

THE TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DAYS

1. What did Daniel say at the close of chapter 8 concerning the vision of that chapter? Verse 27, last clause.
2. What part of Gabriel's commission then remained unfulfilled?
3. At the conclusion of Daniel's prayer, in the ninth chapter, who again appeared to him? Verses 20, 21. Note 1.
4. What does Gabriel tell Daniel he has returned to him for? Repeat verse 22.
5. Repeat verse 23. When does Gabriel tell Daniel he had received the commandment to come to his assistance? For what does he again say he has now come? What does he tell Daniel to consider? What vision? Dan. 8:26.
6. How much of the 2,300 days does Gabriel say was to be allotted to Daniel's people, the Jews? Verse 24, first clause.
7. Repeat verse 25. What event does the angel say would mark the beginning of this great prophetic period?

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8. How many years from that event does the angel say would reach to Messiah, the Prince? - Sixty-nine weeks - 483 prophetic days - 483 literal years.
9. What three decrees constitute "the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem"? Ezra 6:14. Note 2.
10. Read carefully Ezra 7:11-28. What is the date of this royal commandment to restore and build Jerusalem? See date in margin of Ezra 7. Notice that the fifth month, Jewish, would be in the autumn, according to the modern calendar.
11. Beginning in the autumn B.C. 457, to what date do the 483 years reach? - To the baptism or anointing of Messiah the Prince, in the autumn of A.D. 27. Mark 1:10, marginal date.
- Proof: To 456 $\frac{1}{4}$ years before Christ (B.C. 457, autumn)
Add 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ years after Christ (A.D. 27, autumn), which totals 483 years.
12. How much remained, then, of the period allotted to the Jewish people? - One week, or seven years, reaching to A.D. 34.
13. What was to take place during this week? What in the midst of the week? Verse 27. Note 3.
14. Beginning in the autumn of B.C. 457, when

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would the entire 70 weeks, or 490 years, allotted to the Jews, terminate? - A.D. 34.

Proof: To 456 $\frac{1}{4}$ years before Christ (B.C. 457, autumn), add 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ years after Christ (A.D. 34, autumn), which totals 490 years.

15. Did the gospel cease to go to the Jews exclusively in A.D. 34? See Acts 8:1-5, 25 (date in margin).

16. Beginning in the autumn of B.C. 457, when must the whole period of 2300 years terminate? - The autumn of 1844.

Proof: To 456 $\frac{1}{4}$ years before Christ (B.C. 457, autumn)
Add 1843 $\frac{3}{4}$ years after Christ, (A.D. 1844, autumn)
Total, 2300 years

17. What event was looked for in the autumn of 1844?
- Students of prophecy looked for the second advent at that date, when they saw that the prophetic period would be fulfilled.

18. What two events had they confused? - The cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary and the destruction of the earth by fire at the second coming of Christ. (Future lessons will explain.)

NOTES

1. Since the vision of chapter 8 was in the last year of Belshazzar, and the prayer of the ninth chapter in the first year of Darius, who took the throne on the death of Belshazzar? The time between the chapters need not have been more than a few months, or even weeks.

2. Since it takes the commandments of Cyrus (B.C. 536—Ezra 1), of Darius (B.C. 519—Ezra 6), and of Artaxerxes (B.C. 457—Ezra 7) to constitute "the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem," it is apparent that we must date from the last one, since the "commandment" was not complete until Artaxerxes' decree was issued.

3. In the midst of this last seven-year period, or week, just three and a half years from the autumn of A.D. 27 when Jesus was anointed the Christ at His baptism, He was crucified (the spring of A.D. 31), thus causing the sacrifices to cease.