

In Daniel's 70 Weeks, we saw that 69 of those weeks were really 69 weeks of day-years that were fulfilled at the cross.

Since that is the prophetic time system the Lord used in one part of Scripture, wouldn't we need scriptural authorization to change it if we ran into prophetic days somewhere else?

Wouldn't it be poor theology to leave a divinely ordained system that we can show works and try to interpret "days" in some other way, particularly since that would go against God's declaration, "I give you a day for a year"?

Of course. So to stay in line with Scripture, we should at least look for historic day-year fits for the rest of the prophetic "days" in Scripture.

Let's imagine ourselves on the Isle of Patmos in the 1st century, looking at the world about us through the eyes of the Apostle John as he writes Revelation. It is now about 100AD.

Jerusalem fell 30 years earlier and the beautiful 2nd Temple was torn down to bedrock. "Not one stone stood upon another," just as Jesus had foretold.

The demolition of the temple was so complete that even the memory of its exact location was lost. Then, except for a short-lived temple of Jupiter, God's temple site remained in rubble for about 600 years.

Then in 649AD, Jerusalem fell to the Moslems.

In 685AD, the Muhammadan governor of Jerusalem, Abd el Malik ibd Marwan, cleared the temple mount to bedrock. He used the local people to do so, including the Christians and Jews still living in the city.

On the exposed bedrock, they found two solid rock promontories within 300 ft. of each other. The one to the south they named "as-Sakhra."

Over as-Sakhra they built the Islamic memorial, the Dome of the Rock, construction beginning in 688AD.

1290 Hebrew day=years of Daniel 12:11 from the abolition of sacrifices in Daniel's day to the Dome of the Rock (688AD).

Over the other promontory (an unusually flat stone to the north and slightly west of as-Sakhra), a little, unimposing cupola was constructed they aptly named "The Dome of the Spirits," or "The Dome of the Tablets."

Having no science of archaeology during those days, guess what?

The Muslims built the Dome of the Rock on the wrong rock!

The rock they built that dome on, "As-Sakhra," has no historic or spiritual significance whatever. The Dome of the Rock is right in the middle of what was once the court of the Gentiles.

Even ceremonially unwashed Canaanite slaves were allowed into the court of the Gentiles. You didn't have to be a priest, or a Levite, or even a Jew to go there.

The House of the Lord, where only the sons of Aaron could enter, stood over that little flat rock some 300ft north of where the Dome now stands.

We know exactly where the temple stood because of holes (spaced on the sacred cubit) drilled in temple mount bedrock. (Documentation: "Foundation stone for the Ark of the Covenant Identified" Biblical Archeology Review, March-April, 1983)

The sacred cubit could be used only in the temple itself, and these holes pinpoint the exact location of the House of the Lord.

The Kodesh ha-Kodeshim, the Holy of Holies, was directly over that little flat rock 300 feet North of the Dome.

But is knowing its location important? You bet it is. If the Moslems had not built on the wrong rock, it would be impossible for the following quote to be fulfilled:

Rev 11:2 "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."

"Leave out the court . . . it has been given to the Gentiles!" The Dome of the Rock is in the court, and it is a Gentile structure.

Then we read that the city of Jerusalem itself would be under Gentile control for 42 months. Farfetched as it may sound, could those 42 months be months of days that should be looked at as years?

It was day=years in the Old Testament, and there is no Scripture anywhere that does away with that interpretation so let's try for a historic fit using day=years.

On the 6th day of June, 1967 (at the end of the Six-Day War) Jews again controlled their Holy City for the first time since the Dome of the Rock was constructed in 688AD.

"and they [the Gentiles] will tread under foot the Holy City for 42 months?" 42 months x 30.44 gives us roughly 1278.5 days:

1967AD (Jerusalem freed) - 1278.5 = 688.5AD . . . and the Dome of the Rock!

Bulls eye! In the 1290 days of Dan 12, the Lord took us from the abolition of sacrifices in Daniel's time (583BC), to 688AD and the Abomination that makes Desolate, the Dome of the Rock.

Then in the 42 months of Rev 11:2, the Lord shows us the accuracy of that interpretation. He takes us from the restoration of Jerusalem in 1967, right back to 688, and the Dome of the Rock.

We come to 688, and that abomination, right to the year, from both directions.

As a result, from the Lord's view, the central event to take place in Jerusalem during the time of the Gentiles was the building of the Abomination of Desolation on the footstool of His feet.

And it is not just the numbers that work. Look at how this fits the very words of Scripture:

- (1) "Abomination set up."
- (2) "Leave out the court."
- (3) "Holy city tread under foot for 42 months."

This many factors coming together can't be just another numerical and verbal fluke, can they?

Jerry Landay in his book, *The Dome of the Rock* (Newsweek, New York, NY, 1972) p. 18, records that when Khalifah Omar entered Jerusalem in 639AD, he was met by Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church, who showed him through the city.

Seeing the temple mount (then in rubble), Omar declared that he was going to build a memorial to Muhammad on the original site of the temple of God.

Sophronius exclaimed in horror, "Verily, this is the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the

prophet, and it now stands in the holy place.”

Though Sophronius was a very old man of about 80, Khalifah Omar put him in prison and to forced manual labor, the rigors of which killed him. So understanding the Dome of the Rock as the abomination that makes desolate is not new.

That truth has been with us for over 1300 years. Somehow, the church has forgotten the prophetic words of Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church.

There are several more day=year historic fits that support the same conclusions. To deny them all would be statistical and intellectual suicide . . . or as Jesus said to Paul, "How long will you continue to kick against the goads (i.e., the truth)"

End of Study

The room is now open for discussion.