

Daniel 12:8-13: the 1290 Days, Time of the End, and 1335 Days

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2nd Dialogue

(Dan. 12:8-11)

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Daniel 12:8.

Daniel wrote, “Although I heard, I did not understand.

Daniel said, ‘My Lord, what shall be the end of these things?’”

Observation:

Daniel asks Jesus for further clarification about the time of the end. He earnestly wants to know when the time of the end will arrive so the book will be unsealed.

The Man in Linen

Jesus again replies in terms of the time of the end.

Daniel 12:9:

He said: “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

The Wise Will Understand

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”

Observation:

Those who are wise shall understand these prophecies.

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Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 12:11:

Jesus prophesied: “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be **one thousand two hundred and ninety days**”

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1260 Abomination of Desolation

Observation:

Again Jesus gives a time prophecy in terms of the little horn that indicates when the time of the end will begin. Now His answer is not given as **1260 days but **1290** days.**

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1260 Abomination of Desolation

While the 1260-day prophecy brings out that the time of the end is to be at **the end of the 1260-year period of persecution**, the **1290** day-prophecy focuses on the **time when the papal abomination began to be set up.**

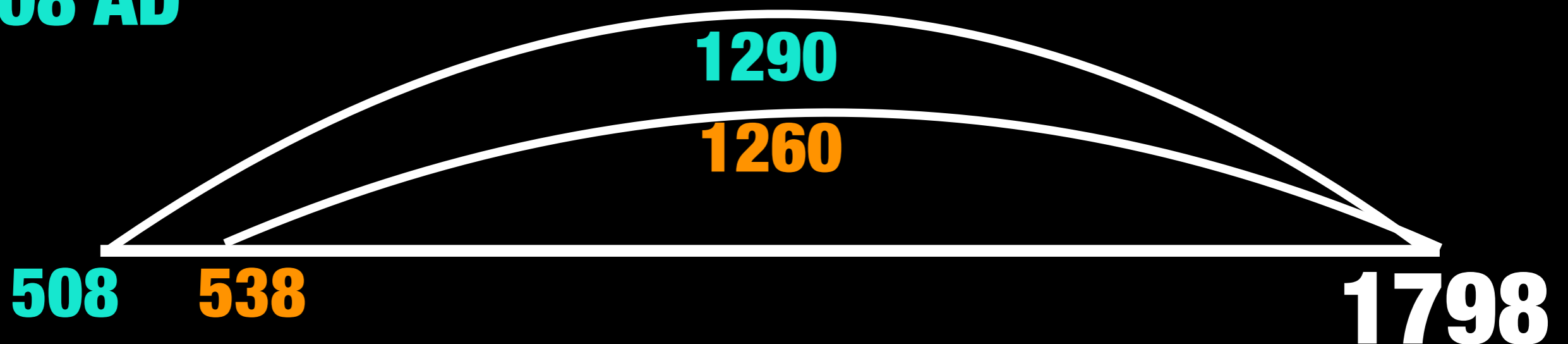
The time of the end begins **1290** years after the beginning of the setting up of the abomination of desolation.

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Relation of 1260 to 1290 Days

The association of the 1260 as well as the 1290 prophetic days to the time of the end shows that both periods terminate at the time of the end, which is in 1798.

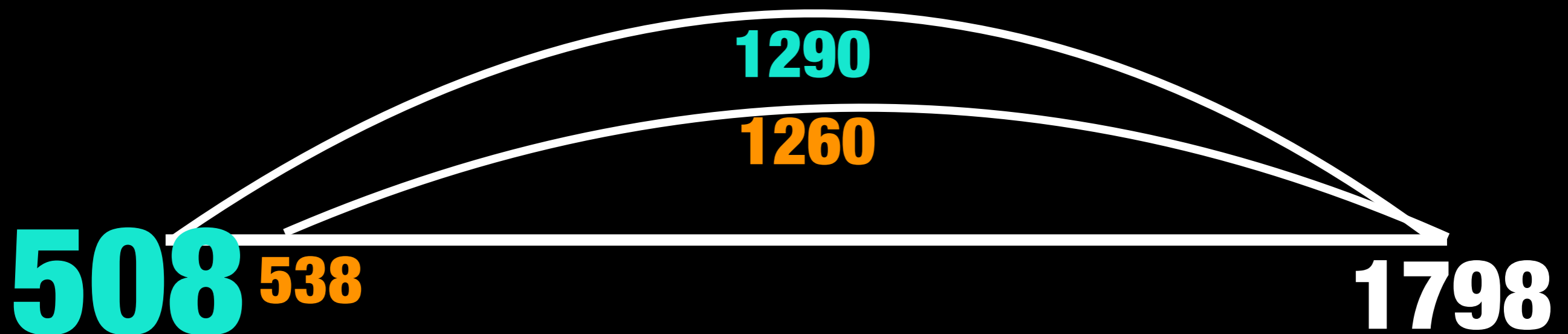
If these periods end at the same date it means that the 1290 began 30 years before the beginning of the 1260 years, which would be 508 AD



What Happened in 508 AD?

