

Chapter 14b

The ACTUAL MEANING of "The Great Tribulation"

In the previous chapter, we discussed the Great Tribulation Fallacy, explaining the fact that God most likely has a completely different interpretation relative to the 42 months, 1260 days, time, times, and half a time—than what many people perceive those expressions to mean in the Bible. Particularly those who attempt to interpret everything in Scripture literally and in a time/sequential manner.

This chapter here is going to be exploratory. What that means is that we are going to look at and weigh certain evidence in order to arrive at some definitive conclusions—based upon a progressive method of inductive logic. By being inductive that means that our only concern is to simply OBSERVE the facts and draw our conclusions and know what the truth is—based upon those facts. We do not care one whit about all the prophetic theories and scenarios and systematic theologies floating around out there (to which certain individuals are committed and which may be nothing more than men's ideas, notions, opinions, and wishful thinking).

The only thing that matters is **what does God think it all means?** Since He is the One who wrote the Bible in the first place, and composed all the symbolic and allegorical meanings, then the only thing that really matters are the "brain waves" of the Creator Himself.

A Major Concern for Years

For many years, as my research in theomantics progressed, I realized that the subject of "the great tribulation" was one of major and pivotal importance. All through the Bible (at least eight times), particularly the book of Revelation, it talked about the time period of "42 months," "1260 days," "time, times, and half a time," and even "three and one half years" in the book of James. **There was obviously some sort of symbolic meaning/relationship going on with all of those unique, yet related expressions.**

Something down deep told me that every Christian teaching on this subject heretofore, was at the best, inconclusive—and at the worst, totally erroneous and incredibly PRESUMPTUOUS. The amillennial view of the book of Revelation was by far the most correct understanding of eschatology (the word "eschatology" means "the last or final things"). But even the notable amillennial persuasion was still far from a complete

understanding. (The amillennial view tends to interpret things allegorically or symbolically, rather than literally—see Chapter 13a of *Angelfall* for a discussion on the five millennial/end time theories).

An understanding of the depth of meaning (and inherent symbolism) present in the Bible, is a subject little studied and much less understood. It was on that positive point—also that there is so much other symbolism all over the Biblical map (especially in the book of Revelation)—**to simply interpret the 1260 days and 42 months as being a literal future time period of the "Antichrist," and being dogmatic about it (as taught by pre-millennialism and various prophetic pundits), was recklessly presumptuous.**

The Present Age of This World

There is an entire chapter in the 663 page book, **Theomatics II**, that discusses the concept of the "great tribulation," and the 1260 days, 42 months, and time, times, and half a time (see Chapter 17, pp. 455-476). A number of interesting patterns (particularly the number 126), definitely points to the fact that these are indeed symbolic expressions, which both relate to time itself in a general sense, **and also represent the entire history and age of this world.**

Yet for years as I went about my studies in quiet prayer, I continuously asked to the Lord to reveal to me the further meaning of all this. I knew that there was much more gold hiding in the hills of God's infinite wisdom.

Luther Williams

There is one other individual who has spent a considerable time working with me on theomatics. He has done much of his own research and published a few major studies with lots of numerical data. His name is Luther Williams, and he is a precious and dear Christian brother—a pastor from New Orleans, but moved to Little Rock, Arkansas after his home was wiped out in the hurricane Katrina disaster. Luther Williams is also a world class jazz pianist with an outstanding musical talent.

Luther and I spent hours on the phone doing theomatics analysis together. It was during that dialogue that the real meaning of "The Great Tribulation" suddenly opened up literally before my very eyes. **The spiritual meaning and interpretation simply became clearly obvious.** The picture of what all that meant snapped into place in a heartbeat due to the theomatics evidence—things from all over the biblical map then started coming together in a coherent manner. We were now basing our conclusions on a TRUE PREMISE of what the "1260 days," "forty-two months," and "time, times, and half a time" actually means and represents from God's own personal perspective.

The Lord had indeed revealed the ROOT MEANING of what these expressions are talking about in the Bible.

