

13. To help generate and establish His final second advent movement, Jesus promised to give certain signs that would immediately follow the tribulation period. **What were they?**
Matthew 24:29, 30 (Revelation 6:9-14; Joel 2:31; Luke 21:25-33)

The tribulation of prophecy is that period of persecution that existed during the 1260 years of papal dominion (see Daniel 7:25, Revelation 6:9-13). Toward the end of this period, just after persecution ceased, came the historic “*Dark Day*” on May 19, 1780. Next came the greatest star (or meteor) shower of history on November 13, 1833, just two years after William Miller began preaching. Many, at the time, recognized these signs as fulfilling Christ’s prophecy, and it gave great impetus to the second advent movement.

14. **How long would “this” generation that God began at the time of these heavenly signs, last?**
Matthew 24:34

We have learned that the end-time prophecies of Daniel were to be sealed until the time of the end. We have seen that these sealed prophecies were to be “*unsealed*” or “*opened*” after the 1260 years of tribulation in 1798. It was around the early 1800’s, that many believers such as William Miller, Joseph Wolf, Edward Irving, and others began to study the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and were able to understand the visions because the time had come for the book to be unsealed. Friends, God is revealing to us the future so that we will not be deceived by Satan and his agents from Rome, and that we may be prepared to meet Him when He comes. It is our prayer that you will study to show yourselves approved unto God and prepare yourself to see Jesus face to face.

ANSWERS: 1) That it was to be sealed until the time of the end. 2) That knowledge shall be increased. 3) That a counterfeit system of Christianity was to rule over and persecute God’s true people for 1260 years. 4) Their characters will be perfected and they will understand prophecy. 5) The blessing of understanding those things written therein. 6) An open book. 7) The prophecies in the book of Daniel were opened for understanding. 8) That there should be time no longer. 9) In the year 1844 A.D. 10) It tasted sweet for they believed Jesus was coming! 11) Bitterly disappointed. 12) Because Jesus had not returned and their work was not finished—they must preach the Gospel to the world. 13) The sun will be darkened, the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven. These have been fulfilled. 14) Until Jesus returns! Please note that the ‘generation’ spoken of concerns the message and not the people. The end time messages of Daniel and Revelation will be given until Jesus comes.



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Lesson 11

“Sealed Till the Time of the End”

There are many people today, including some very prominent theologians, that believe it is impossible to understand the book of Revelation. But why would God give a revelation to His prophets and then seal it so that it can never be understood? This sounds ludicrous doesn’t it? What kind of picture does this paint of God? We are going to see what the Bible has to say concerning the sealed prophecies of Daniel, as revealed in Revelation...



1. **What was Daniel told about his book?**
Daniel 12:4 first part, 9.

2. **What was Daniel told about ‘the time of the end’?**
Daniel 12:4, last part.

“...for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.” Daniel 12:9

'The words of the angel to Daniel relating to the last days were to be understood in the time of the end. At that time, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:4,10. We have reached the period foretold in these scriptures. The time of the end is come, the visions of the prophets are unsealed, and their solemn warnings point us to our Lord's coming in glory as near at hand.'
Desire of Ages, pp., 234-235.

3. What did Daniel hear the Man clothed in linen say?

Daniel 12:7 (Compare Dan. 7:25, Rev. 11:2-3, 12:6,14, 13:5)

'For reasons which God has not revealed to us, the great counterfeit system of Christianity was to destroy the holy people of God. It was to have power over the people of God - to "wear out the saints of the Most High"- for three and a half times (Daniel 7:25, 12:7). A "time" is the same as a year [Daniel 11:13, see margin] A Jewish year was 12 months of thirty days or each 360 days; therefore three and one-half years are 1260 days. This period of time of 1260 days when "the power of the holy people," that is the spiritual descendants of the apostles and the early church, was to be broken was to last until the time of the end. (Daniel 11:35-36).' Grosboll, God Predicts Your Future, page 259.

4. What was Daniel told about those who will live during the time of the end?

Daniel 12:10

5. What blessing on the student of the Book of Revelation may equally apply to studying the Book of Daniel?

Revelation 1:3

6. What did the mighty angel of Revelation have in his hand?

Revelation 10:1, 2



7. What little book of the Bible had been closed until the "time of the end?"

Daniel 12:4; Daniel 12:9

8. What message did the angel proclaim from the book of Daniel after it was opened?

Revelation 10:5-7

9. When was this message to take effect?

Daniel 8:14

We have learned that a day in prophecy is equal to a literal year. The 2300 days in this prophecy would be 2300 literal years. This is the longest time prophecy in the Bible and it includes the 70 week prophecy that we studied in an earlier lesson—70 weeks being determined or 'cut off' of the 2300—so both have the same starting date of 457 B.C. The 70 week (490 literal years) prophecy ended in 34 A.D. when Stephen was stoned. This leaves 1810 years of the 2300 year prophecy remaining. Adding 1810 years to 34 A.D. brings us to the year 1844 as the fulfillment of Daniel 8:14—time would be no longer.

10. As these believers around 1844 received (or ate) the message, how did it taste?

Revelation 10:8, 9

11. When time did not end the way the people expected it to with Jesus' second coming, how did those who had received the message of Daniel feel?

Revelation 10:10

This prophecy was fulfilled in the *second advent movement* headed by William Miller, who began a great revival by preaching Daniel's message about the cleansing of the sanctuary, which he expected to take place around 1844. Eventually he settled on October 22, 1844 as the exact date. This was the correct date that foretold the beginning of the judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. God permitted them to misunderstand the word "*sanctuary*" to mean the earth, instead of the real sanctuary in heaven where the judgment must take place and Christ receive His kingdom before He returns. After October 22, 1844, there was "[prophetic] *time no longer*"—Jesus could now come as soon as His final movement finished their work—but the Adventists joyfully thought there would be "[literal] *time no longer*." So, when the judgment hour arrived, they were expecting Jesus to come, and they were **bitterly** disappointed when He didn't.

12. Why were they "bitterly" disappointed?

Revelation 10:11 (Matthew 24:14)