## **DANIEL AND THE 1260 DAYS**

Greetings! It is the last day of November. The fourth Thursday of each November, America observes Thanksgiving, a day of acknowledging and expressing gratitude in remembrance to Almighty God in thanksgiving and prayer for His faithfulness and blessings. The Jews began observing the month of Kislev two days earlier than the true calendar (observed new moons) and this year began their traditional celebration of Hanukkah two days ago on the same day as America's national holiday of Thanksgiving observance. I do not personally keep Hanukkah, because Hanukkah is not a Biblical holy day, or a commanded assembly. It is a Jewish tradition kept by those who desire to keep it and it is not pagan. But it is certainly not a spiritual or Biblical command.

We gratefully remember the profound faith and uncommon courage of the Pilgrims who chose to brave that historic voyage in the *Mayflower* to the "new land" to worship in freedom. In the midst of tragic events, hardships, disease epidemics, famine, non-English speaking hostile natives and harsh winters, they prayed boldly *for their every need* and God made abundant provisions for deliverance. One of the native Indians, Squanto who was English speaking, was prepared (divinely) to be the settlement's translator and teacher and perhaps played the largest part in the physical and economic survival of "New England" and our forefathers. By October 1621, the Pilgrims had great gratitude for their renewed health, for the abundant harvest, and for the peace they enjoyed with the Indians.

Governor William Bradford declared that Plymouth should hold a thanksgiving festival and invite the Massasoit as their special guests. The men of the settlement hunted and fished to make sure there would be enough food. The Indians along the Atlantic coast were accustomed to celebrating the harvest—with what they called the *Green Corn Dance*; they thought the Pilgrim festival must be the white man's version of this observance. So when Massasoit and his men arrived at Plymouth, they too went to the woods and seashore to gather food. The menu was impressive with variety and plenty. Before beginning to eat, prayer was offered to God who had so clearly and miraculously led them. Though the Pilgrims had suffered much, God had blessed them abundantly and they sincerely offered Him their thanks and praise. They were at peace with Chief Massasoit and his Indian tribe for decades.

*Jerusalem Connection* (1.30.13)—"For the first time –"and never again—the first day of Hanukkah will be celebrated on Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November. Since the Jewish calendar is based on a 19 year cycle (when a "leap month" is added – seven times – to the shorter Jewish year) and Thanksgiving is part of a seven year cycle, they coincide every 133 years. However, Thanksgiving was formally adopted by President Lincoln in 1863, and therefore it could not coincide with Chanukah 133 years ago, in 1861. Moreover, due to the moving gap between the Jewish lunar calendar (with 29-30 day months) and the general Gregorian solar calendar they will not coincide before the year 79,811." These days are not God's holy days. What is important for us is to obey God and keep his holy days (appointed times) not those of men. We do not keep Christmas which is man-made. We do not keep Easter which is a perversion of the Passover. Nor do we keep the world's Pentecost which is Whit Sunday, (because it is based upon the world's pagan Easter Sunday) which churches keep seven weeks later after Easter Sunday (because they do not know any better) and call it Pentecost. We do not go by that. The Bible, which we go by, says we are to count Pentecost from the day after the Passover (first day of Unleavened Bread), not from Easter Sunday. People do what makes them feel good.

People are generally rebellious, stiff-necked and stubborn and want to do what pleases them, especially Israel. They do not want to do what God says to do. **Proverbs 14:12**—"There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The way to please God is to live according to his word and His commandments. **Matthew 19:17**—Christ said to the rich young ruler, "If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Some years ago I wrote an article on "Hanukkah and the Abomination of Desolation" which are in a sense tied together. The observance of Hanukkah goes back to the Maccabees rebellion against king Antiochus Epiphanies of Assyria whose armies conquered Jerusalem, Israel and invaded the temple. Debauchery of the temple and pig sacrifices were performed offered on the altar of God and any having the Torah in their possession or found reading the Torah were condemned. Three years after the temple was invaded, the Jews revolted under the direction of Judas Maccabeus and defeated the Assyrians in a great battle driving them out of Jerusalem. The Temple was then cleansed and they held a festival of rededication in the month of December (Kislev) which has become known as *Hanukkah* and begins on Kislev 25 and lasts eight days and nights.