Question:

What events transpired in the year 508 that could be interpreted as the taking away of the daily (or continual) and the setting up of the abomination of desolation?



Beginning of the 1290 Years

The year **508 AD** involved significant events in the life of **Clovis**, pagan king of the Franks

1. Clovis became first of the ten pagan kingdoms that had divided the Roman Empire to be baptized into the Roman Catholic faith

Beginning of the 1290 Years

2. He ended the First Papal War with a victory over the Visigoths that eliminated the military resistance of the non-Catholic Arian power to the Roman Catholic faith.

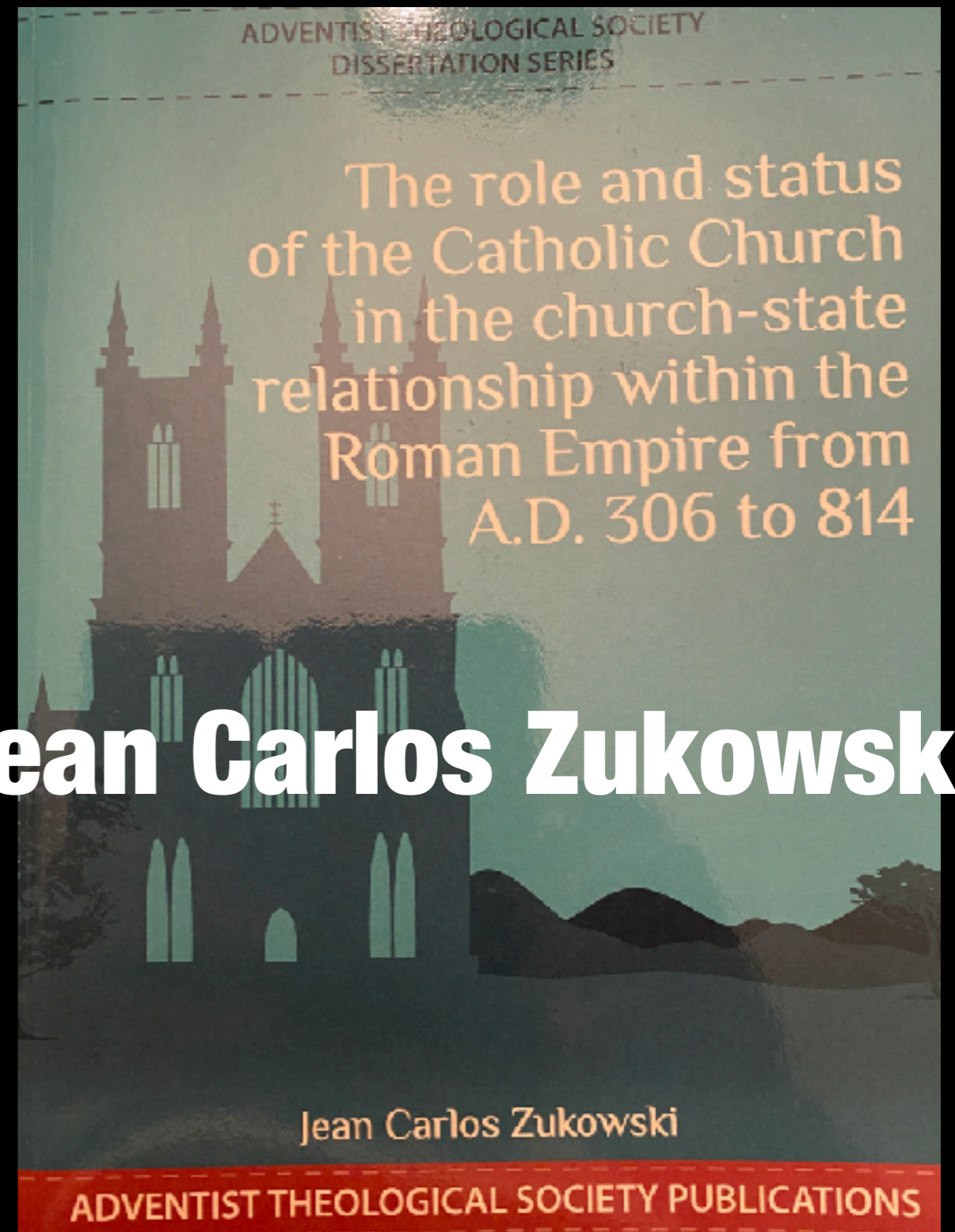
3. In this same year Clovis received the title of “Consul” from Emperor Anastasius, the highest title in the Roman Empire after that of Emperor.

