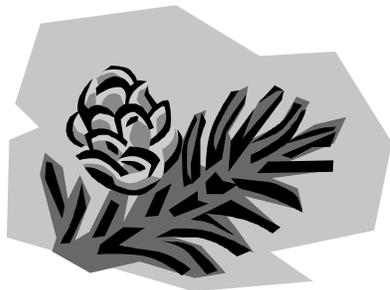


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CREATION CORNER

Packages

I once read a perfect definition: "A seed is a plant packed for transportation."

The Creator has many and different ways of packaging, labeling, and advertising. Seeds are packed for different kinds of transportation. Buds, on the other hand, He packs for storage, fitting each container to the place and hazards of deposit.

Before ever the cold winds and rains and the frosts of winter came upon His trees, shrubs, and perennial plants, He had this spring's leaves and flowers perfectly packed, against dampness, freezing, and wind damage. Before the leaves fell last autumn, each one had next year's leaf cradled at its base.

Talk about streamlining to avoid wind resistance and damage! Buds had it before Fisher bodies. Beech buds spend their winters on the tips of slender twigs, stuck right out into the gales. But the sharp-pointed, wind-resistant slimmness of beech buds is a delightful sight.

Pussy willow flower buds, made chubby by their furry contents, are ranged along stout, sturdy stems as wide as they are.

Dogwood buds, which, because they hold both flowers and their surrounding colored bracts, must

be big and fat and yet must be at the ends of twigs, are saved from pounding by winter winds by swinging stems instead of the stiff wands of the pussy willows.

Willows, the flower buds of which are less fat than the pussies, hang them on swaying boughs. Packages and storage places planned last autumn function all winter till spring in fulfilling God's promise: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest. . . shall not cease."

No parachute packing can beat the folding of tiny leaves into their containers. Examine unfolding buds this spring and note how the skeletal veins of the leaf supported the pressure of the bud case, the tender flat surfaces of the baby leaf being safe in the internal space of the bud.

A bursting bud will well repay a thoughtful quarter hour thinking about God's wisdom. The first Chinese folding-fan or umbrella makers probably studied buds as their models.

Bud beauty feasts souls with alert eye-windows. No society ladies look more regal than colorful hickory buds lifting their curved shoulders from their fur-lined satin winter capes.

Oak-leaf buds are warmly clothed in royal

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crimson velvet in that combination of service and loveliness that characterizes the ways of God.

Delivery time of God's packages beats human "special delivery." Big, furry flower buds, not easily freezable, open early. Maple buds open early and mature their seeds swiftly, so that even though spring storms beat off multitudes of their winged twins, the tough, seed coverings allow little damage from cold and wet.

Big-boned walnut and hickory buds, the structures of which require great strength to support immense compound leaves, open very late to escape frost damage.

God's name is written on every bursting bud. The labels on His bud-storage boxes are love of beauty, love of life, and perfect wisdom. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 9

SWISS REFORMER: 2

Because Zwingli told the truth to the people about worshipping the idol of Mary, there were less offerings brought by the people. This caused his salary to get less also, but he was glad to know the people were learning the truths of God.

Soon he was called to preach in the Zurich cathedral, which was then the most important Swiss city. The church leaders told him to be sure to collect as much money from the people as possible and they wanted him to preach and minister only to the rich.

He listened to this and then, after thanking them for the position, he told them that he would preach to all the people, rich and poor, the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew and other scriptures.

The people of all classes came in large numbers to hear him and there was great joy at first. But after a while the monks got together to make fun at him and threaten him.

But Zwingli bore all with patience, saying: "If we desire to gain over the wicked to Jesus Christ, we must shut our eyes against many things."

About this time a man brought some of Luther's writings to him so they could be sold there. Zwingli recognised that Luther was teaching the same precious truths as himself. So the light reached the people more and more.

But Satan was working too, and Rome kept selling 'pardons for sin' and making money off of the sins of the people while the reformers preached

Jesus' free forgiveness but also that the sin must be forsaken to be forgiven!

A monk named Samson was coming to sell these 'indulgences' in Switzerland but Zwingli preached so strongly against this false idea, that forgiveness could be bought for money, that he had to leave and go elsewhere.

In 1519 something else happened that helped the reform. It was a terrible thing in itself, the Black Plague swept Europe, killing millions. Even Zwingli was struck down by it but he recovered and soon preached stronger than ever. People in their fear and sorrow began to want to really know God and have something true to believe in instead of the traditions of Rome and thousands flocked to hear him preach.

