

The End of Time Bible Study

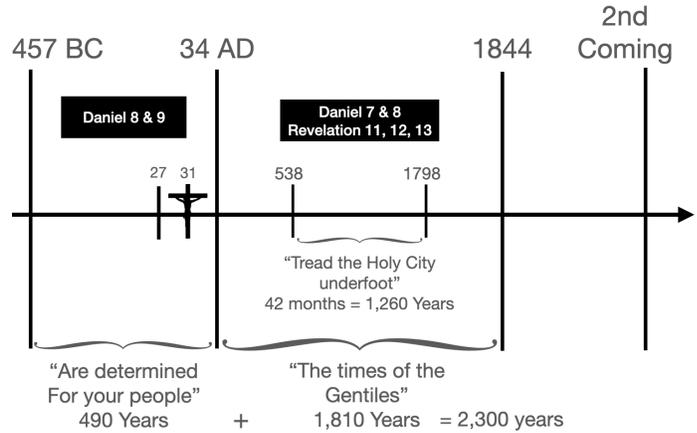
Night #6

Review:

Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book

—Letter 158, 1906

Note: The prophecy of Revelation 11 gives us a view of what will happen at the end times in the cities.



Timeline from last week

Verse 1: The measure of God’s people in both dispensations. First the Isrealites (ending with stoning of Stephen) and finally the world (starting in 1844)

Verse 2: The time when God’s truth is trodden under foot for 42 months (1260 years, 538-1798)

Verse 3: The Bible (two witnesses) will prophecy during the time of God’s truth being trodden under foot.

Verse 4: The Bible (two witnesses), which is given power by the Holy Spirit (Olive Trees)

Verse 5-6: The judgments that fall upon those who reject God’s law. Nothing can be added or removed without consequences.

Verse 7: The attack and killing of the Bible by secular humanism (beast from the bottomless pit) near the end of the 1260 years - French Revolution

The Steps to Revolution

Step 1: Reject the Bible and truth & accept human tradition.
France: January 21, 1535.

“France by a solemn and public ceremony was to commit herself fully to the destruction of Protestantism.

In a solemn service, the monarch appealed to his subjects to reject protestantism. “Tears choked his utterance, and the whole assembly wept, with one accord exclaiming, ‘We will live and die for the Catholic religion!’

“A solemn oath to extirpate heresy was taken in the great cathedral.”

– Great Controversy pg. 229

January 21, 1535

- St. Bartholomew’s day massacre
- Persecution across France.

Step 2: Trust in religion is shattered

“If God had delivered such a pernicious divine justice while the faithful were in the midst of their devotions on All Saints’ Day, had the Almighty not forsaken them? “Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city?” Ibid 23

“What benevolent God would bury thousands of innocent souls beneath ruins, stir up the sea to swallow bystanders, and spread an all-consuming fire, and to what end? Moreover, why would he do so in Lisbon, a city of such demonstrable religiosity and devotion?”

November 1, 1755

- New atheistic foundation forms.
- France: High taxes, inflation, famine, economic breakdown
- Deep polarization in government.
- Conspiracy theories run rampant

Step 3: Open Revolt - Execution of Monarch.

January 21, 1793

Revelation 11:7-10

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make _____ against them, overcome them, and _____ them.

Question: When was the Bible and Christianity outlawed during the French Revolution?

Answer: _____

On November 26, 1793, the Council of the Commune outlawed all religions, including Christianity, except for the worship of Reason.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called _____ and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Question: What do Sodom and Egypt symbolize?

“No monarch ever ventured upon more open and high-handed rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt. When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh prod answered, “Who is Jehovah, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I _____ not Jehovah, neither will I let Israel go.” This is _____; and the nation represented by Egypt would give voice to a similar denial of the claims of the living God, and would manifest alike spirit of unbelief and defiance.”

Answer: _____: The rejection of God and His Authority.

Question: “Our Lord Crucified...”

“And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the _____ of these My brethren, you did it to _____.” – Matthew 25:40

In no country had the truth encountered more bitter and cruel opposition. In the persecution which France had visited upon the confessors of the gospel, she had crucified Christ in the person of His disciples.

– The Great Controversy pg 271

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies _____–and–a–half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

Question: What does a day equal in Bible Prophecy? _____

Ezekiel 4:6

Question: 3 1/2 days = how many literal years? _____

Question: What happened at the end of the 3.5 years?

Revelation 11:11, “Now after the three–and–a–half days the breath of _____ from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Question: When did this happen?

November 26, 1793 + 3 1/2 years = May/June 1797.

Question: What happened in June 1797?

Answer: Law passed by the “Council of Five Hundred” on 17th of June 1797

- That all citizens might buy or hire edifices for the free exercise of religious worship.
- That all congregations might assemble by the sound of bells.
- That no test or promise of any sort unrequired from other citizens should be required of the ministers of those congregations.
- That any individual attempting to impede, or in any way interrupt the public worship should be fined, up to 500 livres, and not less than 50; and that if the interruption proceeded from the constituted authorities, such authorities should be fined double the sum.

- That entrance to assemblies for the purpose of religious worship should be free for all citizens.
- That all other laws concerning religious worship should be repealed.

“The Church and the Bible had been slain in France from November 1793, till June 1797. The three years and a half were expended, and the Bible, so long and sternly repressed before, was placed in honour, and was openly the book of free Protestantism!”

George Croly, The Apocalypse of St. John or Prophecy of the Rise, Progress, and Fall of the Church of Rome; The Inquisition; The Revolution of France; The Universal War; and the Final Triumph of Christianity (London: C. & J. Rivington, 1827), 180-181.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Question: What is this referring to?

“With blasphemous boldness almost beyond belief, one of the priests of the new order said: ‘God, if You exist, avenge Your injured name. I bid You defiance! You remain silent; You dare not launch Your thunders. Who after this will believe in Your existence?’”

One of the ceremonies of this insane time stands unrivaled for absurdity combined with impiety. The doors of the Convention were thrown open to a band of musicians, preceded by whom, the members of the municipal body entered in solemn procession, singing a hymn in praise of liberty, and escorting, as the object of their future worship, a veiled female, whom they termed the Goddess of Reason. Being brought within the bar, she was unveiled with great form, and placed on the right of the president, when she was generally recognized as a dancing girl of the opera.... To this person, as the fittest representative of that reason whom they worshiped, the National Convention of France rendered public homage.