Beginning of the 1290 Years

4. From this time on Catholicism was to dominate the Christian world with the nation of France as its right arm in the battle for supremacy over the Christian world.

Beginning of the 1290 Years

5. **Clovis** established a new church state relationship in which the old pagan church state relationship in the Roman Empire where the emperor ruled the church (Pope and bishops) was replaced by a new church state relationship in the Empire where king (**Clovis**) ruled on equal basis with the church (clergy).



Jean Carlos Zukowski

Beginning of the 1290 Years

6. 508 AD can therefore be seen as the beginning of the setting up of the abomination of desolation, the papacy, that replaced paganism and true Christianity,

Beginning of the 1260 Years



Justinian
Belesarius
San Vitale
Ravenna

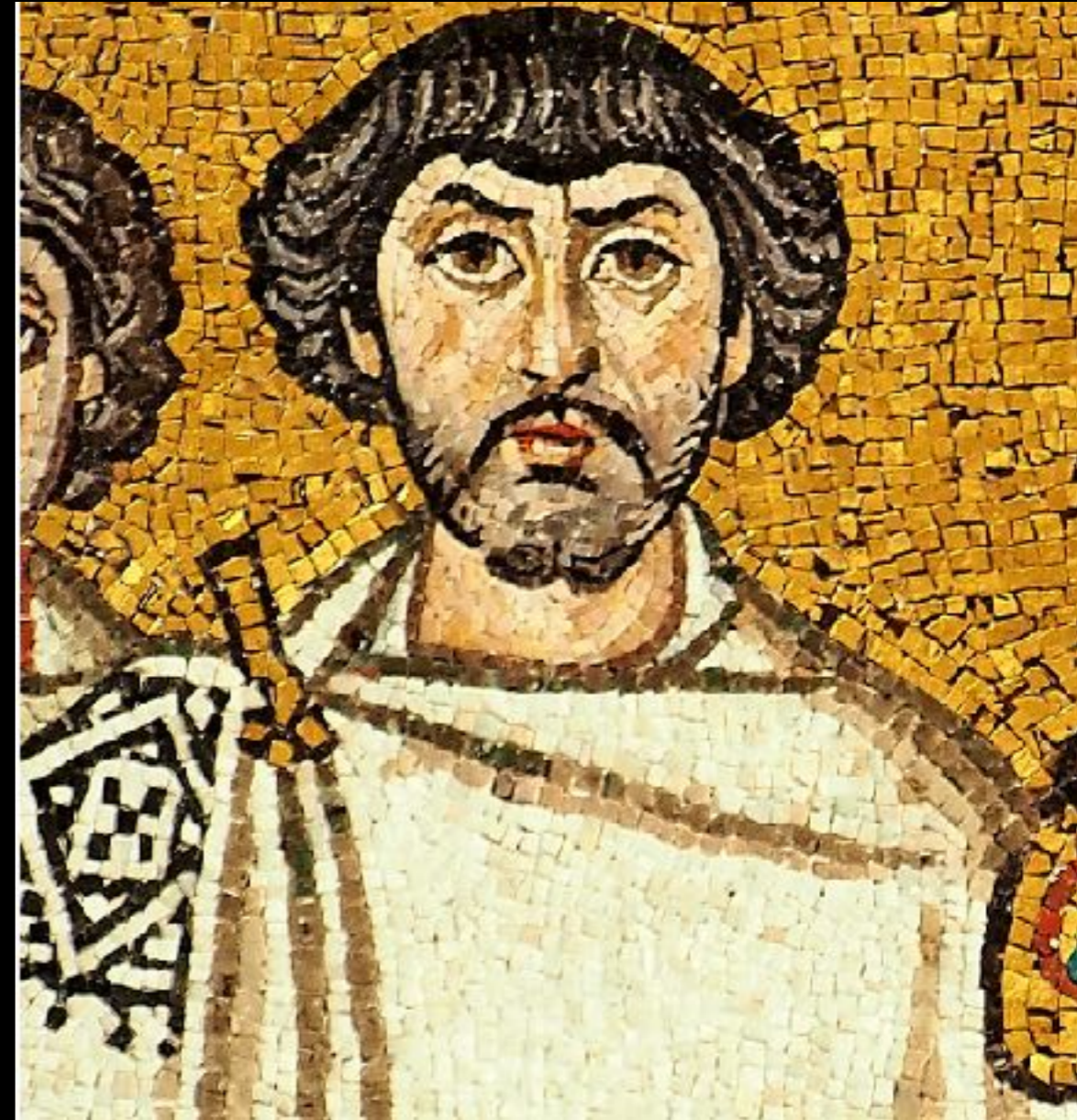
Beginning of the 1260 Years

In 533 AD **Emperor Justinian** legalized the dominant power of the papacy by acknowledging the position of the papacy as the head over all the Christian churches and incorporating this view into his newly revised **Codex Justinianus**, a major revision of Roman law that influenced Christendom for over 1000 years.



Beginning of the 1260 Years

In **538** Justinian's **General Belisarius** implemented this law in Rome after he defeated the Ostrogoths and brought the city of Rome again under the jurisdiction of the Catholic Roman Empire.



Blessings at the End of the **1335** Days

Daniel 12:12:

Jesus concludes His explanation:

**“Blessed is he who waits, and comes to
the **one thousand three hundred and
thirty-five days.**”**

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When Is the End of the 1335 Years?

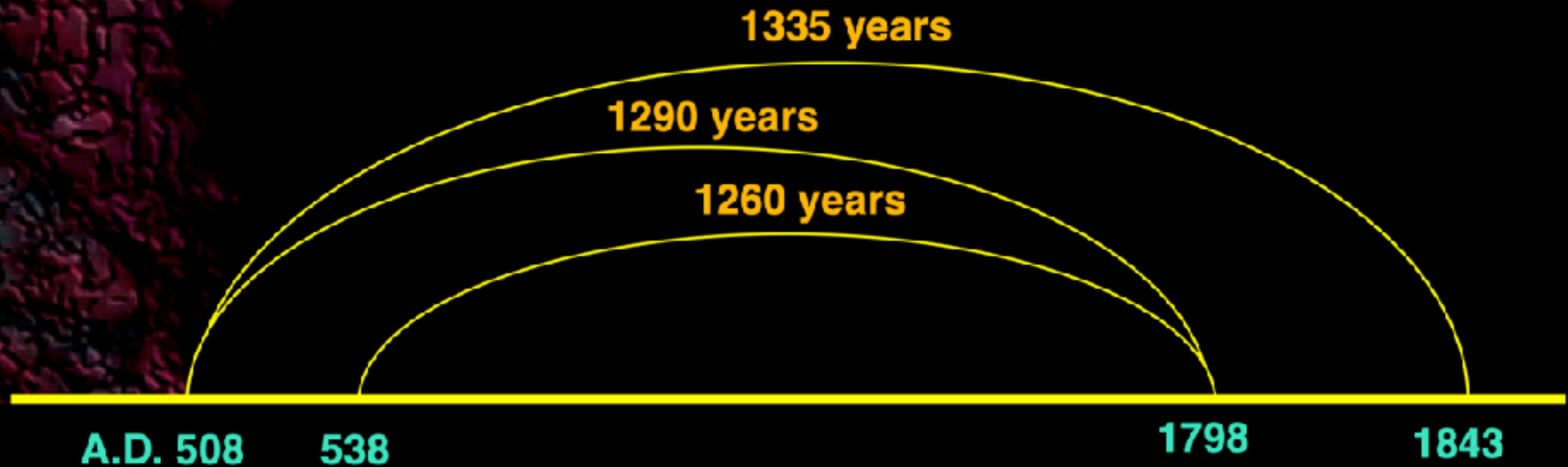
Observation

Because the **1335 days** immediately follow the **1290 days** it is obvious that both periods are intimately connected.