Rome still tried to scare the people by telling them unless they stayed in the church, they could not be saved. But Zwingli told them not to be afraid,

"The foundation of the church is the same Rock, the same Christ.... In every nation whosoever believes with all his heart in the Lord Jesus is accepted of God. Here, truly, is the church, out of which no one can be saved."

Rome tried in vain to silence Zwingli, but the more they tried the stronger grew the reformed faith in that country. until the Roman church leaders trying to cling to custom and tradition, were driven back and Zwingli could make this statement boldly:

"Custom, has no force in our Switzerland, unless it be according to the constitution; now, in matters of faith, the Bible is our constitution."
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TRUE-STORY-TIME

Dragons and Winged Serpents: 1

Facts in this story are gathered from twenty years of research by Joe Maniscalco, who has traveled in thirty-five countries gathering information first hand. For every truth the Bible presents, there is a counterfeit. The purpose of this article is to unveil the counterfeit system of an evil power and present the truths contained in Holy Scripture.

This is a true story investigated by the Condon Committee on February 13, 1968.

It was December 3, 1967, 2:10 A.M. in Ashland, Nebraska. It was a cold winter night on the outskirts of Ashland. Herbert Shirmer, a police

officer, was driving his patrol car along a desolate road.

Suddenly officer Shirmer saw a flashing light blinking rapidly off in the distance. He thought he had better try to follow it. It settled on a distant hill. When he approached it, his car stopped and the lights went out. He was frightened as he saw some figures come out of the UFO and walk towards him. It seemed like a weird dream!

Shirmer seemed to be in a trance. He could not move. He looked at the figures and he saw a strange emblem on the left side of their chests. It was a—A Winged Serpent!

There was a power about these creatures that was supernatural. He could not draw his gun or move; the things looked him over and then returned to the UFO and it took off, disappearing in the distance. Shirmer was shaken by his experience but was able to tell his story.

The question arises, “Why a ‘Winged Serpent’ when there is no such thing as a Snake with Wings?” If Herbert Shirmer did indeed see an emblem of a winged serpent, then we have a clue to reveal the mystery behind the U.F.O. movement.

The story that unfolds here is startling. The unveiling of the deceptions of an evil power that has come down through the history of the world and revolves around the legend of a Winged Serpent god.

Egyptian Mystery:

The Bible has a verse in Isaiah 30:6 that gives a clue to the mystery of the Winged Serpent. Speaking of Egypt it says, “From whence come the young and old lion, the viper and Fiery Flying Serpent.”

Why does this verse mention a Winged Serpent? Let’s go back in history to the year 1922. The place is the ‘Valley of the Tombs’ in Egypt.

Archaeologist Howard Carter had searched for thirty years for the tomb of King Tut. At last he was sure he had found the entrance to the tomb. It was the afternoon of November 26, 1922.

In front of Carter was a door, believed to be sealed for 3,300 years! Carefully Carter chiselled at a corner of the door. His companion, Lord Carnarvon, peered over his shoulder. Bit by bit the hole widened.

Finally the hole was large enough to shine a light inside the dark tomb. Carter, with trembling hands, held a flashlight to the opening and turned it on.

After Carter widened the hole, both men peered into the tomb. The flashlight revealed one of the greatest archaeological finds in history.

Over 3,300 years had passed since this tomb was sealed with its fabulous treasure. Cautiously the two men entered the tomb. Both were silent as Carter’s trembling hand held the flashlight.

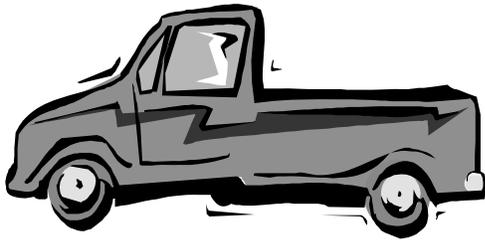
They saw huge-headed animals covered with gold. As the light moved, it revealed life-sized statues of men facing each other like sentinels before a sealed door. There were overturned chariots, glistening with gold. There was a mass of jewellery, artefacts, furniture, clothing and weapons. The men were amazed at what they saw. For dynasties this tomb was in darkness. Now its treasures were to be seen by mankind and its secrets revealed once again.

As Carter and Carnarvon entered one chamber after another, they gazed upon priceless treasures. A great mass of jewellery, artefacts, furniture, clothing, cosmetic kits and weapons made this tomb unique.