The Theomatics/inductive Evidence

My file on this subject has now become large and voluminous. It was very difficult writing this chapter (and particularly the next one with all the theomatics data), because during that process I constantly was doing theomatics analysis, and so many new and wonderful things were being discovered. It became very obvious that this study would eventually swell into a presentation consisting of many hundreds of pages. The entire subject of TIME throughout the Bible is vast and branches into many streams and tributaries. **All the symbolism and the theomatics accompanying that symbolism, is extremely complex and involved.**

The symbolism is deep, it is extensive, and it will take years of comprehensive analysis to unravel most of it. Some of these outlying areas of understanding could best be described as "a work in progress." Yet numerous theomatic patterns within clearly defined theological concepts have now been catalogued. Some key and major pieces of the puzzle are now solidly in place and pretty much conclusive. The numeric patterns consists of (among others),

- The eternal/truth numbers such as 124, 250, etc.
- A major structure on God's time based upon 490's and 147's (49 x 3)
- An incredible pattern to do with the time of this earth—all based upon 1090.
- A very impressive structure based upon 830 and 415 (83 x 5).
- Another structure based upon 1260.

Some of these structures and patterns will be discussed here in summary fashion. One in particular will be briefly presented and analyzed towards the end of this discussion. However, it is important to again point out the fact that the purpose of this chapter is to simply present the conclusions I have arrived at in a non-complicated reading format that that is both fascinating and easy for the reader to understand.

Let us now begin our discussion.

The Law of First Mention

There is a somewhat loose principle in scriptural interpretation, that if you want to know the true meaning of something—look at the very first time that subject is mentioned in the Bible. This principle, while perhaps not always true, was indeed the key this time in understanding the meaning of the 1260 days, 42 months, and time, times, and half a time.

In Daniel chapter seven, we find the first mention of this topic in the Bible. This entire passage of major importance is undoubtedly linked to the beast found in the famous chapter thirteen of Revelation, i.e. all of this beast stuff in Revelation relates to chapter seven in Daniel. There is no doubt some extremely complex, related, and convoluted meanings to all things mentioned in both descriptions. It would require chapters to discuss the meaning and implications present in the following passage (such as the

various beasts, horns, etc.) We will only discuss some of that in the most general sense since we are only concerned here in finding out the principal meaning of the "time, times, and half a time."

Daniel Chapter Seven

Please read the following passage carefully. Notice especially verse 25 of chapter 7 in bold type. **This is the first time this entire concept is (evidently) mentioned and the Bible, and it is going to be our key that will unlock the root meaning.**

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. (2) Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. (3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (4) The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. (5) And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. (6) After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. (8) I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. (9) I beheld till 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. (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. (11) I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. (12) As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. (13) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. (14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (15) I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. (16) I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. (17) These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. (18) But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and

possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. (19) Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; (20) And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. (21) I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; (22) 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. (23) Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. (24) And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. (25) **And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and try to CHANGE SET TIMES and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.** (26) But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. (27) And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. (28) Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart."

All of the things mentioned in this passage relates to the rebellion and fall from heaven. Again, the entire context is connected to the beast chapter of Revelation 13. The four great beasts mentioned in Daniel have to do with spiritual attributes of the rebellion (reflected of course throughout history among the nations and empires and kingdoms of the world). The Ancient of days coming with the hosts of heaven and taking his seat in judgment, and the books being opened—this is speaking of the final judgment of the fallen angels (Note: the "ten thousand(s) that stood before Him" in verse 10 has the theomatics of the fallen angels). This whole passage is speaking concerning the arrogant rebellion of the angels, the fall, and the final restoration of the heavens, which brings about "the end of the matter" (vs. 26-28). The phrase "this is the end of the matter" in Hebrew is 122 x 6, and the words "this is the end" is also 122 x 2—the key number to do with the heavenly rebellion and warfare itself and casting down. Other numbers are present that speak of the finality of the judgment.

The Changing of Times

So in the very first occurrence of this expression from the Word of God it refers to the "time, and times, and the dividing (diminishing) of time." Only thereafter in the Bible—in the New Testament itself—do these things advance to the other descriptive and related expressions, i.e. "1260 days," "forty-two months," "three and one half years."

