

Method of Interpretation

When I look back at the Old Testament, it appears that God's prophets foretold events that were relevant to the people they were addressing, they had fulfillment in human history to which the people could relate. Did we understand them at the time? Of course not, because God's prophecies are not like a Ouija board, given to foretell the future, but given to show us (in hindsight) that God knew what the future would be before it happened.

It is apparent that Hosea was written to the northern kingdom of Israel to foretell to its people what their future would be after they were deported from their land by the Assyrians in 725-721 B.C.. Hosea appears to be about the **total future** of the people of Israel from their deportation into the Caucasus Mountain region until their restoration to the holy land in 1948 A.D., a fulfillment of Bible prophecy impossible to see before 1948.

In like manner, Daniel was written to foretell to Judah what their future would be while the holy land (particularly Jerusalem) was being controlled by the ancient world empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and their decedents (*Daniel 2&7*). Daniel prophesied the **total future** of the Jewish people from the beginning of the Babylonian captivity in 606 B.C. until the freeing of Jerusalem from Gentile control in 1967 A.D., another fulfillment of prophecy impossible to see before time.

Now God is the same "yesterday, today and forever," so it seemed unreasonable to me that the Lord would change His prophetic method in the New Testament. So was Revelation fulfilled by 70 A.D. as Preterist believe or was it only about the last seven years of the Christian era as Dispensationalists believe? Neither seemed to fit with the rest of prophetic Scripture, so I began looking at the possibility that Revelation was in the process of being fulfilled throughout the Christian era.

And what do we find? Revelation 11:2 was indeed fulfilled by 1967 and Revelation 12:6 was fulfilled by 1948. Daniel takes us from the abolition of sacrifices in his time to 688 A.D. and the construction of the Islamic Dome of the Rock on God's Temple mount. Then Revelation 11:2 and 12:6 take us from 1948 and 1967 back to 688 A.D., the Dome of the Rock. Now I'll accept a coincidence once, but three times over 2500 years? Give me a break, the numbers are inarguable!

But how important is this truth? Well, right in the middle of Revelation we find prophecies that were fulfilled during the Christian era, proving beyond reasonable doubt that the Dispensational and Preterist views are false doctrine.

Concerning a 1335 "days" of Daniel 12:12. Using the same starting point as the 1290 days (the abolition of sacrifices during Daniel time), the 1335 "days" were fulfilled in 732 A.D. at the Battle of Tours. How blessed indeed that the Lord gave victory to Charles Martel at this battle, because if God hadn't done so, Christianity could have been wiped from the face of the earth. A contemporary account of the battle follows:

CHRONICLE OF ST. DENIS: "The Moslems planned to go to Tours to destroy the Church of St. Martin, the city, and the whole country. Then came against them the glorious Prince Charles, at the head of his whole force. He drew up his host, and he fought as fiercely as the hungry wolf falls upon the stag. By the grace of Our Lord, he wrought a great slaughter upon the enemies of Christian faith, so that--as history bears witness--he slew in that battle 300,000 men, likewise their king by name Abderrahman. Then was he [Charles] first called 'Martel,' for as a hammer of iron, of steel, and of every other metal, even so he dashed: and smote in the battle all his enemies. And what was the greatest marvel of all, he only lost in that battle 1500 men."

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