

# The 1335 Days In Prophecy

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# THE 1335 DAYS

**Have we possibly overlooked how some major prophetic events may unfold? How much longer until the woman goes into her place in the wilderness?**

Before addressing these and other questions please understand: HOW prophecy is fulfilled is **NOT** a matter of eternal salvation. Eternal salvation is a gift from God, which is the direct result of our willingness to yield to God's word and submit to God's Spirit in our lives. However, the understanding of end time prophecy may indeed make a difference in whether or not we experience physical deliverance from the time of tribulation which the Bible tells us is imminent. It is necessary to be reminded that God always expects us to be circumspect when analyzing how prophecy may unfold.

What is being presented here is not the only way these events may take place. There are many aspects of prophetic development cloaked in symbolism making it difficult to understand conclusively how prophecy will unfold.

Daniel 11 gives us a lengthy and detailed prophecy. Certain parts of this prophecy have already been fulfilled since Daniel recorded it. In chapter 11:40, we read about a time of trouble

like no other at the close of this age. The King of the North will come down and overrun the glorious land, entering into Egypt and Ethiopia. In chapter 12, when the King of the North comes, the archangel Michael will stand up and protect God's people. Then we read about a time of trouble such as was not since the beginning of the world and will never be again. This time of trouble is what Jesus Christ referred to back in the Olivet prophecy of Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. In Daniel 12:2-4 we read, *"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."* This is how the prophecy concludes. Verse 4 is a very important scripture, *"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end; [This is a reference to understanding the Word of God and also understanding prophecy.] many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

As far as knowledge being increased, this can be a reference to what has happened with civilization. Man is doubling his knowledge about every two years. It is incredible what has taken place in such a short span of time.

Verses 5-6 state, *"Then I, Daniel, looked, and there stood two others, one on this riverbank, and the other on that riverbank. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, 'How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?'"* Here, one angel was asking another angel when these wonders will finally cease. *"Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him that lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people (the two witnesses) has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished."* (Vs. 7) The NIV renders this, *"when the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things shall be finished. (NKJ) Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, 'my lord, what shall be the end of these things?'"* (Vs. 8) What is the final conclusion? In verse 9, *"And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel: [do not worry about it] for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."* God told Daniel that nothing contained within this scroll was of any benefit to him. He would be dead when all of these things take place. He was simply the instrument used to record this material. It is sealed until the time of

the end. Then he tells us in verse 10, *"Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."* Wickedness is action contrary to the law of God. The wicked are people not living by God's law. The wise referred to in Daniel 12:10 are wise individuals at the end of the age. God promises here in this verse that the wise will receive understanding.

In Psalm 111:10 we read, *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those that do His commandments."* We are told here that in order to be wise we are required to have awe and reverence for God. Wisdom imparts to us the ability to gain understanding from obeying God's commandments. Those who have wisdom fear the Eternal and do not treat their relationship with God lightly. We are told in Luke 14:26 if you come to Me, you must first of all love God above all else; father, mother, wife, children, even your own life. The wise are those who are doing what Luke 14:26 says. They are also zealous to obey and live by His word every day. We must live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). We have wisdom if our relationship with God includes; fear, awe, and respect and we are obeying His law.

In Amos 3:7 we are told, *"Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets."* The principle revealed in this verse show us that God provides

insight to His chosen people which He denies the disobedient. In Daniel 12:10, *"but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand."*

God says He has revealed His secrets to the prophets to record them, this is why we have this understanding today. God says there are certain secrets contained in the scriptures. These secrets are hard to find, because so many of them are cloaked in symbolism. God inspired the Bible to be written in this manner.

We now have the knowledge that God provides understanding of future events to His chosen people--those who obey Him. Now, lets address a couple of questions of major concern to God's people.

#### **WHAT PROMPTS THE START OF THE ANIMAL SACRIFICES IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND WHEN DOES THE FLIGHT OF THE CHURCH TAKE PLACE?**

These questions must be answered together in order to fully understand these end time events. First of all, we need to establish the fact that there will be actual animal sacrifices. God has given us very few signs that are as obvious as this one. The time of their beginning seems to reveal WHEN the flight of the Church is to occur. If there are no animal sacrifices it is very difficult to understand when the Church is to take flight. There are two simultaneous events mentioned in Daniel 12:11. It states, *"and from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away,*

*and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days."* Other translations say, *"from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, or abolished."*

Even though the word "sacrifice" is not used in the original, the translators are correct to insert it. The word "daily" in Hebrew is *tamid*. Throughout the entire Old Testament wherever the word *tamid* is used, it involves something that is a continual or a daily event. In Daniel *tamid* is used five times and every time it is relating to the continual burnt offering [the evening and morning sacrifice].