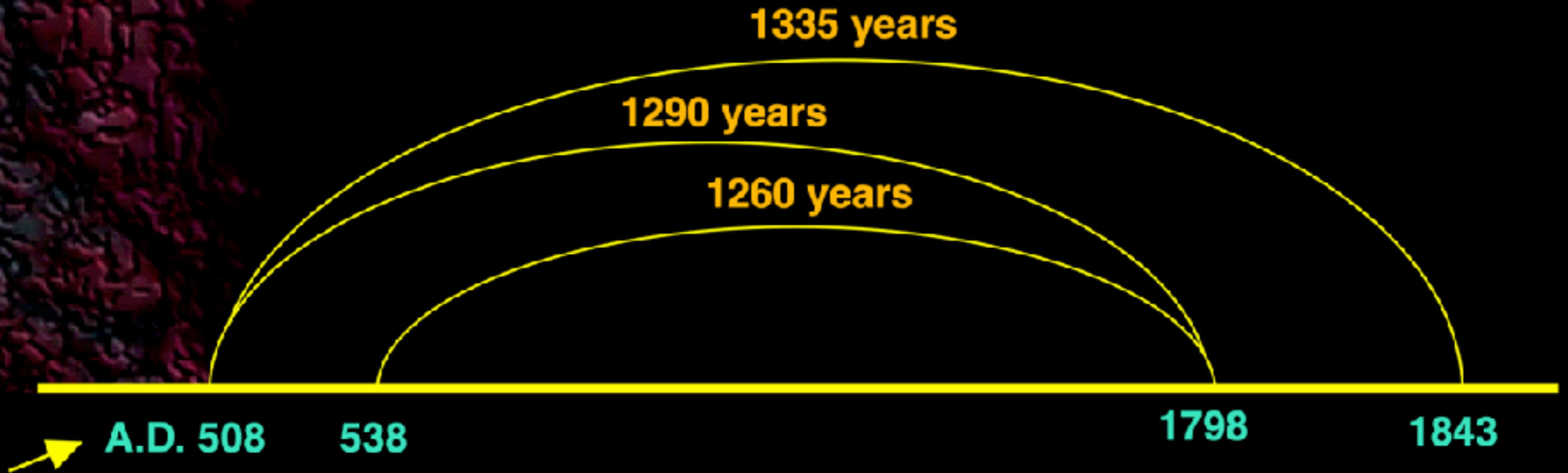
This means that both periods must have the same beginning, namely the year **508 AD**.

The end of the 1335 years is then **45 years beyond 1798 and extends to 1843**.