According to a <u>Talmud</u> legend, the Temple was purified and the wicks of the menorah miraculously lasted for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day's lighting; the exact time it would take to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the Menorah. The Menorah has eight candles for each of the eight days of Hanukkah. It just so happens that it falls around the same time as Christmas, so it is no surprise that Jews and non-Jews often think of Hanukkah as the Jewish Christmas and they even go so far as to adopt some of the Christmas traditions, including the giving of gifts and decorating.

Hanukah, called Feast of Lights (or Dedication) is observed by the kindling of the lights of the nine-branched <u>Menorah</u>. (Hebrew: הרונמ menorah) which is, a nine-branched candelabrum lit

I found great exception with the following quote in an article on the internet: "In the Gospels, Messiah Y'shua paid special tribute to the holiday by attending a Chanukah celebration at Solomon's Porch at the Holy temple." John 10:22-23, where we read-"And it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication (Hanukah), and it was winter. And Y'shua walked in the temple in Solomon's porch." That's all the scriptures say about it. After the Feast of Tabernacles was over that year mentioned in John 7:37 which records Jesus teaching in the temple:"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." After Christ healed the man who was blind from birth (John 9), that winter he was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch and it was the season and time of Hanukkah. It does not say he observed Hanukkah. It does not say he participated in it. What I gather from that, was that Jesus was there but it does not say he spoke or talked to them about Hanukkah, just that he happened to be there looking and observing—looking on at the time. Yet, he said nothing about it. In John 7 it says He spoke to the Jews on the Last Great Day of Tabernacles and during the Feast of Tabernacles he taught the Jews. The writer goes on to stretch John 10 and states: 'By participating in Chanukah the Messiah placed his approval upon the holiday." I take great exception to this ridiculous statement that says Christ participated in the dedication and put his approval upon Hanukkah, when the scripture only states that Christ just happened to be walking there. Being a bystander, does not mean that you are participating.

Then the writer says, "Today, Chanukah is traditionally honored by lighting a nine-branched menorah, dreidels are spun, latkes are fried, families gather, and small gifts are exchanged in remembrance in remembrance of Judah and the Maccabees." "<u>Christianity and indeed the world owe recognition to the Maccabean revolt</u>. <u>If there was not Chanukah then there could have been no Jewish Messiah</u>." I also take exception to this **bending of the truth**. **The fact is**: the Jews rebelled against Antiochus Epiphanies, and God gave them victory over the Assyrians so they were thrown out of the land of Judea 165-164 B.C. during the days of the Maccabeus revolt. And indeed if God had allowed the Jews to defeat the Assyrians the whole world would have been Hellenized.

Letter--After reading the September- October (2103) issue of Prophecy Flash, Richard Markland expressed some of the following thoughts in his letter. "I feel the deep sense of urgency expressed in the Prophecy Flash that is not expressed in other publications I have read. It makes sense out of the government shutdown and its absurdity. We arrived at our point of no return when Obama was elected and reelected. The level of deep frustration and anger in society is now one step above animal behavior. Former values that America once stood for morally, economically, socially, militarily and politically are rapidly deteriorating. It is frustrating to witness the insanity and drastic changes occurring in America. It is no longer the America I have known. Where is the sense of urgency? Complacency has overtaken and consumed it. Few are those who recognize what is wrong and who will risk speaking out willingly to fulfill the responsibility of the "watchman" in **Ezekiel 33**. The messenger will be attacked and the message rejected. It will be more difficult for people to change the deeper they sink into the government system of Revelation 13 and 17. When America becomes fully entrenched with a full-fledged dictator, every individual considered an enemy of the state - political, religious, and dissidents of the system-will be silenced, eliminated, or guillotined, and the Bible banned. The blood of those who are willing to stand up to the beast system will be on the hands of those governmental leaders pushing Satan's agenda.

"Led and ruled by an American Pharaoh that is cunning, narcissistic, obstinate, and incapable of telling the truth and who is determined to push his socialistic agenda on America at all costs; his true agenda is going to become very personal. Transparency is what the American people were promised, but instead they have received the exact opposite. Obama Care –"The Affordable Healthcare Plan" forced upon the American people — has nothing (*or very little*) to do with providing affordable health care, but will provide the government a way of controlling the masses as it dictates and oversees. No one will escape surveillance of the iron fisted rule to come. National enslavement looms on the horizon followed by invasion by enemies from abroad described in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. What you state in *Prophecy Flash* is needed more than ever. Don't stop warning people the way you are. While few people are going to make the necessary changes by repenting, people will remember what's been written or said when they experience the very events at which they have scoffed. My prayers continue for you and Cappy and everyone who is involved in the work you are doing."