The second thing mentioned in Daniel 12:11 is the abomination of desolation. *"And from the time...the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days."* What is the abomination of desolation that is set up? In Luke 21:20, Jesus Christ reveals that the abomination which causes desolation is the army controlled by the beast, who is described in the book of Revelation. Luke 21:20 states, *"But when you shall see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its [Jerusalem's] desolation is near."* According to Jesus an army will surround Jerusalem, then shortly afterwards destroy it and the surrounding territory (Zechariah 14:1-2). To God, an army other than His own, is an abomination [it desolates], causes destruction and commits sin.

Now lets look at the timing of these end time events. In Daniel 12:11, we see that from the time that the daily sacrifice is stopped and

the army of the beast surrounds Jerusalem there will be 1290 days until the end of the wonders seen by Daniel in chapter 12:8. The 1290 days ends with the resurrection. With this information in place, God then adds some insight for the wise. He has told us there will be 1290 days from the time Jerusalem is surrounded by armies until the resurrection, then He says in Daniel 12:12, *"Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty five days."*

The first important point we need to examine in verse 12 is, *"blessed is he who waits."* The word waits in this verse is a pivotal word and means patience. God stresses that; His people at the end of the age must have patience.

In Matthew 24:10 Jesus talks about the need for patience and the various events leading up to the time of tribulation. He says, *"and then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another."* We have personally witnessed these things happening within the Church. Many of our friends and relatives [who were in the Church] have been offended or betrayed.

The fulfillment of verse 11, *"then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many"* is what started the events of the last few years. Understand, God allowed these things to happen. In verse 12, *"And because lawlessness will abound, [The specific emphasis is within the Church.] the love of many shall grow cold."* Jesus adds a direct reference to Daniel 12:12 here in Matthew 24:13, *"But he who endures*

*unto the end, shall be saved."* The context of this passage is **PHYSICAL** deliverance.

We have another scripture which ties directly to Daniel 12:12, as well as Matthew 24:13. In Revelation 3:10 *"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."* Notice there is a command to persevere. Jesus emphasizes there is a blessing upon those who wait, endure, persevere, exhibit patience and come to the 1335 days. In Daniel 12:12 the emphasis seems to be on reaching the beginning of the 1335 days. This is brought out in a number of other translations. The New Revised Standard translation states, *"Happy are those who persevere and attain the 1335 days."* The Moffatt translation states, *"Blessed is he who waits till he reaches the 1335 days."* The New American Bible translation states, *"Blessed is the man who has patience and perseveres until the 1335 days."* What is the blessing we receive upon reaching the 1335 days?

**IT IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHEN TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION THROUGH THE TRIBULATION PERIOD JUST AHEAD.**

Revelation 3:10 says, *"because you have kept my command to persevere, I will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world."* Because you have kept this command, I will keep you, protect you and see you through this horrible time that is to come.

This is a promise from God. Jesus Christ inspired Amos to write, *"Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets"* (Amos 3:7). He revealed to Daniel, one of His prophets, a key element called the 1335 days which begins 45 days prior to the 1290 days. Remember, both the 1290 days and the 1335 days end at the same time--the resurrection.

In Luke 21:19 from the Fenton translation, *"By your patience [this ties in with Matthew 24:13] you shall preserve your lives."* This scripture, without question, is directly related to Daniel 12:11-12.

In Luke 21:20 we read, *"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its [Jerusalem's] desolation is near."* What did we read in Daniel 12:11? *"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days"* [until the resurrection]. We are told when we see Jerusalem surrounded the 1290 days begin. Luke 21:21, *"Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart , [the Revised Standard version says, "inside the city depart"] and let not those who are in the country enter her."* This scripture makes it very clear that if you are in Jerusalem and see the city being surrounded by armies, taking up positions around the city's perimeter, get out. If you are in the countryside, do not come into the city thinking you are going

to find protection. *"For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people."* (Vss. 22-23) What group of people is this scripture talking about? The people who are still in Jerusalem and the surrounding territory of Israel! *"And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations"* (Vs. 24). Who? The people who are still in Jerusalem and the area around Israel. *"And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles,* [the armies, talked about in Daniel 11:41-45, that are allowed to come into the area] *until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled"* (Vs. 24). We are told in Revelation 11 about a period of 42 months, three and one-half years, 1260 days that Jerusalem is trodden down. It says let them which are in Judea flee when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies. In Matthew 24:15, *"Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation."* [The NIV says, *"the abomination that causes desolation,"* Luke tells us in chapter 21:20 it is an army that causes desolation.] *spoken of by Daniel the prophet, [he is talking about armies] standing [taking position] in the holy place,"* [God's chosen city, Jerusalem] *(whoso reads, let him understand)."*

Through Daniel, God reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets, and to His Church at the end of the age. The key to understanding the events He is about to describe is only found

in Daniel 12:12. The 1335 days is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible, except in Daniel.