The burial chamber held the greatest treasure—The body of King Tut. He was within three coffins. The innermost casket weighed over 2,000 pounds of Pure Gold!

Carter discovered a hundred and forty-three gold jewels on the mummified body of the boy king. The coffins were so perfectly fitted together, a little finger could not be inserted between them. But there was something else in the tomb that was a part of one of the strangest mysteries in the history of man. To be continued: = ^ .. ^ =





STORIES

ANGELS AT A TRUCK-STOP

A Tale of Secret Kindness

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry babies and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone. The boys ranged from three months to seven years; their sister was two. Their Dad had never been much more than a presence they feared. Whenever they heard his tires crunch on the gravel driveway they would scramble to hide under their beds. He did manage to leave \$15 a week to buy groceries.

Now that he had decided to leave, there would be no more beatings, but no food either. If there was a welfare system in effect in southern Indiana at that time, I certainly knew nothing about it. I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress. I loaded them into the rusty old 51 Chevy and drove off to find a job.

The seven of us went to every factory, store and restaurant in our small town. No luck. The kids stayed crammed into the car and tried to be quiet while I tried to convince whomever would listen that I was willing to learn or do anything. I had to have a job. Still no luck.

The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop. It was called the Big Wheel.

An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids. She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until seven in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour and I could start that night.

I raced home and called the teenager down the street that baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pajamas on and

the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal.

That night when the little ones and I knelt to say our prayers we all thanked God for finding Mommy a job. And so I started at the Big Wheel.

When I got home in the mornings I woke the baby-sitter up and sent her home with one dollar of my tip money—fully half of what I averaged every night.

As the weeks went by, heating bills added a strain to my meagre wage. The tires on the old Chevy had the consistency of penny balloons and began to leak. I had to fill them with air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home.

One bleak fall morning, I dragged myself to the car to go home and found four tires in the back seat. New tires! There was no note, no nothing, just those beautiful brand new tires. Had angels taken up residence in Indiana? I wondered.

I made a deal with the owner of the local service station. In exchange for his mounting the new tires, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tires.

I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough. Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys. Then I hid them in the basement so there would be something for Christmas morning. Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of patches on the boy's pants and soon they would be too far gone to repair.

On Christmas Eve the usual customers were drinking coffee in the Big Wheel. These were the truckers, Les, Frank, and Jim, and a state trooper named Joe. A few musicians were hanging around after a gig at the Legion and were dropping nickels in the pinball machine. The regulars all just sat around and talked through the wee hours of the morning and then left to get home before the sun came up.

When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning I hurried to the car. I was hoping the kids wouldn't wake up before! I managed to get home and get the presents from the basement and place them under the tree. (We had cut down a small cedar tree by the side of the road down by the dump.)

It was still dark and I couldn't see much, but there appeared to be some dark shadows in the car, or was that just a trick of the night? Something certainly looked different, but it was hard to tell what.

When I reached the car I peered warily into one of the side windows. Then my jaw dropped in amazement. My old battered Chevy was filled full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I quickly opened the driver's side door, scrambled inside and kneeled in the front facing the back seat.

Reaching back, I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10! I looked inside another box: It was full of shirts to go with the jeans. Then I peeked inside some of the other boxes:

There was candy and nuts and bananas and bags of groceries, all kinds of good food and goodies. There was a whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items. And there were five toy trucks and one beautiful little doll.

As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude. And I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning.

Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December. And they all hung out at the Big Wheel truck stop. = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

ONLY ANGELS NEED APPLY: pt-2

“I go to prepare a place for you”

Last week we talked about what we would do if we really wanted a certain job— and to get it we had to have certain qualifications. If we refused to

go along with what the company wanted, there is no way we would get that job!

Now we want to take a look at the words of Jesus when He said, “I go to prepare a place for you”. What did He mean? Well, I have heard people tell some cute stories about Him being up in heaven, hammering and sawing away, building houses for us.

But wait a minute; didn't He just say, “In my Father's house ARE many mansions”? In the Greek this means ‘permanent dwellings’ and they are already there. So just what is Jesus doing up in heaven right now for us? Making a ‘place’ for us.

What does it mean? Are there job openings in Heaven? Actually, yes, there are a lot of job openings.

Where did they come from? Well, you remember that one third of the heavenly angels chose to quit their positions and go and work for the great rebel, Satan. They tried to take over up there, but were sent away.