We are warning the world of what is coming. God has commanded us to do that. In **Ezekiel 33:1-7**—<u>Notice what God says</u>, and <u>I take this very seriously</u>. "Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, when I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he sees the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet and warn the people; then whosoever hears the sound of the trumpet and takes not warning; if the sword come, and take away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that takes warning shall deliver (save) his soul." *Think about the people of America and Great Britain*. "But if the watchman see the sword come and does not warn people, he is taken away in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand**. So you, O son of man, I have made you a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me." Paul said, "I am duty bound to preach the gospel." I have a command preach the

gospel—the Good News of the kingdom. Warning people for God is what prophets and apostles do. Studying, searching, analyzing, praying over and evaluating the information found is a necessary mental process to understand and grow spiritually. No person can predict the future exactly unless God himself gives the understanding. The basic overall message is to repent and change and return to God. Then He will accept us. The danger is coming and the watchman is to see the danger and blow the trumpet. This is what I have been doing for years. Ezekiel was one of those called to be a watchman.

**Hosea 4:4 -6**—God says, ""Let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest (or minister). Therefore, you shall fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother." *They don't want to listen to him. They just want to argue with him.* They are contentious, so they fall. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, so that you will be no priest to me: seeing **you have forgotten the law of thy God**, I will also forget your children." Ignorance is no excuse. God wants us to study his word and learn his ways.

**2 Timothy 2:15**—"Study to show yourself approved unto God." We are commanded to study, not take things for granted. Recent TV street interviews on Fox News TV and elsewhere of young people of college age and older are asked simple questions like who is the Vice President? or who is Joe Biden? They don't know! They do not know the names of who the leaders are or the location of other countries. They would fail a test on Geography because of ignorance. Since as an adult they don't know these things, how much less do they know about the Bible and the word of God? Ezekiel 33:18-19—"When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and does evil he will die for it. But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live because of it."

**Ezekiel 33:30-33**—"As for you, son of man, your countrymen are talking together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, saying to each other, 'Come and hear the message that has come from the Lord.' My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. Indeed, to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice. *When all this comes true—and it surely will—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.*" **1 Thessalonians 5:3**—"While people are saying, 'Peace and safety!' destruction will come upon then suddenly, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape." The people were warned, and the warning was true, and they will find themselves in the middle of captivity and the things around them destroyed.

These things came upon our ancestors 3,500 years ago. Our forefathers were living in Egypt. **Genesis 47**—Joseph, Prime Minister of Egypt under Pharaoh, had invited them to come. Joseph settled his father and brethren in Goshen the best part of the land, in Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. Jacob and his entire family and all his seed with him, seventy in all, had gone there to escape a severe famine in Palestine in the land of Canaan. Joseph had been made second in command of Egypt after interpreting Pharaoh's dreams that no one in his kingdom was able to do, plus Joseph suggested a wise solution of how to handle the coming situation. "God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout

the land of Egypt, but seven years of amine will follow them. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, is because the famine that follows it will be so severe. The reason the dream was given in two forms is because the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon." The advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the Spirit of God?" To Joseph, he said: "You shall be in charge of my palace and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

Joseph appointed officers over the land, to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, do that the country may not be ruined by the famine. The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe throughout the world. Egypt was the super-power in that generation.

**Exodus 1:6-10**—"In time, Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them." There were several million of them in the space of about 240 years. Israel had it wonderful in Egypt at first. Pharaoh was pleased that Joseph had interpreted his dreams given by God and had warned him of the coming seven years of famine upon Egypt, and had given wise advice and plan for gathering, storing, and providing food for all of Egypt. Verse 8—"Then a new king caner to power in Egypt who did knew not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the people of the children of Israel have become too numerous for us; come we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country'."

The story of how Israel became slowly enslaved and <u>became bond servant slaves</u> in Egypt under Egyptian task masters is told in the book of *Jasher* (The Book of the Upright). The book of Jasher is referred to in the Bible in Joshua and 2 Samuel. It is noted as a historical reference of the things that happened in those days. Let's read this historical reference of what happened to our fathers in Egypt and how they wound up being slaves. Jasher 65:1( page 194) "It came to pass after these things that all the counselors of Pharaoh and all the elders of Egypt came and assembled together before the king, bowed down and sat before him. The counselors and elders said to the king, "Behold the children of Israel are greater and mightier than we are, and you know all the evil which they did to us in the road when we return from battle."