He goes on in Matthew 24:16-20, *"Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let him who is on the housetop [roof of his house] not go down to take any thing out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant, and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath day."*

This is a reference to one geographic area of the earth. The Sabbath does not occur at the same time in all locations around the world. You must be in a specific place to fall within the time allowances talked about in this verse. In verse 21, *"For then there will be great tribulation."* We read the same thing in Daniel 12:1. Much of what is contained in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 revolves around what is recorded in Daniel 12. Jesus makes it clear we need to be familiar with what Daniel wrote because we are in the time of the end. The wise are to understand because the prophets have recorded the secret that God placed within the scripture. This secret gives us the keys we need to understand.

Please pay special attention here. In each account--whether we read Matthew 24, Mark 13 or Luke 21--the only place from which anyone is commanded to flee is Judea. Do we understand the significance of this? It does not say, you who are in North America, South America, or Asia. It says those who are in one specific area and that

area is Judea! Today we call it the land of Israel. That is the only location on the face of the earth from which God says we are to flee. The scripture clearly reveals something important in this regard. The Church has only one place in all the earth where protection will be provided during the time of trouble. In Revelation 12:14, please note, *"And to the woman [the Church] were given two wings of a great eagle [to hurry somewhere], that she might fly [go] into the wilderness to her place, [this is singular, it does not say places] where she is nourished [the NIV translates, "taken care of"] for a time, and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent."* The NIV says, *"out of the serpent's reach."* We find here the woman is given protection, but she is given protection in only one place. God tells us of the terrible consequences which must be suffered by those who are not in the place of protection. In verse 15, *"So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, [enraged with those that escaped] and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, [those who are left] who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."* Notice what it says. Those who are not in the place out of the serpent's reach can be destroyed by the devil.

There is only one place of protection--her place!

It becomes obvious that ONLY those who flee from Judea will arrive at the place God has prepared for the Church. This is the reason Jesus worded the scripture in this fashion. We must pay attention to every word of scripture in order to understand the point being made. The wise, who have been studying Daniel, will understand when the time is right to go to Judea. Why are the wise sure they must go to Judea? In order to flee from Judea, you must first be in Judea.

How will we know it is time to flee to Judea? Some speculate that God is going to send His people dreams or visions to let them know. This does not appear to be the situation because Jesus has given us a warning in Mark 13:23. Jesus says, *"But take heed; [be careful, listen closely] see, I have told you all things beforehand."* Jesus says He has told us all things beforehand. Everything needed up to the point where the Church flees from Judea has been revealed beforehand.

When did He reveal the time to go to Judea? Remember the blessing associated with the 1335 days of Daniel 12:12. The 1290 days mentioned in verse 11, end with the resurrection. Therefore the beginning of the period of blessing must precede the 1290 days by 45 days. What is this blessing? This blessing is that the wise will receive the protection talked about in Revelation 3:10, *"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to*

*test those who dwell on the Earth."* With the amount of understanding presently available, the only event prompting the time of flight which can be deduced from the circumstances in Daniel 12:11-12 is the beginning of the animal sacrifices. If there is a key event, this is the only one given which reveals when to flee to Judea. If there is any other key, God has not yet revealed it.

The animal sacrifices are stopped at the beginning of the 1290 days when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies. There are no continual animal sacrifices taking place today in the land of Israel. In order for the sacrifices to be stopped, as Daniel 12:11 demands, they must first be started. The only indication in scripture as to when the sacrifices begin is in Daniel 12:12, *"blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty five days."*

This brings us back to the question we posed originally. What prompts the start of the animal sacrifices? It is obvious that the Israelis could not perform sacrifices today, on the temple mount, without incurring an all out war with the radical elements of the Islamic world. The sacrifices would not be allowed to proceed one week without having Islamic forces supported by U.N. troops surrounding the nation of Israel. There would be all out war in less than 45 days.