Heaven is a perfect place and no rebellion can be allowed in there. This tells us something else; Jesus is not up there doing something to change heaven so we can have a place there. No, indeed! Heaven is not going to change. Anything that is perfect cannot change, for then it would not be perfect anymore.

So if the rebel angels were thrown out because they refused to obey God and insisted on having their own way; do you think we will be allowed in, if we also are still rebellious and going our own way? That is quite unlikely isn't it?

Where is Jesus at the present time? Well, we know that He is in the heavenly sanctuary acting as our High Priest. His job there is to remove sin, not just from the record books, but from His people! To prepare a ‘place’ for us, really means He has to get US ready and fit for a place in heaven.

The sawing and hammering He has to do, is on our hearts because we can't be given one of the jobs that Satan and his angels lost—if we have the same attitudes and selfish pride that made them rebels. Something has to be done for us and in us—and only our Saviour and great High Priest is able to do it! To Be Continued. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 3rd Quarter:

“DANIEL , THE PROPHET”

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1: “DANIEL, THE
PROPHET”**

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” Daniel 12:1

Sunday

Text: Daniel 11:45 “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”

Daniel 11 and 12 are really one, 12 just continues the angel's words explaining to Daniel the meaning of the visions he had seen earlier. People get mixed up in their understanding when they don't realize this fact.

We want to take a close look at this final verse of chapter 11 and see the picture-story God has placed there for us. After the time of the cross, the prophecies have a spiritual meaning, and apply world-wide rather than to the real nation of Israel.

So we see the King of the North taking a stand here. The words 'plant the tabernacles of his palace', in the Hebrew mean that he will pitch his war tents. He is going to take a stand; and where is he standing?

Now people get all confused when they keep looking to the real land of Israel for something to fulfill these words; but it has spiritual meaning. The King of the North is spiritual Babylon; who's that? It is Rome and all the churches who join with her.

Who are the 'seas'? Seas represent people, nations and so on. (Revelation 17:15) What does the 'Holy Mountain' mean? It means the true people of God.

In verse 44, it talks about 'tidings' that make this power angry. This is a message that comes from the people of God to the nations of earth. It warns against what this power is trying to do, and tells people to come out of her. And it also tells that Jesus is about to return.

Hebrew scholars say the verse should read 'between the seas AND the glorious holy mountain'. So here sits this wicked power between the nations of earth and God's Holy people trying to stop God's message from reaching earth's millions.

But he comes to his End! Glorious promise!

Thought - In the 1260 year prophecy, God's people were 'given into his (Rome's) hand' In the final time of trouble they will not be; instead the power comes to its end as it tries again to wipe out God's children.

Monday

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Michael stands up! Who is Michael? We know it is our mighty Saviour, Jesus. This is the name always used when He wars against Satan. He stands up for His people.

There is another place where we see Jesus stand up; it is when Stephen was stoned; (Acts 7) he saw Jesus standing by the Father's throne. He wasn't taking this sitting down! Probation ended then for the Jews as a nation. (They can still be saved as individuals, of course.)

When He stands up this time; probation will close for the world. Everyone will have decided and will either belong totally to God, keeping His commandments, or be in total rebellion against Him.

I want to be among that number who shall have their names written in the book, who shall be delivered. I want the overcomer's reward. The masterly temptations of Satan will overpower many who now profess to believe the truth. Their unworthy course of action, their denial of Christ, will make it necessary for God to blot their names from the book of life. But O, may it not be so with us! Review and Herald, March 26, 1889.

In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of (God's Commandments)' *Patriarchs & Prophets*, page 256.

Thought - Jesus will be with His dear children who trust in Him and Satan cannot overcome them!

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 12: 2 "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Just before the actual coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven, there will be a special resurrection. The people of God who die in the final persecution before the close of probation, and those who have believed the 3 angel's messages, will be raised to see Him come.

Also the ones who crucified Jesus, and ones who have been the worst persecutors of God's children through the ages, will be raised to watch in horror as Jesus returns, not now as a humble man, but as King of Kings! Remember Jesus warned the high priest about that? **Matthew 26:64 "Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."**

Imagine how terrible will be this sight to those wicked ones! But think how wonderful it will be for God's dear children as they see Him coming and know that soon they will be forever free from those who want to force them to disobey their dear heavenly Father!

Thought - Those wicked people will die three times, the earthly death, then, when they see Him come they will die of fright, and finally in the lake of fire they die forever.