The important thing to pay attention to here, is that **the text in Daniel is talking about the actual CHANGING OF SET TIME(S), which the Bible declares as being great wickedness.** What does it mean when the horn (or authority) of the beast "thinks to change set times?" **This will be our key** in understanding the meaning as to what this whole thing is all about. For now, please hold onto this thought. We will soon return to discuss the aspect of the "changing of set times."

First of All—the Meaning of TIME in the Bible

In order to get a handle on what represents, it is important to understand God's definition of the subject of time in general.

Both the word "time" and "times" in the English translation, occurs almost 800 times in the Bible. Needless to say, the subject of Biblical chronology and all the time(s), dates, etc. that occurred—this is a vast and highly important subject throughout the Bible. Everything that happens in history and every event in each person's individual life, is all connected in some manner to time.

"To every thing there is a season, **and a time to every purpose** under the heaven" (Eccl 3:1).

So then the first and primary questions we must ask ourselves is this. What actually is time? And Who sets or controls time? What is God's definition of time? The obvious answer is that **this is exclusively God's domain.** Here are just some general verses in the Bible that speak concerning God and time.

"He hath made **every thing beautiful in his time**: also he hath set eternity in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end" (Eccl 3:11).

"But of **that day and hour knoweth no man**, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Mat 24:36).

"And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7).

"But **when the fullness of the time was come**, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal 4:4,5).

"Whereas **ye know not what shall be on the morrow**. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that **appeareth for a little time**, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

According to Scripture, the obvious meaning from all the above (and many more passages), is that God is the Originator and Creator of everything that happens in time, and also the Controller of time itself (Genesis chapter 1). God certainly controls and

permits everything that happens in time, both good and bad. **Therefore, to tamper with time is to disrupt the Creator's eternal plan and purpose.** Only God can legitimately set or pre-determine time. In fact God Himself actually created linear earth time along with the physical dimension we all presently live in (see Section 8 on Pre-existence and Time).

Time = Truth

God creates time. It is perfect in its essence. Time in essence represents God's law and God's truth, i.e. God Himself. Theomatics shows that there is a definite and integrated relationship between these two concepts of time and truth. Therefore, to violate, or oppose, or try to change God's time in any capacity is to violate God's law and order, and God's will. And this according to Scripture is outright sin and rebellion. It becomes both a denial and perversion of the truth.

That is similarly what happened when Adam and Eve ran ahead of God and ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge. Similarly, that is what the prodigal son did when he left his home in rebellion, removing himself from the authority of his Father, and thus "sinned against heaven." These individuals clearly stepped outside God's timing and the boundaries God had established for them.

In Acts there is a verse that shows the limiting principle or concept between both time and the boundaries that God establishes.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the TIMES before appointed, and the BOUNDS of their habitation" (Acts 17:26).

Time and the Garden of Eden

Now here is a fact of amazing significance that not one Christian person in ten thousand even knows about (even many Bible scholars). As quoted above, it stated in Daniel in reference to the little horn of the beast, that things "shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

The Hebrew word for "time" is **IDDAN (עִדָּן)**. The word actually means "a set time," which by definition is a **SPECIFIC** or **APPOINTED** or **LIMITED** period of time.

Now this same exact and identical word **IDDAN (עִדָּן)**, is also the Hebrew word for "Eden" in reference to the Garden of Eden. When I found out about this, I was not just amazed! The lights started blinking all over the place.

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed" (Gen 2:8).

Here the text could just as easily been translated, "The Lord God planted a garden eastward in TIME; and there (in time) he put the man..."

The word "Eden" has a value of 124. A major theomatics analysis has been completed showing that the garden of Eden represents in rough outline the first and original temple (see <http://members.cox.net/8thday/124.html>). **This garden/temple environment in time, was the setting and place where God appointed man so there could be perfect unity and fellowship with the Creator in a state of absolute holiness.** There was to be no sin and perfect harmony in Eden (or in the time frame God established and blessed).

Of course we all know what happened when Eve listened to the voice of the serpent within (see Chapter 9a on the meaning of the serpent in the garden). Man fell and that is when he was cast out of time (or the perfect state in time that God had created and placed him into).

The subject of TIME in the Bible is a huge subject of importance that has rarely been studied in depth as to the intense meaning(s) that God places on it. Everything that God does—everything that has happened, is happening, and will happen in world history— involves timing of some sort.