Something out of the ordinary must precede the animal sacrifices that would at least stall any retaliation for a period of 45 days. Scripturally there are two possible scenarios.



## THE FIRST SCENARIO

The first scenario which could signal the beginning of the 1335 days would be **LOCATING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND MOVING IT TO THE TEMPLE MOUNT**. There are articles in circulation claiming the Ark has already been located. According to Jeremiah 52 there is no scriptural support for the Ark being removed from Jerusalem at the time when all of the Temple fixtures were removed. Neither is there historical evidence so indicating. The Ark is located somewhere in or around Jerusalem. All of the Temple utensils needed for the sacrifices have already been identified, re-created and now located in Jerusalem. It seems foolish to go to all of that trouble without having the Ark of the Covenant. It appears that certain people who claim to know the location of the Ark are correct. This would be privileged information handed down to those descendants of Aaron who would be in line to be the high priest now living within the Jewish community.

After the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark* [even though it was released about twenty years ago], nearly everyone in the world is familiar with some of the Ark's background. The Jews will not be bashful or reticent at the time of its unveiling. There is a passage in Jeremiah 3 indicating the Ark will reappear. If indeed this scenario is correct, it will be brought out with great fanfare. In Jeremiah 3:15 God makes this statement, "*And I will give you shepherds [pastors] according to*

*My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.*" The time frame here is after the return of Christ and the Millennium has begun. Verse 16, "*Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,' says the LORD, 'they shall say no more, The Ark of the Covenant of the LORD.' It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.*" God is saying they are not going to talk about the Ark after Christ returns. People do not talk about the Ark today. So, why is this scripture here unless it plays a pivotal role in the end time events?

The Philistines were terrified when the Ark was brought into the camp of the Israelites in the days of Eli (I Samuel 4). To the Philistines the Ark of the Covenant represented the God of Israel, which wiped out the Egyptians. Just as the Philistines were terrified and stood back when the Ark came into the Israelite's camp, the Islamic world and the radical descendants of Esau, will also stand back for awhile. The Philistines eventually attacked, but they paused for a while. They stood off and watched before they decided to go ahead and attack. The history of the Ark could cause those who will attack Israel to delay and allow the full 45 day period.

## THE SECOND SCENARIO

The second possible scenario which could prophetically bring about the beginning of the 1335 days would be **THE APPEARANCE OF THE**

## **FALSE PROPHET ON THE WORLD SCENE.**

If a man comes calling fire down from heaven, the religious element in Israel will demand sacrifices. In Revelation 13:11 John tells us about a major prophetic event, *"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and spoke like a dragon."* This is a counterfeit religious system. Verse 12, *"And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."* This is a dual passage revealing both the false Church and an individual [the false prophet]. It becomes clear as we read verses 13-14 *"He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of [the NIV says, "on behalf of"] the beast; telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by a sword and lived."* The second beast mentioned here is the false prophet that causes people to worship the first beast.

The only Biblical figure who ever called fire down from heaven was Elijah. There was a confrontation between him and the prophets of Baal. Elijah prayed and fire came down and devoured the altar. In another account the King of Israel wanted Elijah arrested, Elijah called fire down from heaven twice and devoured the soldiers who came to apprehend him. God has

not given anyone, but Elijah, the ability to call fire down from heaven. Even during this end time event God will not give this ability to the false prophet. This individual, as scripture says, is empowered by the dragon, Satan the devil. The Jews today are looking for Elijah to come prior to the arrival of the Messiah, because of a prophecy in Malachi 4:5, *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."* The Jewish community looks at this verse and sees that a man, Elijah, must precede the coming of the Messiah. They are looking for an individual who comes doing what Elijah did.

When this imposter, this false prophet mentioned in Revelation 13, does come on the scene, many Jews will initially be deceived. Jesus said in Matthew 24:24, *"For false Christs, and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."* Jesus says that only the very elect, His chosen people, will not be deceived by this individual who God says must come. The Jewish community is not the very elect. **THEY ARE NOT GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE.** The religious Jews in Israel will insist that the time has come to build an altar when this man comes calling fire down from heaven. In their minds it will be time to begin the sacrifices so the Messiah can come. A physical temple is not required. Ancient Israel used a tabernacle [a tent] which they carried with them for hundreds of years.

