles stirred the hearts of those who had come to love the truths made plain through the Advent Movement's bible interpretation. Anticipation mounted as men sold all of their wealth and earthly possessions to spread the gospel message given in the prophetic *Midnight Cry* of Matthew 25:6: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

The date October 22, 1844 is historically marked as the day of the **Great Disappointment**, when Adventist believers who had heard and for some had eaten the unsealed book of Daniel and the Revelation and found it to be sweet in their mouths in anticipation of Christ's Second Coming, were left with bitterness of stomach when the event did not occur. By the date of the Great Disappointment, the Advent Movement had gained followers numbering near 50,000. The solemn passing of the day drew the ire and scorn of those who never embraced the truths brought forth by the movement, while deep regret among its faithful adherents. Many who had left mainline Protestant faiths shamefully returned and assimilated into their congregations, forsaking the truths they had learned while in the movement and receiving the contempt of those congregants; while others became discouraged with formal religion all together and turned away from the cause of Christ; while yet others joined off-shoot movements that claimed Christ actually did come, not in literal body but in spiritual form.

The bitter-sweet experience of the Advent Movement foreshadowed by John the Revelator (Revelation 10:9) was to be a joyous acknowledgement of the power of God for those who like Jacob, did not waiver in faith but persevered until the Lord blessed them. There was yet one class who, despite the scorn and ridicule of the masses and their own personal disappointments, held firm to the truths brought forth by the movement and saw the hands of providence in all of their dealings. These few, approximately 50 in number, held to the counsels of God in the last verse of Revelation 10 where they were commanded:

*“And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings” Revelation 10:11*

It is this group of believers which included Joseph Bates, Ellen Harmon who later married James White, and others who heeded this counsel by searching the scriptures to understand the errors in their understanding. Joseph Bates, who through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was impressed by the teachings of Seventh-day Baptist believers, came to understand, accept, and teach the continued relevance of the Fourth Commandment Sabbath. Further, Joseph Bates again through inspiration, was shown that the cleansing of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement in the typical Jewish service was prophetically indicative of an antitypical Judgment taking place in the heavenly sanctuary made by God and not men (Hebrews 8:2, 9:24), commencing October 22, 1844, and not the harvest nor the cleansing of the earth by fire at Christ's second and third returns respectively. These truths once revealed and understood from the bible were affirmed through visions and dreams given to Ellen Harmon, turned Ellen White, as prophesied in Joel 2:28, 29, showing God's providence and guidance (Hosea 12:13). An understanding of Christ's work in the heavenly sanctuary, an understanding of the unconscious state of the dead, the principles of health reform, and the experience of righteousness by faith include a few of the additional gems the Holy Spirit revealed through diligent study of the bible to this joyous band of Advent believers who continued to persevere in study and prayer.

Those 50 Advent believers who by faith prophesied again, and by faith were led into the Holiest of Holies with Christ became the founders of the Seventh-day

Adventist church. The Seventh-day Adventist church, formally established in 1863 and whose name confirms its belief in Christ's eminent return as well as the keeping of God's eternal commandments, including the fourth commandment reminding men of the seventh-day Sabbath instituted at the Creation, bears all the markings of the end time remnant spoken of in Revelation 12:17 "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ". Today, the worldwide movement (church) has embraced, and taken Christ's *great commission* to the ends of the earth:

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world."* (Matthew 28:19, 20)

The church's teachings and doctrines, identical to those of the original church founded in the Garden of Eden at the Creation, are those that will prepare God's end time people for events prophetically stated to come upon the earth. Additionally these biblical doctrines and truths are the very principles kept and made perfect through the Holy Spirit by the identified 144,000, who follow the Lamb wherever He leads and who further will be able to stand before a holy God without spot or blemish (Revelation 14:1-5). Our prayer is that you too come to love Jesus Christ today, embrace and eat His book (the bible), keep all of His commandments, and bear this testimony of Jesus Christ to the rest of the world. Amen!

*For a better understanding of prophetic imagery, terms and symbols used in this bible study, refer to the study, [Interpreting Bible Prophecy](#), also located on the Life More Abundant Bible Study website.*