The key point to all this, is that time—the time principle that God Himself is the originator of—is **perfect and entirely complete in and of itself.** This fact will help us to ultimately understand the meaning of time, times, and half a time.

Important comment: This whole thing is also connected to the well known passages from the book of Daniel that speak of the "abomination of desolation." Jesus referred to that a number of times as well in the New Testament. It all has to do with violating God's sanctuary (or temple) which relates to both Eden and time. Interestingly, when Jesus made the statement, "When ye see the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel the prophet," the word "when" (οταν') has a value of 420 (see discussion below on the 42 months). Also, the word "abomination" (הפּשע') from the Hebrew has a value of 456—they key number to do with the original sin of Adam and Eve when they ate from the tree of knowledge, and the word "desolation" is 126 x 3 ("שמים"), relative to the concept of the earth being a spiritual wilderness.

The Eternal Nature of Time

Thus as we have just seen with the Hebrew word "Eden," the concept of time from God's perspective, represents the state of perfection and holiness. Along with the number 124 from the Hebrew, it is interesting to note that the Greek word for "time" (καιρον') has a value of 250.

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for TIME, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" (Rev 12:14).

This number 250 is the other key number in theomantics to do with God's perfect and eternal nature. A major theomatic study has been done on this as well. Virtually every reference to do with God's eternal and indestructible nature is full of 250, 2500, and 500 multiples.

Another major pattern to do with time specifically—God's complete and perfect time—is full of multiples of 490, and also 1470 and 147 (49×3) as it relates to specific words and phrases. This shows the completeness that exists in God's definition of the PURITY of time itself. Of course the number 49 is 7×7 , or the square of seven.

It is also important to point out that the expression "times" in the Bible is also representative of seasons. "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7). So there is a positive aspect as well to the subject of "times," in that God many times subdivides time into times or seasons according to His eternal plan and purpose.

Now it is time to look more specifically at the time, times, and half a time concept.

The Three and One Half Principle in the Bible

All through the Bible, there exists a numerical principle based upon three and one half years. This of course is what we have been talking about all along. Here is a brief summary/review of these mentions throughout the Bible. In the last chapter on The Great Tribulation Fallacy, these were discussed in more detail.

- 1) "Time, times, and half a time" mentioned in Dan 7:25, Dan 12:7, and Rev 12:14.
- 2) The 1260 days mentioned in Rev 11:3 and Rev 12:6.
- 3) The 42 months mentioned in Rev 11:2 and Rev 13:5
- 4) The Three and one half years mentioned in James 5:17.
- 5) Jesus ministry on earth evidently lasted three and one half years (age 30 to 33+).
- 6) And He was in the tomb three and one half days (Mark 8:31).
- 7) The two witnesses of Revelation 11 minister three and one half years (Rev 11:3).
- 8) And their bodies lie in the street of city similarly for three and one half days (Rev 11:11).

The math on this is pretty simple. Time obviously equals 1. Times (1×2) equals 2, which adds to a total of 3. And half of 1 is $\frac{1}{2}$ for a grand total of $3\frac{1}{2}$. We can know (or presume) that the expression "times" means two years, because in Daniel 4:16, "seven times" refers to seven years.

The Jewish calendar was always based upon 360 days (not a solar year). So 1260 days or 42 months was always three and one half years. And the same is true of 42 months. And of course from James 5:17 there is the expression "three and one half years." The Bible also defines a day as being 12 hours (John 11:9), which would make $3\frac{1}{2}$ days consist of 42 hours.

Now Comes the Revelation (understanding) of What this Means

In simple terms, what all of this means is that God's time is incorporated into God's law, and **time is fully contained and complete within itself**. God creates and establishes time. Again, this is obviously not something to be tampered with.

Now let us now look at three passages from the Bible that will provide the key of what the time, times, and half a time actually represent.

Here are the last four verses of the Bible. Very well known verses I might add. **This is the Bible's final and conclusive statement, which for obvious reasons must be very important.**

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **IF ANY ONE ADDS UNTO THESE THINGS**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: **AND IF ANY MAN SHALL TAKE AWAY** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Rev 22:18-21).

