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Today's Study: "Prophecies 10 & 11 - Part I"

Hello! I'm Larry Wilson.

This is Webinar #13 discussing my book, "Jesus' Final Victory."

Today's presentation concerns "Prophecies 10 & 11" This is part I.

For reasons that will be discussed later on, we will examine these two prophecies together.

To make the best use of our time, I assume that you have already read Prophecies 10 & 11 in my book, Jesus' Final Victory.

Incidentally, if you don't have a copy, you can download a free copy at www.wake-up.org (click on the red button titled Topical Studies).

My motto for this webinar series is simple:

"The more you know about apocalyptic prophecy, the more you will benefit from it."...Prophecy 10 is found in Revelation 12:1-6.

Prophecy 11 is found in Revelation 12:7-14:5

I would like to explain how Prophecy 10 and Prophecy 11 are separated from each other.

When John wrote the book of Revelation, he wrote it without inserting any chapters or verses. The original text was basically a long letter. In the early 13th century, books of the Bible were divided into chapters and in the 16th century, chapters were further divided into verses so that people could quickly find or refer to any sentence in the Bible.

You need to know that the book of Revelation was not divided into chapters and verses by the prophet John. You need to know that the chapters and verses we have in our Bibles today are artificial and arbitrary. These divisions were put in place for practical reasons.

You may be wondering, why is this information important to know?

Here's the reason: When God revealed the book of Revelation to John, God divided the book into 12 prophecies, but God did not tell anyone about this.

For the past 2,000 years, people have been trying to figure out the book of Revelation without realizing there are 12 prophecies and each prophecy has a starting point and an ending point in time.

This knowledge could not be known until the book of Daniel was unsealed.

(In fact, the book of Daniel was written in the same way. The book of Daniel has five prophecies in it and each prophecy has a beginning point and an ending point in time!)

What is the result of knowing there are a total of 17 prophecies in Daniel and Revelation?

Answer: Chronological alignment.

Every student of apocalyptic prophecy has to determine the starting and ending point of each prophecy in Daniel and Revelation before he does anything else!

Earlier, I made the comment that:

Prophecy 10 is found in Revelation 12:1-6.

Prophecy 11 is found in Revelation 12:7-14:5

How can I say this? Did I merely make it up?

No.

Do you remember Rule One? "Each apocalyptic prophecy has a beginning point and an ending point in time and the **events** within each prophecy occur in their given order."

A---B---C---D---F

This rule defines 17 prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. This is how we know where Prophecy 10 and 11 are located.

Let's assume that Rule One is not valid. What is the result?

Chronology and order:

A---B---C---D---F
A--B--C--D--E

becomes Chaos:

E--N--D--L--E--S--S--
I--N--T--E--R--P--R--E--T--A--T--I--O--N--S--

Rule One forces Prophecy 10 to begin with 12:1 and end with 12:6 and Rule One forces Prophecy 11 to begin with 12:7.

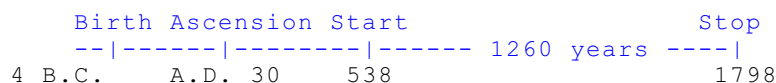
Let's take a look at the process:

Rev 12:4 **[event]** The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born .

Rev 12:5 **[event]** She gave birth to a son, a male child, **[descriptor]** who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And **[event]** her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

Rev 12:6 **[event]** The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. [538-1798]"

Events mentioned thus far:



Good Question:

If the chronological order of events in 12:6 and 7 is broken and this creates a new prophecy, why doesn't the same thing happen in Revelation 13:5 and 6?

The answer may surprise you!

Answer: There is an important difference between **an event** and **its descriptor**.

Rev 12:6 and 7 contain two **events** which do not **chronologically** follow each other.

Revelation 13:5,6 does not contain events. These verses contain **descriptors**!

Notice how this works:

Events:

Rev 12:6 The woman fled into the desert . . . for 1,260 days. . . .

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven. . . . **Descriptors**

Rev 13:5 [**Descriptor**] The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God [**during the 42 months**], and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven."