It does not really matter whether the Ark

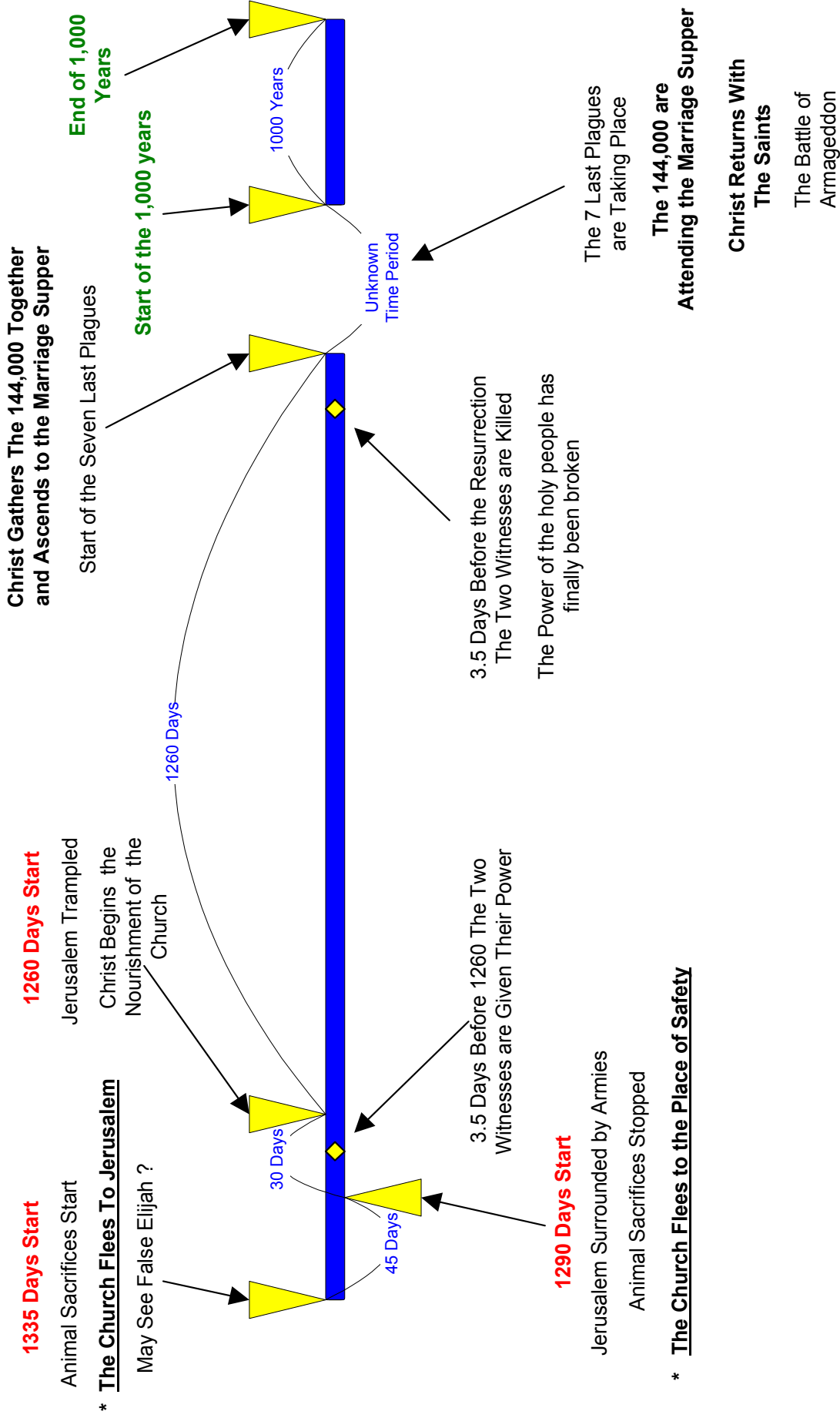
is involved, or not, because when the false prophet comes calling fire down from heaven, the Jews would identify him with Elijah and begin the sacrifices. If the enemies of Israel believe this man is the resurrected Elijah, which no doubt he will confirm, they will not be too hasty to put a stop to the offerings on the Temple Mount. This would allow 45 days of uninterrupted sacrifices.

As stated earlier, only two scenarios are scripturally supported. Either one would conceivably keep the Islamic forces at bay long enough for the 45 days to elapse before the beast rises and brings his armies to Jerusalem. In either case the false prophet will deceive the Jews in Israel into believing he is the prophesied Elijah.

If the false prophet appears after the sacrifices begin, given the first scenario, many will claim God sent him because of the sacrifices. If he appears before the sacrifices begin, then he will be the catalyst the religious Jews use to start initiating the sacrifices which begin the 1335 days.

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## The Resurrection



## The 1335 Days Timeline