And then in the Old Testament we find these two passages.

"Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. **YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH (take away) FROM IT**, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deu 4:1,2).

"Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **THOU SHALT NOT ADD THERETO, NOR DIMINISH (take away) FROM IT**" (Deu 12:31,32).

Every Sin is the Result of This

Every sin and miserable failure in the universe can be traced to one (or both) of these two things. We find this is true right back in the garden of Eden when the serpent **ADDED TO** and also **TOOK AWAY** from what God said. By eating of the forbidden tree Eve could have **MORE** knowledge than what God had wanted her and her husband to have (she would become equal or even surpass God in determining right from wrong), and she could do so and not worry about the penalty of death (**TAKING AWAY** from what God

said would happen if she disobeyed) when she accepted the lie that "ye shall not surely die" (Gen 3:4,5).

Think about this for a minute. **Every heresy and false religion ever taught by man throughout the history of the world. Every religious cult or alteration of the Bible. Every false belief system or human philosophy that exists. Every conceivable sin and suffering that exists in the cosmos... Every last bit of it can be traced directly to one of two things—either adding to God's Word (man believing that he is more right in his own eyes), or taking away from it (disobeying God's commands and what God says to do).**

So right here is the key to understanding the time, times, and half a time.

Here Now is the Key to the Three and One Half

Now let us go back to Daniel chapter seven. The first thing we notice about this expression—the first time it is mentioned in the Bible—is that the boastful little horn of Daniel sets about to,

"... speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **TRY TO CHANGE SET TIMES** and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" (Dan 7:25).

- TIME is What God creates. It is perfect, entire, and complete within itself. In other words, don't mess with it.
- TIMES (or the doubling of time) means adding to the Word of God.
- HALF A TIME (or the diminishing of time) means taking away from the Word of God.

Everything to do with this subject in the Bible then simply means,

THE THREE AND ONE HALF OF ANYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS SYMBOLICAL OF AND REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF GOD'S TRUTH (time) SURROUNDED AND ENCOMPASSED BY ALL OF MAN'S SIN AND REBELLION (adding or taking away from God's Word). THIS ULTIMATELY RESULTS IN A TOTAL PERVERSION OF THE ORIGINAL AND ABSOLUTE TRUTH. IN THAT CONTEXT THE THREE AND ONE HALF TOTAL REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE AGE OF THIS WORLD OR COSMOS IN OPPOSITION TO GOD (yet on a positive note it also incorporates and represents God's restoration process (see Rev 12:6,14).

So when we come to the book of Revelation and the mention of the 1260 days and 42 months, **none of this evidently has anything to do with a literal future time upon earth of three and one half years**, which dispensationalists love to refer to as the "great tribulation of the Antichrist." That concept of a future and literal fulfillment is probably something that does not even exist and will never even happen (as almost everybody is sadly hoping for). As we are about to find out, these expressions of 1260 and 42—

apparently—only (or most likely) have an EXCLUSIVE spiritualized/symbolic interpretation from God's perspective.

In the next and last chapter of this section, we will show a spectacular thematic structure—all based upon multiples of 830—that shows the connection to all of this and the changing of set time vs. adding or taking away from God's Word.

1260 Days vs. 42 Months

The expression of 42 months is mentioned twice in the book of Revelation, and the expression 1260 days is also mentioned twice. There is obviously a symbolic relationship incorporated within these two numbers. The question is, what is the symbolic meaning of "days" vs. "months?"

The 1260 mentions appear to be more positive in nature, i.e. God working and fulfilling His purposes within that time frame, vs. the 42 months which is extremely negative. It was for the period of 1260 days that the two witnesses spoke the Word of God prophetically (Rev 11:3). It was for the same period of 1260 days that the woman Eve was nourished by God in the wilderness (Rev 12:6). Inversely, the 42 months speak of the diabolical—it was for a period of 42 months that the Holy City (a type of Eden) is trampled (Rev 11:2), and the beast of Revelation commits blasphemy against God for a period of 42 months (Rev 13:5).

There is also a symbolic significance between days vs. months in the Bible.