This is what they were referring to. The sons of Esau had invaded Egypt and fought the Egyptians, and the Egyptians asked the Israelites to come and go to battle with them to fight off the children of Esau. When the children of Esau struck, the Egyptians ran leaving the battle to be fought by the Israelites. Israel were so angry at the Egyptians, when in some cases they found an

Egyptian, they said "O another Edomite" and slayed the Egyptian. Because of that treachery, the Egyptians did not trust the Israelites after that even though they (the Egyptians) were the ones who flew from the battle. So, they said to Pharaoh, "Give us counsel of what to do with them until we gradually destroy them from among us, lest they become too numerous for us in the land."

Verse 7—The king said, "This is the plan devised against Israel of which we will not depart. The cities of Python and Ramses are not fortified against battle. It behooves you and us to build them up and fortify them. First, cunningly, go forth toward the Israelites and proclaim a voice in Egypt in Goshen the command of the king: 'All you men of Egypt in Goshen, Pathros and their inhabitants, the king has commanded us come to Python and Ramses, to build and fortify them for battle. All of you, amongst all of Egypt -the children of Israel and all the inhabitants of the cities who are willing to go up with us to rebuild the cities, shall each have his wages.' While you are building, cause a proclamation to be put out throughout Egypt every day at the command of the king, and when some of the children of Israel come to build with you, give them their daily wages for a few days. After they have built with you for their daily hire, draw yourselves away from them daily one by one in secret. Then you shall rise up and become their task-masters and officers and you shall leave them afterwards to build without wages. Should they refuse, force them with all your might to build. Then when you have them, take away the money and make them work just for food and lodging. If you do this it will be well with us and strengthen our land against the children of Israel. On account of the fatigue of building and the work which they do, they will decrease, because you will deprive them of their wives day by day. All heard the counsel of the king and it seemed good in the eyes of the servants of Pharaoh, and they began to do it." The Israelites were to be gradually brought into slavery, by enticing them with promises and distribution of wealth then take it away.

"All the children of Israel came out to participate in the labor force for wages and payment. But none of the children of Levi came with their brethren to build." This was the tribe that became the priests of Israel. All the servants of Pharaoh came at first with deceit to build with all Israel as daily hired laborers. Israel was given their daily hired wages at the beginning. Verse 21— "The servants of Pharaoh built with all Israel and were employed with Israel for a month. At the end of the month all the servants of Pharaoh began to withdraw secretly from the people of Israel daily, and Israel went on with the work at that time, but received their daily hire because some of the men of Egypt were carrying on their daily work with Israel. Therefore, the Egyptians gave Israel their hire in those days in order that they, their fellow Egyptians might also take pay for their labor. At the end of a year and four months, all the Egyptians had gone from the children of Israel, so the children of Israel were left engaged in the work alone."

"After all the Egyptians had withdrawn from Israel, they returned and became oppressors and officers over them. Some of them stood over the Israelites as task-masters to receive from them all that they gave them for the pay of their labor." **Verse 28**—"All the children of Israel were engaged alone in their labor, and the Egyptians refrained from giving them any pay to the children of Israel from that time forward. When some of the men refused to work on account of the wages not being given to them, the exacters and servants of Pharaoh oppressed and smote them with heavy blows. They made them return by force to labor with their brethren. Thus did

the Egyptians to the whole children of Israel all the day. And all the children of Israel were greatly afraid of Egyptians in this matter and returned and worked alone without pay. They built Python and Rameses. Some making bricks, and others building walls and they fortified all the land of Egypt working many years until the time the Lord remembered them and brought them out of Egypt. But the children of Levi, were not employed in the labor force with their brethren, from the beginning until the day of their going forth out of Egypt. For all the children of Levi knew that the Egyptians had spoken all these words with deceit to the children of Israel." *They saw the deception and lying promises.* Therefore, the children of Levi refrained from approaching to the work with their brethren.

**Verse 35**—"All the hands of the men of Egypt were directed with continued severity against the children of Israel in that work. They made them work with rigor. The Egyptians embittered the lives of Israel with hard work, mortar and bricks and all manner of work in the field. They called the king of Egypt, "*Maror" which means bitterness* because he embittered their lives with all manner of work. All the work wherein the Egyptians made the children of Israel labor, they exacted with rigor in order to afflict the children of Israel. But the more they afflicted the children of Israel, the more Israel grew and the Egyptians were grieved because of the children of Israel." In the days of Moses the children began to cry out to God for a deliverer, and God heard them.

