

Want to talk about the prophetic "days" in the Bible?

Well, a prophetic day for a year concept isn't new; it was an accepted understanding of the reformation church. Look at these quotes:

". . . a thousand two hundred and threescore days, which, reckoned according to prophetic language, means as many years" The AnaBaptist theologian, Thieleman J. van Braght, July 31, 1659

In the 18th century, Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Whole Bible, Vol VI, p1157, col 1, par I & II said as follows:

"A thousand two hundred and three score days . . . if the beginning of that interval could be ascertained, this number of prophetic days, **taking a day for a year**, would give us a prospect of when the end should be."

But where did these theologians get the day=year idea? From Eze 4. In these verses, God gives them the scale by which we should measure prophetic days . . .

Ezek 4:6 . . . and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee **each day for a year**.

And we can prove prophetic day = year from known history and Daniel 9:

Dan 9:25 . . . from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.

In 444BC Artaxerxes I (a Medo-Persian king) gave the decree to restore Jerusalem and rebuild it's walls, as recorded in Nehemiah 2:1-8.

Seven weeks + three score and two weeks are 69 week's. When we plug them into history we see that they are actually 69 seven's of years or  $69 \times 7 = 483$  Hebrew years

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off (i.e., killed), but not for himself:

So 483 Hebrew years after the Artaxerxes decree, Messiah was going to be killed.

483 Hebrew years (476 Solar years) - 444BC = 32AD and the Cross, right to the year!

(Hebrew years have only 360 days so OT day=year prophecies have to be converted to solar years to fit western historic dating)

So the day = year principle can be positively proven from the 69 weeks, and since they can, then the 1290 days of Dan 12:11 should also be years unless God changed the day=years definition somewhere between Daniel 9 and Daniel 12,

Guess what, He didn't, so the 1290 days of Dan 12:11 also have to represent years.

Dan 12:11 "And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days."

So when were sacrifices abolished in Daniel's time?

Well, the temple was destroyed in 586BC, however, we can prove from Scripture that sacrifices continued after that date . . .

Jer 41:4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it* . . .

*That was almost a year AFTER the temple was destroyed.*

Jer 41:5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves,

with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.

So temple sacrifices were still taking place AFTER the temple was burned, but for how long?.

Jer 52:30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons.

Nebuchadnezzar took the last of the nobles and priests at that time, and that halted sacrifices. His 23rd year was 583BC, the final captivity of the Jews. So lets look at that verse in Daniel again . . .

Dan 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.

1290 Hebrew years = 1271.5 of our historic years.

1271.5 + 583BC = 688.5, the exact year the Moslems started building the Dome of the Rock on God's temple mount in Jerusalem.

And what did that verse say it would be? The abomination that maketh desolate.

Ergo: the Dome of the Rock is the abomination that maketh desolate ! ! ! ! !

That is not creative theology, folks, it fits the exact Bible text and it fits history to the year.

The importance of that abomination in God's eyes can also be supported from Revelation 12:

Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

So who is the Woman? Well, from a like figure in Gen 37:9 it is obvious that the woman is Israel.

Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

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Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.

The ascension of the Lord Jesus who now sits at the right hand of the Father.

Rev 12:6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

From Ezekiel the wilderness is the Gentile nations. The Jews could not worship on the temple mount after 688AD and they were driven to live among the Gentile nations.

It doesn't take rocket science to figure this one out.

The Dome of the Rock was constructed in 688AD. The new nation of Israel was established in 1948AD  
688AD + 1260 day-years = 1948AD and the EXACT year the new nation of Israel was established.

Now those are historic facts that nobody can refute. Consequently, we no longer have just an interesting end-time theory, but a provable prophetic doctrine.

Do you remember that the temple mount is "the footstool of God's feet forever"? Well, by those exact and detailed prophecies, God is showing us what an abomination that memorial to THE false prophet in God's eyes.

But there is another verse in Revelation that shows the same picture.

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.

The 42 month of Rev 11:6 can also be understood as day=years. 42 months is 1278.34 days and Jerusalem was freed of Gentile domination in 1967AD as a matter of historic fact.

1967 - 1278.34 = 688AD and the Dome of the Rock again !!!!!

Though there are several more, how many exact historic fits do we need to show that day = years is the correct understanding for prophetic days?

Remember the futurist position? Well those day=years are used to support the 7 year trib scheme, but now we can see what those prophetic days really mean.

What's more, we can also see these prophetic days were not fulfilled by 70 AD, and that puts an end to Preterism and replacement theology. And "therein lies the rub" for many, as Shakespere would say it. <smile>

Those day = years also show that new Israel is central in God's plans today, and that God has not forgotten His old temple mount, the footstool of His feet, nor has He forgotten the abomination that now trespasses there.