- God creates everything in time in a period of days, i.e. the seven days creation. God seems to work out His plan and His perfection always in days (singular units). Normally when days are mentioned in the Bible, it incorporates the concept of God's purposes being fulfilled. The number seven speaks of completeness.
- Months are always associated in the Bible with the moon (see complete section in Chapter 6i that discusses the phases of the moon and lunacy, or craziness). There are 30 days in a month, and this is a type of time (1) + times (2) = 3.

Comment: It was the "third part" of the stars that fell from heaven . **The third part is symbolic perhaps of God's time—that is the part that fell (the divine aspect itself collapsed)**—the curse throughout Revelation is on that third part of everything upon earth as being destroyed, i.e. mentioned numerous times in Revelation (third part of trees, third part of the sea, third part of the creatures in the sea, third part of rivers, third part of waters, third part of the sun, the third part of the stars, and the third part of men).

There is obviously much symbolism that exists.

The 42 Months

The little horn that comes from the ten horned beast in Daniel, has been universally associated by scholars as a parallel with the ten horned beast of Revelation 13). It says concerning this,

"... it shall SPEAK GREAT WORDS against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and try to CHANGE SET TIMES and laws: and **they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time**" (Dan 7:25).

Then when we come to Revelation, this is stated.

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth SPEAKING GREAT THINGS AND BLASPHEMIES; **and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months**. And he opened his mouth in BLASPHEMY AGAINST GOD, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven" (Rev 13:4-6).

Rebellion against the God of heaven and persecution of those who are Godly and righteous—this just has to be about the worse two sins imaginable. But the key factor here is that Satan the dragon/serpent (who all through the Bible gives power and authority to the beasts of Daniel and Revelation—vs. the God of heaven).

So in Daniel it refers to time, times, and half a time. But in Revelation it mentions 42 months.

The first obvious fact from all of this, is that there MUST be a connection between the changing of set times vs. speaking blasphemy against God—the two are actually one in the same. Both these expressions as we will see later exhibit the same pattern theomatically.

42 Children Destroyed by Bears

When I began my investigation into this, I had no idea what the number 42 specifically might represent as to the meaning. The first thing I did was go to my concordance and see how many other times the number 42 might be mentioned in the Bible. There were ten mentions, most of which were had to do with Chronology. Of interest was also the fact that there were 42 generations from Adam to Jesus (Mat 1:17). What mostly caught my eye was one of the most—totally weird and fascinating stories in the entire Bible from the Old Testament.

In 2 Kings 13, the well known story took place where the prophet Elijah was taken up to heaven by God in a fiery chariot. As he ascended upward, his mantle or scarf fell from the sky and it was picked up by a younger prophet named Elisha. The blessing and

anointing of the prophet Elijah now passed to Elisha. Here is a portion of the description of what happened next.

"He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; (14) And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. (15) And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him... (23) And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. (24) And he turned back, and looked on them, and CURSED THEM in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, **and tare to pieces forty and two children of them**" (2 Ki 2:13-15,23-24).

Comment: The bear is a type of the beast of Revelation (Rev 13:2). It is described as a brute animal with big feet that walks all over everything (in Revelation 11:2 the holy City is trampled under foot for 42 months).

What an amazingly interesting and unique story from the Bible. Two female bears came out from the woods and destroyed forty-two children who mocked Elisha. Like the exact number of 153 fishes caught in John 21:11, the interesting question is why anyone even took the time to count the exact number of fishes in the first place? And why God under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit recorded that exact number of 153 in the Bible? Likewise here too, why anyone took the actual count of the 42 children killed by the bears, and why God specifically mentioned this number 42 in the text? Since the Bible is the eternal Word of God, these numbers obviously contain spiritual significance.

Blasphemy Against the God of Heaven

However, the first thing that caught my eye from the story of Elisha and the 42 children—the children were committing blasphemy when they mocked the anointed prophet of God. I then immediately recalled that the MAJOR FACTOR that defined the beast all through Revelation—it was the fact that it committed enormous and continuous **BLASPHEMY against God** (and the forty and two children were destroyed by two bears).

The first thing I immediately looked up was the Greek word for "blasphemy" (βλασφημῖαν), which had a value of 420 x 2. Within less than an hour, I filled up an entire page with a whole host of key words and phrases to do with the authority of the beast and the subject of blasphemy—all based upon 420.