We need to back up to see how events and descriptors work together:

Rev 12:7 [**Event**] And there was **war in Heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. . . .

Rev 12:13 [**event**] When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the Earth, **he pursued the woman who had given birth** to the male child. [538-1798]

Rev 12:14 [**Descriptor**] The woman **was given** the two wings of a great eagle, so **that she might fly to the place** prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of **for a time, times and half a time**, out of the serpent's reach.

A [**descriptor**] amplifies and/or explains an event.

Notice how the **descriptor** explains Lucifer's attack on the woman:

Rev 12:15 Then from his mouth **the serpent spewed water like a river [near the end of the 1,260 years]**, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.

Rev 12:16 But the earth helped the woman [**near the end of the 1,260 years**] by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 [After the 1,260 years ended] [**Event**] Then the **dragon was enraged** at the woman and went off [disappeared] to make war against the rest [**remnant or last**] of her offspring -- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus."

The devil failed to destroy the woman during the 1,260 years and this made him furious.

For 1260 years Lucifer tried everything possible to destroy the woman, but she survived.

Note: God did not allow Lucifer and his angels to persecute the woman. The devil had to use a human **agent**. For 1,260 years, Lucifer's agent was the papacy.

In 1798, when the power of papacy was broken by Napoleon, the devil went into a demonic rage. The devil was forced to admit defeat and he retreated, but do not be deceived.

Since 1798, the devil and his demons have been preparing for a final assault on [the remnant](#) of the woman.

How will he do this?

Answer: He will work through an agent.

The devil used the papacy (the little horn) to persecute the people of God for 1,260 years and he failed.

The devil will use Babylon (the composite beast) to persecute the people of God for 42 months and [he will temporarily succeed](#) in destroying "the holy people." (Daniel 12:7)

Since 1798, we have been living in a "cease fire" -- a period of time between the fall of the little horn in Daniel 7 and the rise of Babylon in Revelation 13. Today, we enjoy religious freedom, the Sun is shining and the birds are singing... but be on the lookout.

Wake Up! A mighty hurricane of persecution is about to break out on God's people and the irony is that most Christians will not believe it!

The Christian world is full of delusional thinking.

Of all people, Christians are not studying or preparing for the final conflict that lies ahead. Christians are sound asleep and they do not want to be awakened by someone yelling "Wake Up!"

The devil did everything possible during the 1,260 years of the Dark Ages to destroy the people of God and some 50 to 60 million people were put to death in Europe because of their determination to obey God. Their rebellion against the authority of the papacy cost them their lives.

But the devil and his agent were unable to destroy God's people during the Dark Ages because God sustained his people.

At the end of the 1,260 years, the devil retreated. But the devil and his demons have **not** been on a vacation. They have been diligently getting prepared for battle with God's saints, preparing for the final assault on them.

Look around the world, what do you see?

2 Tim 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2 Tim 3:2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2 Tim 3:3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

2 Tim 3:4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--

2 Tim 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

The devil has prepared the world to pounce on those who love truth and righteousness.

This coming assault will last 42 months and it will be horrible.

And yes, most (2/3?) of God's people will perish as martyrs during the Great Tribulation. (Fifth seal)Hand / Glove Question

If a man puts his hand in a glove and he hits you really hard, what causes the pain? The hand or the glove?

Point: Lucifer hit hard when Baby Jesus was born. Herod was Lucifer's glove (agent).

Lucifer hit the woman really hard for 1,260 years. The Roman Catholic Church was his glove (agent).Lucifer will hit the saints very hard during the Great Tribulation and his glove will be the composite beast, Babylon (agent).

I want you to understand this: The devil and his army of demons are ready. The four angels holding back the wrath of God are ready.

Both teams are merely waiting for permission.

Jesus is also waiting -- for the appointed time to arrive.

The appointed time has not yet come, but it is very very close. . . I believe the Great Tribulation could begin at any time, surely less than two years???

Christians are generally unaware of Lucifer's coming assault.

For that matter, Christians are generally unaware of God's coming wrath (the seven trumpets).

