

This final lesson of the series and of the book of Daniel focuses upon the identifying marks of the group who make up the "wise", God's Last Day **Remnant Church**. We begin by analyzing Daniel 12:11.

*"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."*

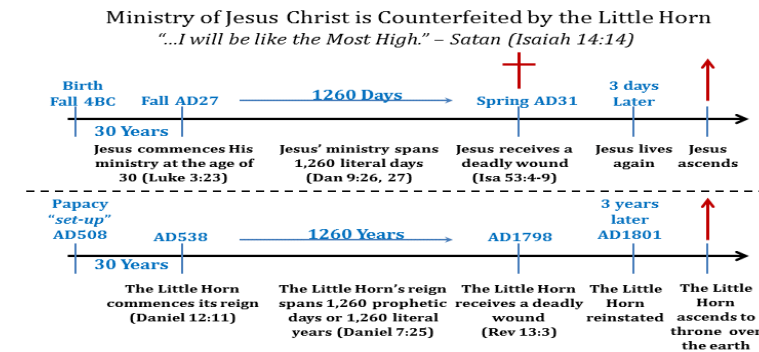
From prior studies, we understood *the daily* (Heb.: [ḥatamayid](#)) to be a prophetic reference to *paganism*, inspired by Satan, and seen in all perversions and counterfeits of God's true faith. Paganism was practiced by the *sons of the serpent*, God's enemies, as a continual affront to Him and His people. God conveyed through His prophets a 1,260-year reign of paganism over the people of God (723B.C.-A.D.538). A more sinister device of the devil would supersede this for another 1,260 years (A.D.538-1798), the *Abomination of Desolation*, namely, paganism enshrouded in the garb of Christianity. The era of A.D.538-1798 marks the inflection point for these two desolating powers and is where the narrative of Daniel 12:11 occurs.

The "set-up" of the forces responsible for the supersession of *the daily, paganism*, once practiced by Pagan Rome, occurred when the last of seven barbarian tribes among ten which divided Rome, forsook paganism in favor of Catholicism as its national religion. In A.D.508, England elected King Arthur, a "Christian" monarch, who like six other European monarchs before him, renounced paganism, defunded State sponsorship of pagan ceremonies and rites, and pledged his

allegiance and military might to the Bishop of Rome. In the same year, Clovis, the King of the Franks, the first of seven European tribal kings to convert to Catholicism [both he and France earning the title "*Eldest Son of the Papacy*"], defeated the Visigoths on behalf of the Church of Rome. So it was that seven kings of Europe, who once practiced paganism, through their financial and military support (arms) became the engine from which the Papacy would receive its "power" and its "great authority". The "set-up" of the papacy in the year A.D.508 would position it to assume the throne over the earth (Daniel 11:31, 12:11; Rev 13:2). The combined engine of military and political might was first used to defeat three of the ten barbarian tribes that refused to pay homage to the Church of Rome; and finally, as monarchs, to subjugate their own citizens to a universal "Catholic" faith.

Note the 30-year lapse from which the seven-fold engine of the Papacy unanimously pledged its allegiance, until the Papacy's full rise to power in A.D.538. The Bible here reveals a most curious *Satanic counterfeit*, where the instrument of Satan parrots the works of Jesus Christ. Levites in the Bible were prohibited from commencing their priestly service until age 30 (Num 4:3, 47). Jesus, as a spiritual *High Priest* was therefore baptized at age 30, *anointing* His ministry here on the earth (Luke 3:23; Dan 9:24, 25). Similarly, thirty years elapsed from the "set-up" of the *Antichrist* power, which claims to be equal with God and the Vicar of Christ, to the start of its "ministry", persecuting the saints of God and ruling over the kings of the earth. The year A.D.508 bears

significance as the year that *the daily*, paganism, was "taken away" and the "abomination of desolation", the Papacy, was "set-up" (Daniel 7:24, 25, 12:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:7).



However, the year A.D.508 also bears significance for an illustrious event, as noted in the following Bible verse:

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

God uses the year A.D.508 as a *waymark* for identifying a glorious work, manifested both in heaven and on earth. The verse pronounces a blessing upon those who wait for a period of 1,335 prophetic days or 1,335 literal years, beyond A.D.508, until A.D.1843. The Bible here identifies and endorses the historic religious movement called the *Advent Movement*, occurring in North and South Americas, Europe and Australia from 1832-1844. In North America, the Advent Movement was pioneered by the Baptist Minister, *William Miller*, and accompanied by other godly

men from a diversity of Christian faiths. These men were moved by the Holy Spirit and given understanding of *End Time* prophecies in the Bible. A great spiritual awakening occurred after the fulfillment of prophetic signs in the heavens on May 19, 1780 and November 13, 1833 (Matthew 24:29), driving men to study the books of Daniel and the Revelation whereby, they were inspired by the Holy Spirit with understanding of many Biblical truths, including:

- The [day-for-a-year](#) prophetic time interpretation
- The [2,520-year prophecies](#) denoting both a *scattering* of the wicked and a *gathering* of the people of God
- *The daily* of Daniel 8:11 to be the religion of *paganism*, that was exalted against God and His people for 1,260 years, then displaced by the *Abomination of Desolation*
- *The Little Horn* of Daniel, [Babylon the Great](#), and the [Leopard-like Beast from the Sea](#) spoken in the Revelation to be the same apostate religious system, the Papacy

The Advent Movement drew members from a variety of mainline Protestant denominations. It adopted its name from the teaching and conviction that Jesus was to return to the earth sometime between the dates May 22, 1843 and May 21, 1844, based on the Hebrew calendar. They believed Jesus was to *cleanse the earth* according to the *cleansing of the sanctuary* noted in Daniel 8:13, 14. [The Movement was empowered on August 11, 1840](#), gaining global attention, when the predicted fulfillment of the 391-year, 15-day prophecy of Revelation 9:14, 15, marking the fall of the Ottoman Empire occurred. Josiah Litch, an Adventist

minister, foretold and preached the event two years in advance using the *day-for-a-year method* of Bible prophecy interpretation, giving credence to the Bible, the Movement, and its method of Bible interpretation. With the increase in notoriety, men began to diligently study the Scriptures, "eating" the little book of Daniel in fulfillment of the typical experience of John the Revelator (Rev 10:8, 9). Anticipation of Christ's soon return called sincere men of all Christian faiths to forsake their lives of sin and to repent. However, many joined the Movement in form only, drawn by the Movement's fervor and a foreboding of Christ's soon return. These would become the Movement's most ardent critics when interpretation of the event proved incorrect.

The Movement was however, not universally received. By June 1842, [the mainline Protestant churches closed their doors to the Advent Movement](#) following the publication of the [first of two](#) charts, prophetically mentioned in Habakkuk 2:1, 2, delineating *waymarks* leading to what was believed to be Christ's Second Coming in the Hebrew calendar year 1843. Many members of Protestant churches who embraced the teachings of the Advent Movement were expelled from their congregations as spiritual fanatics and dissenters.

The Movement received its [first disappointment on April 19, 1844](#), the day of the Jewish (Karaite) New Year, when Christ did not return as anticipated. Undaunted, men and women inspired by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the infallibility of the Bible, searched the Scriptures and realized that they had entered a prophesied **Tarrying Time** (Matt 25:5; Hab 2:3).

Samuel Snow, a Methodist minister, presented the day October 22, 1844 as a more accurate date given the belief that Christ was coming to cleanse and reap the earth, a work coincident with the autumn, harvest-time gathering [the *Day of Atonement*], rather than the springtime seed sowing.

The date October 22, 1844, is historically marked as the day of the **Great Disappointment**, when nearly 50,000 Adventist believers who had "eaten" the unsealed books of Daniel and the Revelation found them to be sweet in their mouths in anticipation of Christ's return, but were left with bitterness of stomach when the event failed to occur. The bittersweet experience of the Advent Movement, foreshadowed by John (Rev 10:9, 10), became a joyous acknowledgement of the power of God for those who did not waiver in faith but persevered until the Lord imparted understanding. Among the 50,000 were a small group of 50, including Joseph Bates, Hiram Edson, Ellen Harmon [later becoming Ellen White], and James White, who, despite the scorn and ridicule of the masses, and their own disappointments, saw God's hand of providence in their dealings, and held firm to the truths identified through the Movement. These continued in faith, studying under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Who made known hidden Bible truths that included: the sacredness of the seventh-day Sabbath; the unconscious state of death; principles on health reform, and Christ's commencement of [judgment in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary](#), the **Antitypical Day of Atonement**, to which the date October 22, 1844 truly pointed. Being granted the Biblical

gift of prophecy through the visions and writings of Ellen White, this faithful group of believers went on to found the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The **Seventh-day Adventist Church** affirms through its name, the belief in Christ's imminent return. It also calls men to honor all of God's commandments, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, reminding men to observe the 7<sup>th</sup> day as Sabbath, God's holy day of rest instituted at Creation. This church and its teachings bear all the marks of the end time *remnant* spoken in Revelation 12:17 and 19:10, "*which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*". Today, this worldwide body of believers has embraced Christ's **Great Commission** of taking the gospel 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 Remnant Church's faith and doctrines, identical to those of God's original church in the Garden of Eden at the Creation, are those that will prepare God's *End Time* people to meet Christ *without spot or wrinkle*. The teachings also prepare those who obey them for events shortly to come upon the earth. Our prayer is that you develop a love for Jesus Christ **today!** We hope you embrace and eat His book, **the Bible**, keeping all of His Commandments, and bearing His testimony, the *prophetic gospel* to the ends of the world!

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# The Conflict's Conclusion: God's Remnant Church

## Daniel Chapter 12 – Part 3 [Based on verses 11, 12]



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