Theomatics comment: A sister pattern that covers the whole gamut of possibilities relative to the beast(s) of Revelation, is based upon 140 (140 x 3 = 420). There is a spectacular theomatic pattern to do with the beast, the name of the beast, the image of

the beast, and the number of it's name—all based upon multiples of 140. This major result and study was presented in **Theomatics II** (pp. 512-520) where every single reference was examined statistically. Everything to do with blasphemy against God is also related to 140, and interestingly, everything theomatically to do with the holy City Jerusalem, is 140 as well (see **Theomatics II**, p. 342—in Revelation 11:3 the holy city was trampled for forty two months).

The Beast and Blasphemy

Look now at these verses concerning the beast of Revelation that talk about blasphemy.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and **upon its heads the name of blasphemy**" (Rev 13:1).

The expression "the heads" (τας κεφαλας) upon which the names of blasphemy were written, is 420 x 3.

"And was given to it a mouth **speaking great things and blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And **opened its mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme the name of him**, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven" (Rev 13:5,6).

The word "blasphemies"(βλασφημιαν"), is of course 420 x 2. And the expression "its mouth in blasphemy" (το στομα αυτου εις βλασφημιας') is 420 x 8.

This same seven headed and ten horned beast is mentioned again in Revelation 17:3.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting on **a scarlet beast filled with names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev 17:3).

The expression "a scarlet beast filled with names (of blasphemy)" (θηριον κοκκινον γεμον ονοματα") is 420 x 2.

The Key Connection

Again, the important fact here is that the connection we see here between Daniel and Revelation—the **changing of set times** (in Daniel) **and blasphemy** (in Revelation) **are essentially ONE IN THE SAME from God's point of view**. Therefore, the number 42 must be clearly significant in that regard.

The theomatics evidence clearly points to the fact that all of this to do with waging war and blasphemy—has to do with opposing and tampering God's law in violation of the

eternal principles of truth and TIME. All through Revelation 12 and other passages, the Bible describes the rebellion of the angels as warfare in heaven. That is what this is apparently talking about. It is a serious thing to change the set times and laws that God has established. To either add to God's Word or take away from it is an extremely serious matter. This is the great sin of the angels during the fall from heaven, and the foundation factor for every sin, evil, and spiritual deficiency that exists in the cosmos (or world). Man has brought all this misery and despair upon himself due to disobedience.

The 1260 Days

Now as mentioned before, the number 1260 is mentioned twice in the book of Revelation. In Revelation chapter 12 verse 6, it talks about the woman who fled into the wilderness in order to get away from the serpent.

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days" (Rev 12:4).

In theomatics, guess what the numerical value of the word "woman" is?

THE WOMAN 1260

Rev 12:4 της γυναικος"

And guess what the theomatic value is of "the wilderness."

THE WILDERNESS 1260

Mat 3:1 τη ερημω'

And the text states that the woman was in the wilderness for 1260 days.

The second time the 1260 days is mentioned is in Revelation chapter 11 verse 3.

"And I will give authority to the two witnesses of me, and they shall prophesy for one thousand two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth" (Rev. 11:3).

Guess what the theomatic value is for the word "witness" in Greek?

WITNESS 1260

Joh 15:27 μαρτυρειτε'

And in Revelation chapter 11, it refers to these two witnesses as being prophets, or those who prophesy for 1260 days:

"And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange gifts, because these two prophets tormented the ones dwelling on the earth" (Rev 11:10).

Guess what the theomatic value is of the word "prophets?"

PROPHETS 1260

Luk 13:34 προφητας'

And the text states that the prophets had a witness that lasted 1260 days.

It is hard to believe that all the above four explicit words could possibly be just a coincidence if theomatics was random data (which is the only logical possibility if theomatics did not exist).

1260 in a Positive Context

The number 1260 in theomatics does appear many times throughout the Bible in an equally negative context. For example, the expression "kingdoms of the world" (βασιλειας κοσμου') is 1260. (There is a large chapter on this in **Theomatics II**, pp. 455-476) that discusses this 126 pattern specifically.)