History is now repeating itself as we come to the end of this age when America is coming under the power of another powerful and tyrannical government of oppression. This is all revealed in the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation. Daniel talks about the great end-time kingdom that is rising up which is going to dominate the earth and modern Israel. This kingdom incorporates the nations of the world. Daniel speaks of the four beasts (nations) that are going to rise up in the end time (verses 3-8).

- The *first* is like a lion that had eagle's wings. This one is the United States and Great Britain (Ephraim and Manasseh). Eagle's wings typify our missile and air power.
- A *second* beast rose up like a bear that had three ribs in its mouth. The bear represents the empire of Soviet Russia.
- The *third* beast is like a leopard with four wings. The leopard is an animal of Africa and pictures the Africans or the Muslim nations coming together with four major parts—king of the south. These four parts could very likely be Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Libya, and another one could be Tunisa, but mainly Africa.
- Then a *fourth* beast rose up, dreadful and terrible, strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth and nails of brass. It was diverse from all the beasts before it, and it had ten horns. There came up among them another little horn, before who there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and behold in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth that spoke pompous words.

Verses 9 -10—"I watched until the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery steam issued and came forth from

before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times the thousand stood before him: the judgment (Day of Judgment) was set and the books were opened."

This last beast kingdom then, replaces (encompasses) the other three kingdoms (lion, bear and the leopard) and has all the characteristics of the lion, bear and the leopard put together in a world kingdom which is being put together now before our very eyes. **Daniel 7:21**—I looked and beheld, "The ruler over this kingdom, the *same little horn* that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was more stout than his follows, made war with the saints, and prevailed against them. Until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

Verses 23-25—"The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. The ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise after them; and he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. He shall speak great words against the most High and persecute the saints of the most High and intend to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until <u>a time and times and the dividing of times</u>."

There is often duality in Bible prophecy. Someone pointed out to me in a letter this week an amazing thing about Daniel 7:25 that I just read. She writes from Holland (The Netherlands): "I was studying Daniel 7and reading the commentary on verse 25 in <u>Adam Clarke's Commentary</u>. I was very surprised to see his comments on this verse. Adam Clarke said: "If we knew precisely when the Papal power began to exert itself in an anti-Christian way then we could at once fix the time of its destruction. The end is probably not very distant. It has already been grievously shaken by the French. In 1798 the French Republican Army under General Berthier took possession of the city of Rome and entirely superseded the Papal power. This was a deadly wound, though at present it appears to be healed; but it is not skinned over, and a dreadful cicatrice (to heal by forming a scar) remains. The Jesuits, not Jesus, are now the Church's doctors (leaders). If the papal power, as a horn or temporary power be intended here, which is most likely, and we know that that power was given in 755 to Pope Stephen II by Pepin, king of France, counting one thousand two hundred and sixty years from that, we are brought to A.D. 2015." "What do you think of this?"

I find this very interesting. I had read over that and did not realize that commentary by Adam Clarke even though I've owned a Clarke's commentary since 1959 that I bought as a student from the college book store. I have used it many, many times. Years ago I found a statement in Clarke's on Daniel that talked about the cavalry armies of Alexander the Great crossing the Granicus River into Asia Minor and defeating the Persian army in 334 B.C. and Daniel 8 says how long shall be the vision, to which the angel replies—2300 days, evenings and mornings. Adam Clarke went on to explain that a day is a year, so counting 2300 years from 334 B.C. when Alexander conquered the Persians it brings you to 1966 when the temple would be restored as the prophecy says. I showed this to Dr. Hoeh who was having supper with us in our home, and mentioned that Adam Clarke was only one year off, Clark forgot there is no year zero so a year has to be added which makes it a year later and that is 1967. It was the year of the Six Day War of Israel with Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. Israel captured the Golan Heights, the Jordan River, the old City of Jerusalem, <u>and the Temple Mount</u> was restored to the Jews, 2300 years from the year

Alexander crossed the Granicus River and had his first great victory over the Persian Empire. That is an amazing fulfillment of prophecy. Dr. Hoeh said he had read that in Adam Clarke's Commentary and was aware of it, but commented no further. Here, I was trying to get the Church to read and accept the prophecy's fulfillment and got ignored even though I sent letters on this to every evangelist in headquarters. Yet, only Dr. Hoeh admitted just to being aware and only one other evangelist, Leroy Neff replied, stating he found the information interesting, but he did not have time to look into it.