The 1260 Years, 1290 Years and 1335 Years



Beginning of the 1290 Years and 1335 Years



→ A.D. 508

538

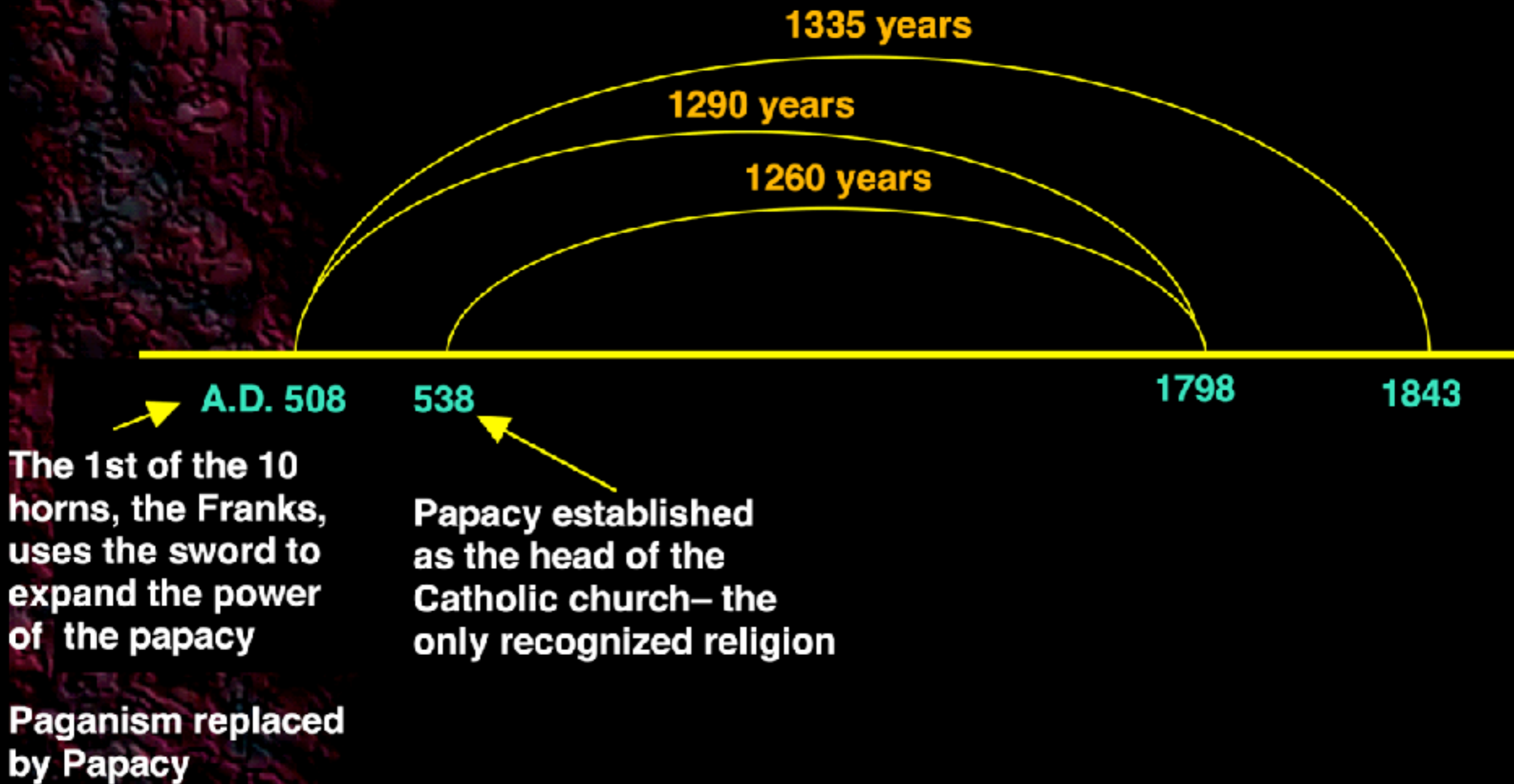
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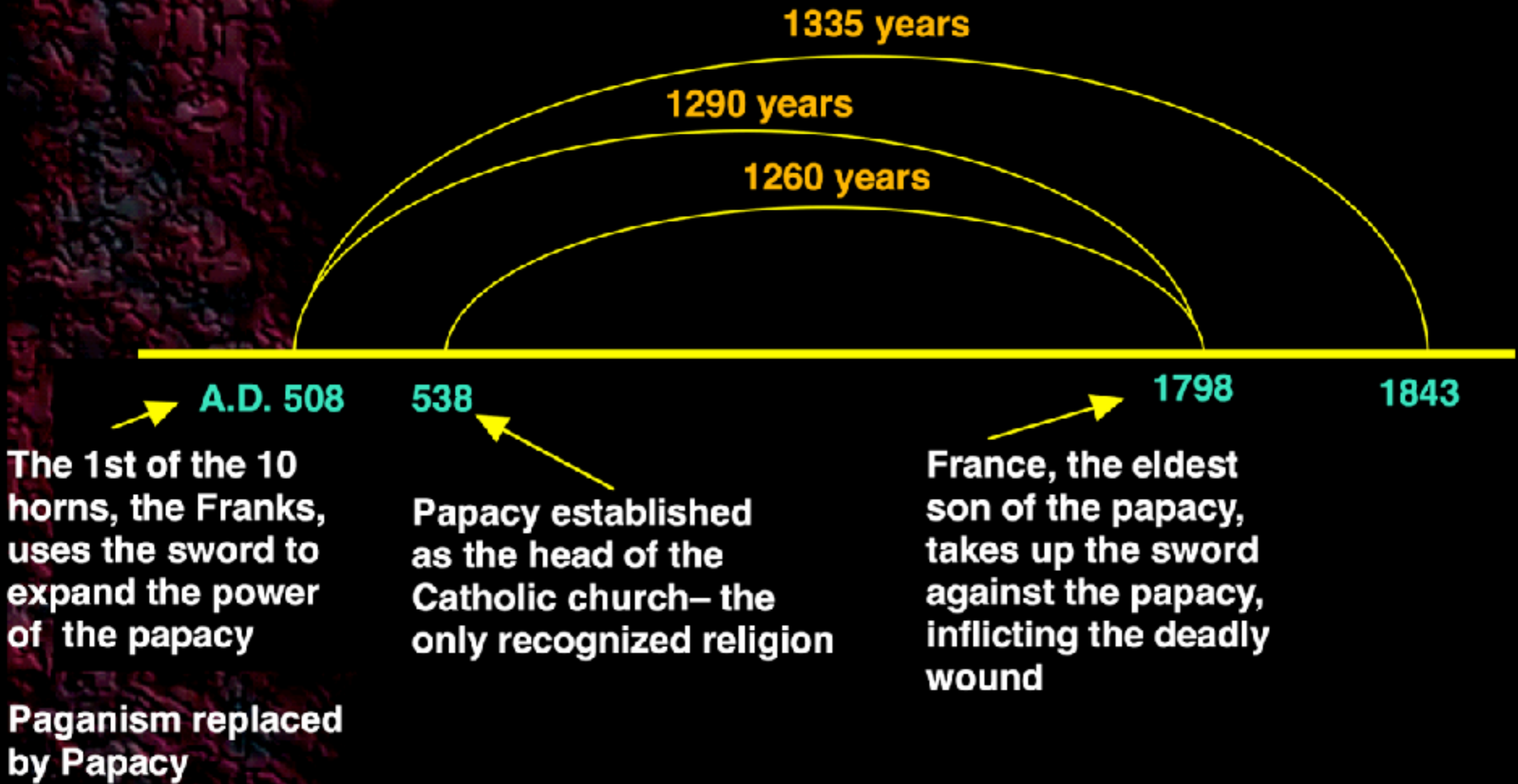
The 1st of the 10 horns, the Franks, uses the sword to expand the power of the papacy

Paganism replaced by Papacy

Beginning of the 1260 Years



Ending of the 1260 and 1290 years



What Is the Blessing in 1843?

