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**AN EXAMINATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
INTERPRETATION OF TWO TIME PROPHECIES IN THE BOOK
OF DANIEL - THE 2300 DAYS OF DANIEL 8 AND THE 70
WEEKS OF DANIEL 9.**

ABSTRACT

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The following list identifies the assumptions I isolated in my reading of the standard SDA presentation of the connection between the 2300-days of Daniel 8 and the 70 weeks of Daniel 9. I have attempted to present them in some type of “stream of consciousness” so that the previous assumption can be seen to be related to the next assumption.

In my research proper, I examine each of these assumptions to ascertain what facts of Scripture they are based on. I also isolate and examine any assumptions they use for support. My task was to analyse the issue whether the connection between these two time prophecies has Scriptural support in the manner reported by the SDA church, or whether their position is flawed.

The conclusion of my research is that their position is flawed in so many ways, it is impossible (given the information in my research) to sustain any credibility in attempting to defend the arguments presently proffered by the SDA church as justification for the Scriptural validity of 1844.

(By clicking on the hyperlinked subheading for each assumption, it will take you to the document that discusses this assumption, or alternatively, you can click on the hyperlink for the Summary and it will give you a summary of each document.)

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Assumption 1: The two Hebrew words in Dn 8-12 translated by the English word “vision” have specialised meanings that support the SDA argument linking the 70 weeks of Dn 9 with the 2300 days of Dn

8.

Assumption 2: The meaning of “vision” in Dn 8:13, where it asks “How long shall be the vision...?” refers specifically to vs2-12 and not to vs9-11.

Assumption 3: The starting point for the 2300 days is not declared in Dn 8.

Assumption 4: Daniel was sick *before* the instruction of Daniel was finished.

Assumption 5: The instruction of Gabriel to Daniel in ch8 is *incomplete*.

Assumption 6: Daniel’s statement in Dn 8:27 that he did not understand the mar’ê meant that he did not understand the 2300 days .

Assumption 7: Daniel’s statement in Dn 8:27 on the lack of the understanding is due to the fact that the information had not been given.

Assumption 8: The “shutting” of the vision of Dn 8 (vs3-12) meant that it would not be understood until “many days”, that is, until the “time of the end”.

Assumption 9: The time of the end began in 1798.

Assumption 10: The “shutting” of the vision did not mean the shutting of the explanation of the vision (that is, the “vision” was complete and could be shut, but the explanation was not complete).

Assumption 11: Only a little time elapsed between Dn 8 and Dn 9.

Assumption 12: Dan9: 1-19 reveals that Daniel was perplexed over the relationship between the seventy-year prophecy of Jeremiah and the 2300 days of Dn 8.

Assumption 13: The command of Gabriel in Dn 9: 23 for Daniel to “understand the vision (mar’ê)” specifically meant the mar’ê of Dn 8: 13,14.

Assumption 14: The meaning of htk is best translated as “cut off.”

Assumption 15: The 70-week period is “cut off” from another prophetic period, namely the 2300 days of Dn 8.

Assumption 16: The use of the year-day principle in Daniel 9 proves that the 2300 days is a longer time period than the 70 weeks, and thus the 70

weeks is “cut off” from the 2300 days.

Assumption 17: The 70-week period is “cut off” from the *beginning* of the 2300 days, and not any other section of that time period.

Assumption 18: The reference to “vision” in Dn 9:24 refers to Dn 8.

Assumption 19: The structure of Daniel’s prophecies (e.g., vision, then explanation with a time period) dictates that Dn 9 is not a separate vision but rather is a completion of the explanation. This assumption is a recent addition by Dr Shea.

Assumption 20: Dn9 is an appended explanation to Dn8 because time is the only unexplained feature of Dn8, and Dn9:24 begins with the subject of time.

Assumption 21: History has confirmed the SDA explanation of the relationship between the 70 weeks and the 2300 days.

Assumption 22: The same angel that explained the vision of Dn 8 is the one who returns in Dn 9, thus proving that Dn 9 is a continuation of the explanation that was begun in Dn 8.

Assumption 23: The leading of God during the development of this doctrine both with Miller, the Advent movement and the Seventh-day Adventist church proves that the SDA interpretation of the relation between the 70 weeks and the 2300 days is God-inspired

Assumption 24 The 2300 evening-mornings means 2300 days and not 1150 days.

Assumption 25 The year-day principle is a valid Biblical principle.