## MILLENNIUM – 75-Day Preparation

Daniel 12:11-12 indicates that there will be a 75-day interval between the second coming of Christ to Earth and the start of the 1000-year millennial kingdom. Tim Lahaye presents in his book "Charting the End Times" the reason for deriving this conclusion: Study with me.

Daniel 12:11 and 12 reveals that from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the "abomination of desolation" is set up, there will be 290 days. "How blessed is he who keeps and attains to the 1335 days." Read again Daniel 12:11-12.

The 75-day time period is derived as follows: First, we know that Jesus the Messiah will return at the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27). The 70<sup>th</sup> week is divided into two halves of 1260 days each (Daniel 9:27). In Daniel 12:6 Daniel asked the angel, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" The angel replied "A time, times, and half a time, and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed" (Daniel 12:7b).

Earlier, in Daniel 12:1-3, the angel set the context of his words as being the second coming of the Messiah. Thus we know that "all these events will be completed" (Daniel 12:7) in conjunction with Messiah's coming. Thus, Christ's second coming will occur at the end of the second set of 1260 days. Next, notice that Daniel 12:11 speaks of something being accomplished at the end of the 1290 days – that's 30 days extra, beyond the second coming.

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Since Daniel 12:11 is concerned with the temple sacrifice and the "abomination of desolation", it's safe to conclude that the first 30-day interval relates to the temple. We know from Ezekiel 4:4-8 that the Lord will establish a temple during the Millennium. Thus the 30-day will be the time in which the millennial temple will be set up and prepared for use.

In Daniel 12:12 we read about those who reach the point of 1335 days. That means it's necessary to include an additional 45 days beyond the 30-day period, giving us a total of 75 days. The angel said that those who make it through that time will be "blessed". This connotes a personal or individual blessing, and it indicates that this particular person is qualified to enter the 100-year Messianic kingdom. In fact, Matthew 25:34 says, "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Evidently the 75-day interval is a time of preparation for the kingdom. Since so much of the globe will have been destroyed during the judgments of the Tribulation, it is not at all surprising that our Lord will take some time to renovate His creation in preparation for the millennial kingdom.