**Observation about the events in
1843:**

**It was during 1831-1844 that
the Great Second Advent
Movement proclaimed the first
angel's message. When the
churches throughout
Christendom rejected this
message the second angel's
message was launched,
announcing the fall of Babylon,
in 1843-1844.**

**Now the call “Come out of her My people,”
began to be proclaimed, calling God’s
people out of Babylon into God’s prophetic
remnant.**

What Is the Blessing in 1843?

It was in 1843 that the Remnant Church of prophecy came into existence. Those who were alive at that time and participated in the Second Advent Movement received the special blessing Jesus promised at the end of Daniel 12.

What Is the Blessing in 1843?

Daniel 12 prophecy of the 1335 culminating in 1843 is one of two Bible passages that refer specifically to the preciousness of the early Adventist experience.

The other is Revelation 10.

What Is the Blessing in 1843?

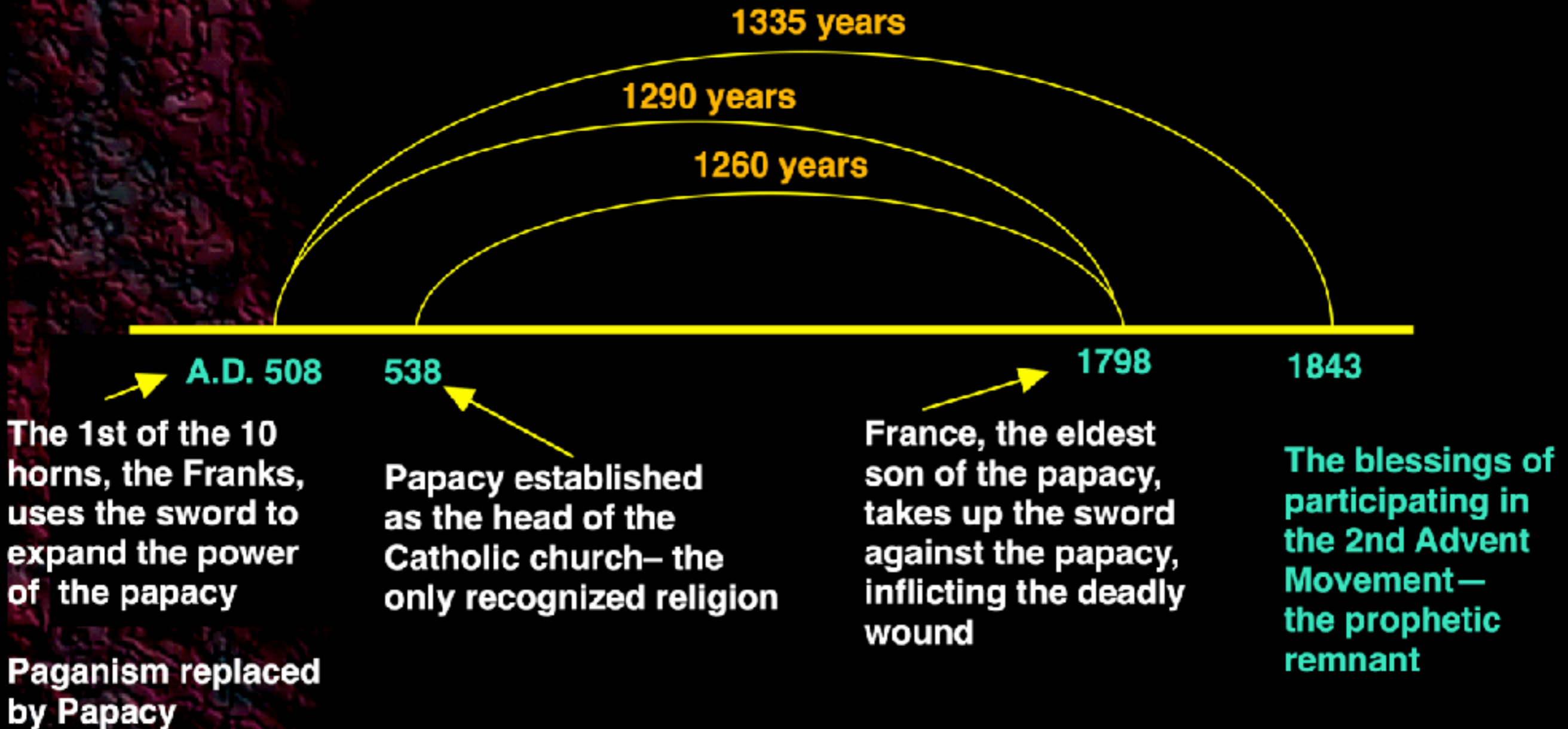
Ellen White described her experience in the Advent Movement during the year before the Great Disappointment as “the happiest year of my life” (Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 54)....