Summing it up: Most Christians are in the dark and totally unprepared.

Let's see.... what are Christians doing on the eve of their destruction?

Going through the routines of life as though time will endlessly continue. Let's put this in perspective:

There is nothing wrong with washing dishes. This is a chore that has to be done.

But washing the dishes is meaningless when a tornado is headed toward your house. There is nothing wrong with taking care of life's routines, challenges and responsibilities as long as we remain focused on the important things, as long as we remain diligent, sober and thoughtful.

1 Peter 4:7 "The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."

Spending time in prayer and studying God's Word **right now** is of the utmost importance! Jesus warned:

Luke 21:34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and **the anxieties of life**, and that day will close on you unexpectedly **like a trap**."

Luke 21:35 For it will come upon **all** those who live on the face of the whole earth."OK, let's go back to the chronological order in Prophecy 11:

There was war in Heaven and the devil was cast out....

The dragon chased the woman to the desert...

The dragon spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth to destroy the woman....

The Earth helped the woman....

Rev 12:17 [After failing to destroy the woman during 1,260 years of persecution] the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest [the last, the remnant] of her offspring-- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus."

Rev 13:1 And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea [waiting for his agent to rise up from the sea]. [Event] And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. [This event that has not yet happened] [Descriptor] He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

Rev 13:2 [Descriptor] The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority [so that he might persecute the saints through this agent].

Rev 13:3 [Descriptor] One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. [Event completed in the past.] The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.

Rev 13:4 [Descriptor] Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

Rev 13:5 [Descriptor] The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 [Descriptor] He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

Rev 13:7 [Descriptor] He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

Rev 13:8 [Descriptor] All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Rev 13:11 [Event] Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. [Descriptor] He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

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Now that we examined how **events** and **descriptors** work, the answer to the original question is simple.

In Revelation 12:6,7 the chronological order of **two events** is broken -- thus a new prophecy begins.

In Revelation 13:5,6, the chronological order of **events** is not broken because verses 5 and 6 are descriptors describing the power and actions of the composite beast.

Making any sense?

The 1,260 Days

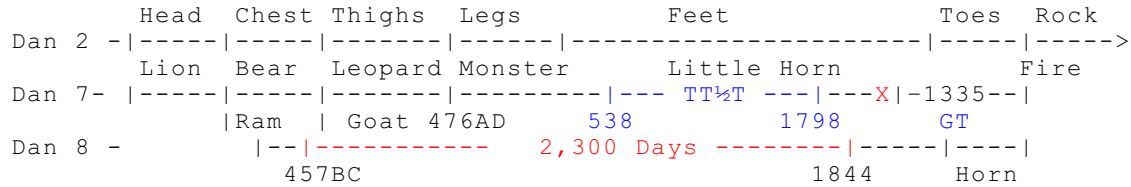
Something else needs our consideration:

Prophecies 10 and 11 perfectly align with a prophetic time period established in Prophecy 2.

This time period is affirmed **three times** in Bible prophecy.

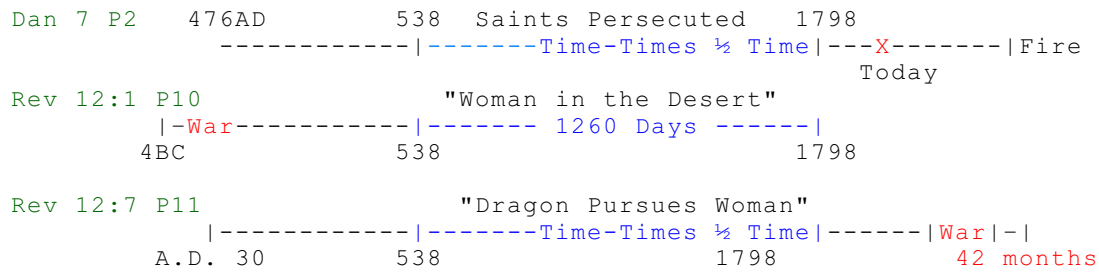
This time period is so large that it cannot be moved, overlooked or dismissed as unimportant. Notice the Big Picture:

Not Drawn to Scale



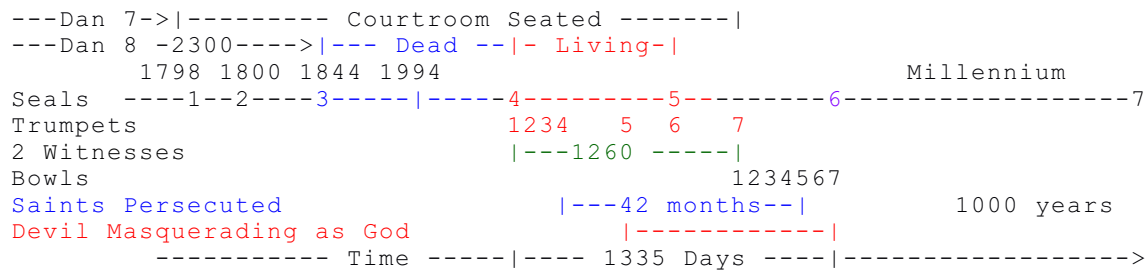
Now align Prophecies 2, 10 and 11:

Not Drawn to Scale



Now, look at the big picture and notice the harmony of the time-periods when Rule 4 (the Jubilee Calendar) is used:

Not drawn to scale:



Now that we have looked over the 1,260 years, the 2,300 years, the 1,260 days of the Two Witnesses, the 42 months allotted for Babylon and the 1,335 days allotted for the Great Tribulation, I have three questions for you!

Why does God want us to know about these time periods?

Do these time periods require "time study?"

Does this information really make a difference?

Three considerations:

1. First, when God repeats Himself **three times**, we can be sure that the matter is very important.

I believe that God has affirmed the 1,260 years **three times** to assure us that He has not forgotten or ignored the plight of His children and His use of precisely defined time-periods in apocalyptic prophecy indicates that **long ago, He set an appointed time** for Christ's return.... down to the **very day!**

God reminds us **with 18 prophetic time periods** in apocalyptic prophecy that even though the fulfillment of Christ's promise to return has taken a long time in human regenerations, **God has not forgotten us.**

Time has not been ignored or lost -- our "Great-Father's clock" is steadily and relentlessly ticking off the hours, days, months and years and when the appointed day arrives, all that God has said He will do -- will be done.

If the Bible teaches anything, it teaches that we can bank on God's attention to timing.

2. Let's see if this second consideration will make any sense:

During the 1,260 years of the Dark Ages, no one knew they were living in the Dark Ages.

No one knew or properly understood the 1,260 years -- when they began and when they would end -- until the time came for them to end.

Then suddenly, around 1750 and onward, there was considerable agreement among various Protestants in Europe and the United States that ~1798 marked the end of the 1,260 years.

When the French Revolution took place and Napoleon put the pope in exile (February, 1798), this act eliminated papal authority over Europe in general and France in particular.

As a result, the 1,260 years granted to the Little Horn came to an end. The papacy received a deadly wound (that will be healed in days to come).

(This is an amazing mechanism: On or about the time of prophetic fulfillment, God sees to it that searching people understand the fulfillment of His Word. Remember the wise men who were looking for the birth of Messiah? Remember William Miller?)

Therefore: Prophetic time periods such as the 2,300 years and the 1,260 years were not given for the benefit of those who lived during those days. No!

The benefit of understanding these time periods belongs to the final generation (a generation of indifferent, rebellious, hard headed and fickle people). This brings us to the third consideration:

3. Why does God want the final generation to know about these huge time periods?

God wants the final generation to know that even though His purposes have taken thousands of years to come about, He is on-track and on-time. There is a plan and there will be an end. The end is coming and it is very near.

Even though the passage of centuries suggests that time will endlessly continue, this IS NOT the case! Do not fall into this fatal trap!

Jesus warned:

Mat 24:43 "But understand this: If the owner of the house had known **at what time of night** the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. Mat 24:44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man **will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

Peter wrote:

2 Pet 3:3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

2 Pet 3:4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

2 Pet 3:5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

2 Pet 3:6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

2 Pet 3:7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Pet 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord **is not slow** in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."

