

By the 1500's the Reformation had been taken to all the countries of Europe. Some countries had welcomed it with gladness but in others, the Pope had been too strong, and it had been almost, totally stopped. In many countries, a great struggle had been going on for centuries. This was particularly true in France.

For hundreds of years, at the encouragement of the priests, protestant Christians were killed or imprisoned, and many families fled to other countries. During the Massacre of St Bartholomew, which lasted two months, 70,000 protestant Christians, both young and old, were killed!

At the same time, those who were of the noble class did not have to pay land taxes and they owned most of the land; the rich and powerful became richer and more powerful, taking advantage of those who were poorer who also had to pay taxes to the Priests. As a result, the poor people came to hate the rich people.

In 1793, what is now called 'the Reign of Terror' began. The poorer people gained the greatest majority in the government, something that they had never had before and now they sought for payback.

The Legislative Assembly declared 'there is no god.' Bibles were collected and publicly burned. The 7-day week was changed to a 10 day week. Baptism and communion were forbidden, and signs were placed over the cemeteries declaring that death was eternal – in other words that this is no resurrection or heaven. All religious worship was prohibited. A new god was chosen, called the 'goddess of reason' and represented by a dancing girl. Liberty, which means freedom, in this case freedom to do anything and everything, was their aim. The laws of the land concerning marriage were changed such that one famous actress called the new laws, the 'laws of adultery' instead.

For hundreds of years, the protestant Christian's had suffered. Now the rich, the nobles and the priests became the targets; even the king and queen were executed. Different groups fought for power, killing, or jailing anyone who opposed them, no one was safe.

Ellen White writes in the Great Controversy that this was the natural result of the rejection of God and the laws of God.

Difficult Times

Sabbath

What chores do you do at home and how well do you do them? Tick the chores that you do and then use blue to circle the number to show how good a job you usually do. Use red to circle if you think this is an easy or hard job.

1 = you do a poor job, or don't always do it / it is easy

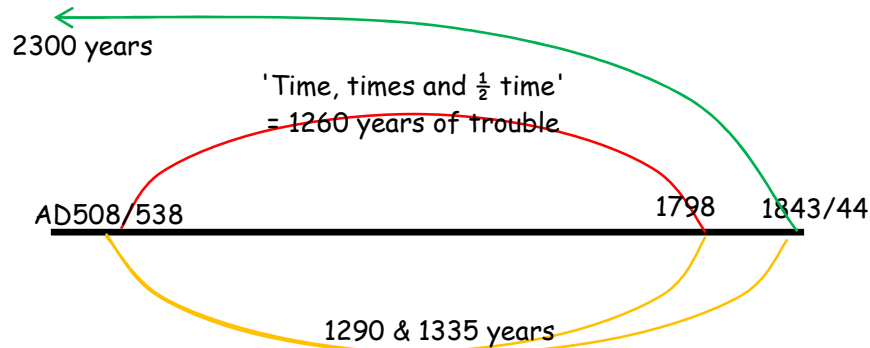
10 = you do a good job, and don't have to be asked / it is hard

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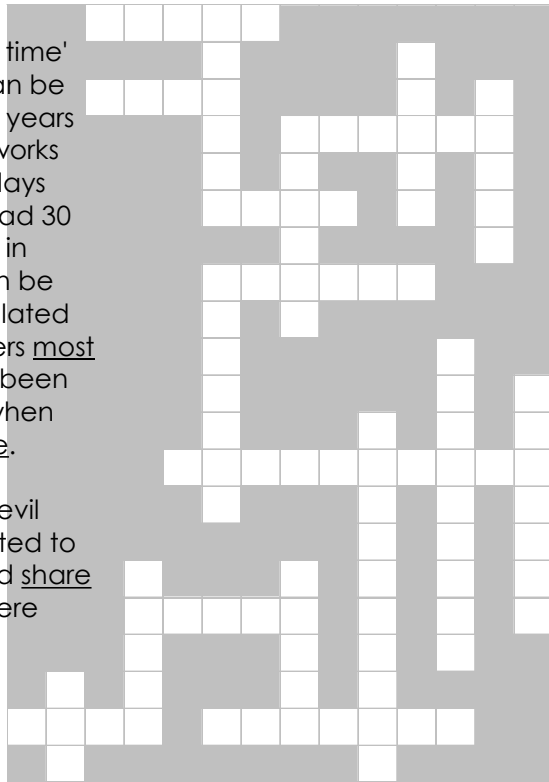
Thursday

For hundreds of years, the prophecies of Daniel made no sense to readers. It was as if, as the angel had commanded, the book was locked shut. But now, those who study the Bible can see and understand how Daniel's prophecies fit with various world events.