What Is the Blessing in 1843 and Beyond?

Observation:

In this light it is helpful to remember that those who participated in the proclamation of the angels' messages were to receive a special blessing: They will be part of the special resurrection promised to those who have died without seeing Jesus at the second advent (Dan. 12:2; Rev. 14:13). (See Great Controversy, p. 637).

Ending of the 1335 Years



Ending of the 1335 Years

- **The end of the 1335 days**
 - **Ellen White:** The 1335 days had ended (Lt. 28, 1850)
 - **U. Smith:** The 1335 ended in 1843

Ending of the 1335 Years

- **The promised blessing in 1843**
 - **U. Smith:** The blessed experience of participating in the 2nd Advent Movement
 - **E. G. White:** “This was the happiest year of my life” (1843/1844) (*Testimonies*, vol. 1, 54)
 - **Newer views**
 - **The blessing of being in the special resurrection (Dan 12:2; Rev 14:13) See GC 637**

How Shall Daniel Stand in His Lot at the End?

Daniel 12:13

**But go thou thy way
till the end be: for
thou shalt rest, and
stand in thy lot at
the end of the days.**

How Did Daniel Stand in His Lot at the End

“Stand in your lot at the end of days”

**Two views on Daniel
standing in his “lot” (Dan
12:13)**

- 1. It refers to his
“inheritance”**
- 2. It refers to the decisions
of the judgment**

How Did Daniel Stand in His Lot at the End

**The understanding of the
Adventist pioneers:**

**Daniel shall stand in his lot in
the decisions of the
investigative judgment of the
righteous dead.**

How Did Daniel Stand in His Lot at the End

Confirmation by Ellen White

- 1. It affirms the
investigative judgment
(GC 488)**
- 2. It includes the prominent
role of Daniel's
prophecies during the
time of the end (4BC
1174)**

1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

Some interpret the time prophecies of the **1260**, **1290**, and **1335** days as literal days, not prophetic days to be interpreted with the year-day principle.

1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

They claim support from Ellen White who, they say, wrote that the 1335 days have not yet ended. In a letter from 1850 Ellen White writes concerning a Brother Hewit, “We told him of some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended and numerous errors of his. It had but little effect. His darkness was felt upon the meeting and it dragged.” (Ellen White, Manuscript Release, 6:251)

Some view this statement that Ellen White puts the 1335 literal days to be fulfilled in the future.

1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

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1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

Otherwise we must ask, why Ellen White reprimanded brother Hewit and not her husband and all the other pioneers who taught that the 1335 years were ended? This indicates that she herself placed the 1335 days in the past. (Gerhard Pfandl, “The Time Prophecies in Dan 12,” BRI Newsletter, Number 4, Oct 2003).

1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

This new interpretation of the literal days in Daniel 12 in the future is against Ellen White's opposition to timesetting.

In 1880 she wrote, "I have borne the testimony since the passing of the time in 1844, that there should be no definite time set by which to test God's people. The great test on time was in 1843 and 1844; and all who have set time since this great period marked in prophecy, were deceiving and being deceived" (Ellen White, Life Sketches of James and Ellen White, p. 221).

1335 Days Fulfilled in Future?

Ellen White referred to the Great

Disappointment of 1844 as **the**

PASSING OF TIME

Any time prophecies beyond 1844,

to be fulfilled yet in the future =

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For Further Study

For a more extensive study, see:

- 1. Uriah Smith, *Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, chapter 12, pp. 313-334**
- 2. P. Gerard Damsteegt, *Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission* (Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press), pp. 39, 40, 65-69, 73-75, 85-87, 91, 156, 168, 170.**
- 3. Gerhard Pfandl, "The Time Prophecies in Dan 12," BRI Newsletter, Number 4, Oct 2003.**
- 4. Gerhard Pfandl, "Further on the Time Prophecies in Daniel 12," BRI Newsletter, Number 35, July 2011.**