So, why are these time periods found in apocalyptic prophecy?

Long ago, God foreknew the final generation would be highly **resistive** to any claim that Jesus was coming **soon**. God foreknew the final generation would be preconditioned by the failed predictions of their great-grandparents, grandparents and parents.

Many Christians have lived and died all believing that Jesus would return in their day, but it did not happen.

So, what has God done to tell the final generation that they are the last generation?

What has God done to help the final generation overcome its natural skepticism?

He put 18 prophetic time periods in apocalyptic prophecy so that the final generation could overcome their "wolf-wolf" conditioning and disbelief.

This is why there are 18 time periods found in apocalyptic prophecy.

Finally, what difference do they really make?

The 18 prophetic time periods in apocalyptic prophecy are chronological "mile-markers" telling us the end is very near. They are powerful reminders that at this present moment, Jesus and Lucifer are closely watching the clock.

The appointed time of the end is almost here.

Jesus is timely and highly interested in His children.

Lucifer is prepared for his final assault on God's people.

Yes, it is true. The better you understand apocalyptic prophetic, the more you will benefit from it!

In the time remaining, I would like to highlight a couple things about prophecy 10.

Prophecy 10 reveals two essential facts in a mere six verses. First, in broad strokes, it chronicles [the passage of time](#) -- eighteen centuries -- from the birth of Jesus in 4 B.C. down to 1798.

Second, Prophecy 10 speaks volumes about the character and actions of Lucifer.

This is important:

Most Christians believe there is a devil, but few have carefully studied his clever and determined efforts.

For many people, the devil is a mythical "bogey man," but nothing could be further from the truth.

At one time, Lucifer was the highest and brightest of God's angels.

Lucifer was given awesome powers and abilities that would boggle our minds if we knew all of them.

When Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, God did not remove Lucifer's powers. Instead, He limited them or Lucifer would have trashed the whole universe!

Why is this important to know?

Some Christians unintentionally derail the purpose of Prophecy 10 by taking Lucifer out of the picture. The focus on Lucifer's glove instead of Lucifer.

For example, some Christians want to make King Herod and papal Rome the key players in Prophecies 10 and 11 and this should not be done.

Jesus Himself and Lucifer himself are the central characters in these two prophecies.

The woman (God's people) and the agents of Lucifer's gloves (Herod and papal Rome) are [secondary](#) to the story.

Notice how this works:

". . . . The dragon (Lucifer) stood in front of the woman (God's people) who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child (Jesus) the moment it was born." (Revelation 12:4) Before the world was created, Jesus and Lucifer became protagonists. Lucifer hated Jesus and his hatred and subsequent rebellion caused God to expel Lucifer from Heaven.

Here's the point: Lucifer and Jesus were engaged in conflict thousands of years before Jesus was born of Mary and this fact explains the devil's intense effort

to destroy Baby Jesus at birth.

The Second thing you should understand:

By now, you know that during the first four trumpets, a crisis government (the leopard-like beast called Babylon) will quickly rise to power.

When this government rises to power, the devil will take control of it. He will give Babylon its great power, authority, and throne.

" . . . The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority."
Rev 13:2

How will Lucifer's actions be detected?

Lucifer will use the religious and political leaders of the world to carry out his warfare against "the remnant of the woman."

Lucifer will use evil people (like Herod) to accomplish his objectives.

Jesus will permit the devil to exercise great influence over Babylon during the Great Tribulation because the 144,000 will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the will of God.

By putting obedience to God within a context of persecution, the wheat will be separated from the chaff. God's people will be like the evergreens in winter -- they clearly will stand out!

Lucifer's efforts through Babylon will be challenged by Jesus' efforts through the 144,000. A sharp contest over right and wrong will result.

Lucifer is a demon, a predator with no heart or concern for anything other than himself. He will do whatever he can to destroy God's purposes and God's people.

Jesus said:

John 14:29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.