The 'time, times and half a time' that the angel spoke of can be translated as '1 year plus 2 years plus half of a year' which works out as 42 months or 1260 days (since each Bible month had 30 days). And various events in world or church history can be pinpointed for each calculated date. The 1260 years covers most of the times that we have been learning about this term, when the Bible was not available. When many of the church leaders were corrupt and evil and when those who wanted to learn more about God and share what they had learned, were persecuted.

Fit all of the underlined words into the grid.



Monday

One day as Daniel stood with some men on the bank of the great Tigris River, he looked up and saw a man dressed in fine linen, with a golden belt, and his face and eyes were shining! The men with Daniel could not see the angel, but suddenly they felt afraid and ran away.

Now Daniel had spent the previous three weeks in dedicated prayer and mourning or fasting because he still had questions about the future. (During this time, he only ate plain, simple food and water.)

The angel said to Daniel, "I have been busy fighting in Persia but now I have come to tell you more, and then I must return to the fight."

He continued, "There will be three more kings of Persia, and then a fourth will come who will be richer. This king will stir up trouble with Greece. Then a great king will arise who will do as he pleases, but as soon as his kingdom is setup, it will be broken up and spread to the four winds, it will never be as great again."

The angel went on to tell Daniel about the King of the North and the King of the South who would make treaties at times but at others would war against each other. And finally, he told of a time of great trouble for God's people as never before, when many would die.

"Daniel," said the angel, "Write these words and then shut and seal the book until the end of time when knowledge will increase."

Suddenly Daniel saw two others, one on each side of the river. One of these spoke to the first angel asking, "How long until these words are fulfilled?" The angel replied, "It will be a time, times and half a time." But Daniel didn't understand so he asked, "What will be the outcome?"

"From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the abomination that causes desolation is setup there will be 1290 days. Blessed are those who wait for the end of the 1335 days. But you, Daniel, will rest until you rise to your reward," said the angel.

Tuesday

How well did Daniel do his work? Complete the code.

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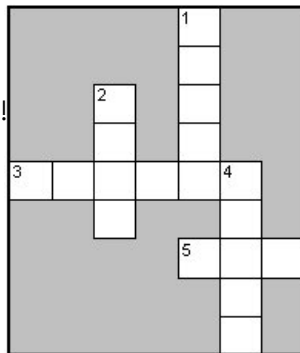
Answer these questions to solve the crossword.

- How many times a day would Daniel open his window and pray? _____
- Who made the law? The _____
- Who was praying? _____
- Daniel would be thrown in the _____ den!
- Who did Daniel pray to? _____

How well do you do your work at home and at school? Do you do it as soon as you're asked, or do you have to be asked over and over again? Do you do a good job, or do you only do as much as you have to? Do you only do it when you know that someone is watching? Do you only do it after you have been asked, or do you do it before you are asked?

Find the underlined words in the grid.

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Wednesday

Many of Daniel's visions overlap, teaching different details about parts of earth's history and future. The same is true of Daniel's final vision. Answer the following questions:

Daniel 7	Daniel 11-12
What did Daniel see in verse 7-8 and 19? Draw what you think it may have looked like.	In Daniel 11:31-12:12, Daniel tells of a great king who would do as he pleased and bring his army against the temple and God. Daniel 11:31 says he will abolish or stop the daily sacrifice. What does Daniel 12:11 say? "From the time the _____ (7d) _____ (10a) is stopped (or abolished)... there will be 1290 days.
What will the horn do? Verse 25 He will speak against (or defy) the _____ (3d) _____ (2d) and _____ (5a) (harass, torment and control) the holy people.	What will this king do? Verse 36 The king will do as he _____ (6d). He will exalt and magnify himself (claim to be greater) above _____ (12a) god... He will succeed...
How long will the horn control God's people? Verse 25 _____ (9a), _____ (1d) and _____ (11a) a time	How long would this prophecy take? Daniel 12:7 _____ (4a), _____ (8d) and _____ (11d) a time

