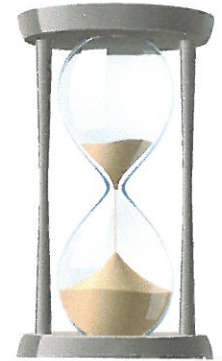


ADVENTIST INTERPRETATIONS OF THE TIME PERIODS IN DANIEL 12

The time prophecies in Daniel 12 are as follows: time, times and half a time (v. 7), 1290 days (v. 11) and 1335 days (v. 12)



LITERARY AND UNCERTAIN INTERPRETATIONS

Main Arguments

1. The time prophecies appear in a numerical progression: time, times and half a time; 1290 days; 1335 days.
This seems to suggest an apparent "delay" of the end (Z. Stefanovic, 448).
2. The meaning of these days relies on the meaning of the "daily." If the daily refers to the heavenly ministry of Christ, then these periods are uncertain (*SDA Bible Commentary*, vol. 4, 881).
3. It is not possible to state with certainty the manner in which these prophecies were to be fulfilled (C. M. Maxwell, 303).

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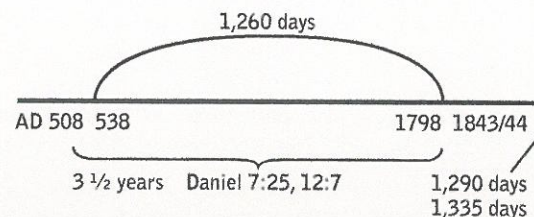
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LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Main Arguments

1. The 3 1/2 times or 1260 days in Daniel 7:25 and 12:7 are seen as two different time periods in history, the former in the past and the latter in the future (Berry).
2. The passage in Daniel 12:5-13 is seen as a new vision which contains time prophecies for the future (Núñez and Berry).
3. The 1335 days begin with the national Sunday law in America, and the 1260 days and the 1290 days with the universal Sunday law (Berry, 154).



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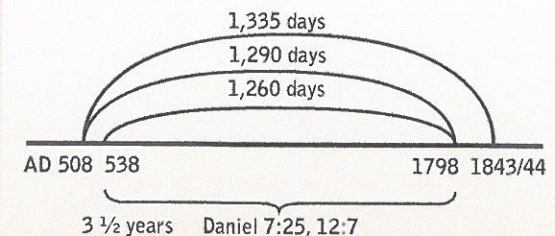
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SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION

Main Arguments

1. The prophecies of Daniel are given according to the principle of repetition and enlargement (Dan 2; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12).
2. It is the considered opinion of virtually all commentators (SDA and non-SDA) on Daniel that chapters 10-12 constitute a literary unit.
3. There are linguistic and grammatical connections between the vision in Daniel 11 and the explanation in Daniel 12:
 - a. The Hebrew word *pala'* (Dan 11:36; 12: 6).
 - b. The Hebrew word *tamid* (Dan 11:31; 12: 11).
4. There are thematic and linguistic connections between Daniel 7:25 and 12:7 ("time, times and half a time").



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