Wednesday

Text: Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

The angel told Daniel that his book was not going to be understood until the end of those great time prophecies in the book. Then 'knowledge would be increased'. This knowledge doesn't just mean worldly knowledge; it means understanding the book of Daniel.

As the time prophecies neared their end, God's Holy Spirit drew people's attention to them, and helped them to understand what they meant. 'Running to and fro' does not just mean people travelling around a lot, it means to study the scriptures, 'running here and there' in the Bible and putting texts together to understand the great message of the Book.

As the 1260 year prophecy and the 2300 year prophecy neared their end, people all over the world began to study the book of Daniel and learn wonderful truths out of it. The prophecy was perfectly fulfilled.

Thought - The prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as well as the other prophets in the Bible, have special meaning for us now in the end times. God wants us to study and understand His messages to us.

Thursday

Text: Daniel 12:7 "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

The 'Man in linen' is Jesus our High Priest; the heavenly beings asked him how long the wicked powers would persecute God's true people. He answers with another prophecy of the 1260 years, which ended in 1798.

You see, this power that is seeking now to get control of the whole world again, has already been rejected by God. They have had their time and did wickedly. It will seem like it is going to succeed again, but just when it takes control in the world and seeks to blot out God's people, it will quickly come to its end.

Thought - The 'beast power' may roar and pass his laws to force God's people to break God's commandments—but they won't do it—Jesus will give them power to stand for Him.

Friday

Text: Daniel 12:11-13 **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. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.**

Here we see 2 more time prophecies! The first is 1290 day/years: It is from the time when the 'daily' is taken away, this 'daily' desolating power is

paganism. (the word 'sacrifice' doesn't belong there and is not in the Hebrew text) The 'abomination' power that would begin then to be set up is Papal Rome.

It meant when Pagan Rome lost its power and Papal Rome began to be set up the prophecy was to begin. This happened in 508 AD. 1290 years from that point comes again to 1798.

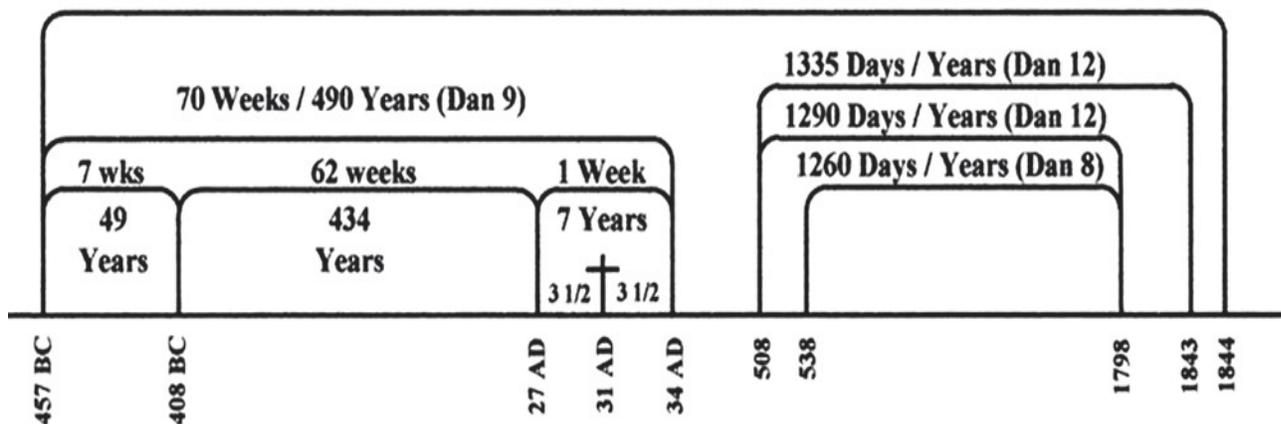
Then we see 1335 years, they start the same place and it comes to 1843! Jesus says there is a blessing on that year. What happened in 1843? Well, the message of the time prophecies of Daniel, were preached with great power. We call it the 'midnight cry' message.

Daniel 'stands in his lot'; this means that at those times, and in our day also, the prophecies of the book of Daniel, would be understood and do a great work in the earth. This happened in 1843. But it is also to happen today. The final message to the world will have its great power from the time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

So you can see that understanding prophecy is not only interesting for us, it is very important too.

Thought - Daniel and Revelation are really one book given by Jesus. He gave the first part to Daniel and the second part to John on Patmos. = ^ .. ^ =

2300 Evenings and Mornings / Prophetic Years (Dan 8)



Time not to scale