This reminds me of what Governor Felix said to Paul (Acts 24: 22-26) after hearing Paul concerning the faith in Christ and the gospel. And as Paul reasoned of righteousness, self-control, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, "Go your way for this time; *when I have a convenient season, I will call for you*"—I don't have time now. Felix never did come around. Here is another example in Adam <u>Clarke's Commentary</u>, **Daniel 7:25**, page 595, until "a time and times and the dividing of time." Verse 25 says the little horn shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall **persecute the saints** of the most high and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. The Roman Catholic Church has been a great persecutor of the saints, ever since it was restored to power by king Pepin of France (Pepin was the father of Charlemagne). From that time on there was a great revival in Europe with the Charlemagne Empire and the Austrian Empire, and the German Empire under Otto Van Hapsburg the Great, followed by Napoleon's Empire.

Adam Clark wrote this astounding prophetic information in 1825 A.D., 189 years ago. Now we are coming up to 2015, the second year of the blood-red moon. Coming in 2014 and 2015 there will be two blood-red moon eclipses. One will occur at Passover in 2014 and the second one is to occur at the Feast of Tabernacles. Christ said there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars prior to the coming of the Son of Man. These are signs in the heavens. This 1260 year period from the rising of king Pepin and his endorsement of the Catholic political power in Europe until the end of the 1260 years is 2015 A.D., just two years from now. Could that be the year of the Great Tribulation? Or the year when the Roman Catholic Church is destroyed as a historical reference and the Pope begins the new world religion under Pope Francis who is changing the laws of the Catholic Church regarding homosexuality and endorsing it, endorsing abortion—those are the trends of the modern Roman Catholic Church under Pope Francis. He is changing times and laws himself.

Another commentary that I use a lot is the Jamison-Faucett-Brown Commentary: Critical, Experimental and Practical. Page 423, under Daniel 7:25. "The seven symbolical times of the Gentile monarchy Leviticus 26:24 during Israel's casting off will end in the seven years of Anti-Christ. The 1260 years of papal misrule in the name of Christ may be represented by three and one-half years of open Christianity and persecution before the Millennium." Revelation 11:3— "Witnessing churches may be succeeded by witnessing individuals—the former occupying, the longer the latter shorter period." In other words, the church bears witness up until that final 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, then they are put out of commission, and the famine of the word endured, but that is when the two witnesses stand up to preach for the final 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years right up to the coming of the Messiah. Their death would precede the Messiah's coming for only about three days. "754 A.D. is the most likely date when the dominion of the pope began by king Pepin's grant. King Pepin of France, was crowned by Pope Stephen II (III) in 754 A.D. When the pope was threatened by the Lombards of northern Italy, Pepin led an army that defeated them (754-55). He ceded to the pope, territory that included Ravenna and other cities. This grant, called the *Donation of Pepin*, laid the foundation for the Papal States. This grant was ultimately confirmed by Charlemagne. It was then that the little horn plucked up the three horns which began the prolongation of the fourth secular kingdom. This brings us down to <u>about</u> 2000 A.D." Adam Clarke counted it out and gave us the date of 2015 A.D. Jamison-Faucett-Brown Commentary started the count with 754 A.D. as the most likely date. Adam Clarke Commentary said it was 755 A.D. Either way, whether 2014 or 2015 another prophecy from Daniel is being concluded in our day, right before the coming of the Messiah.

If Jamison-Faucett-Brown is right, then from that point we can expect the final 3 ½ years and the witness of the two witnesses which brings us to the years of 2018- 2019. That is fascinating. Here it is in a commentary written in 1825. Adam Clarke had understanding and insight. He also said the 2300 days would end in 1966, and was only a year off because he forgot to add a year because there is no year zero. The temple mount in Jerusalem was restored to Israel in 1967. We are living in the end of days and the closing of time in this era and generation.

Brethren, LOOK UP! We can rejoice With great anticipation in the soon coming of the Messiah, Yeshua Hamachiach and eternal life. Hold fast to your faith and confidence in His word no matter what! God's word is true and His reward is with Him. He is our God and we have waited for Him and we shall see Him.