However, unlike the mention of the 42 months, the two times the number 1260 itself is mentioned, this is a positive context. The duration of the two prophetic witnesses is 1260 days, and the woman Eve is nourished by God in the wilderness for 1260 days.

Another interesting fact is that it states these two witnesses over a period of 1260 days are able to close off the heavens from the rain. But in the book of James it talks about the time in the Old Testament where the prophet Elijah dried up the heavens for three and one half years (and later his mentor Elisha was mocked and 42 children destroyed).

"Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." (James 5:17,18).

The name "Elijah" has a value of 250 which speaks of God's eternal nature. Rain always has to do with ending a drought which is a type of the wilderness where obviously nothing can grow. All of these things are spiritually symbolic. There is much to discuss in all this along with numerous theomatic patterns of great significance.

A Time of Nourishment

The 1260 days represents the time of redemption and restoration for the fallen angels.

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there she might be nourished for a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels" (Rev 12:6,7).

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, **that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent" (Rev 12:13,14).

Here the time, times, and half a time, is associated with the Serpent (Satan is the one who changes the Word of God). Interestingly, the expression "nourished for a thousand two hundred and threescore days" has a theomatic value of 4200.

These verses are jamb packed with amazing and significant theomatics. The phrase "the place of her where" is 1260 x 2. And the words "where she is nourished " is 1260 (the word "wilderness" by itself is of course 1260). But the Greek word "where" has a value of just 40 (the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years). And just the word nourished is 1220, the key number to do with the rebellion in heaven and actual casting down. This indicates that the nourishment of restoration is due to the RESULTS of the fall.

All of the fallen angel and casting down numbers are present here as well, in words and phrases to do with the woman going into the wilderness. The wilderness is of course symbolic of this world, which is a spiritual wilderness and lacks rain.

Comment: Just one interesting example, is the story of the prodigal son (which theomatics proves represents the fallen angels—see Chapters **5g** and **6h**). It says that "he departed into a far country." The words "a far country" has a value of 1764, which is 42 x 42. An entire chapter could be easily written dealing with all the theomatics, meanings, and implications present in these verses and elsewhere.

The Number 350

Another very interesting discovery was made during this investigation.

There is an entire chapter on this website to do with the number 350 and man placed upon earth (see Chapter **6b**). This number 350, which came out of the blue, has always been a puzzling number. Everything in the text to do with man dwelling upon earth and created out of the dust of a wilderness was saturated with multiples of 350?

During the process of doing this research on the subject of time, times, and half a time, it was discovered that 350 number also ties in directly to this concept. Along with the other specific patterns relative to time, times, and half a time, the 350 kept showing up over and over again.

Time equals 1, times equals 2 (for a total of 3), and half a time equals half of 1 or .5—**therefore 350 also contains symbolically the 3½ concept**. Numerous theomatic examples showing the connection could be presented.

Summary and Conclusion

The discussion here in this chapter has been extremely brief. The only purpose is to lay and establish a foundation of correct premises, by simply finding out what the true and original meaning is from the Creator's point of view. Things can move forward from this point on.

During the time of writing all of this, I had to cut back on at least 85% of the things that were being discovered and which could easily be discussed. My objective was to keep things as simple and straightforward as much as possible. The important key factor in this is that virtually all the meaning to these things in the Bible is HIGHLY SYMBOLICAL and contains much SPIRITUAL SYMBOLISM. It is now so very obvious that this has little or nothing to do with a prophetic timetable, and was not put into the Bible by the Holy Spirit simply to tell us about an earthly time period "of the Antichrist" lasting only three and one half literal years. No such thing probably even exists. There does, however, exist mountains of information from the heart of God that goes way beyond the natural. The natural or literal days, months, years et al, evidently speak only of things that are spiritual and eternal.

"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural (or literal); and afterward that which is spiritual" (1 Cor 15:46).

It is also important to point out, that when this world ends so will time. This is a hard concept to understand because we as humans view time as one continuous line stretching to infinity. But eternity has different time/qualities than linear time itself. It is a realm that God will no doubt reveal to His saints on the other side of the curtain.

"And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets" (Rev 10:6,7).