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The Importance of the 2300 Year Prophecy

Let the Spirit of God speak on this subject. Only let us who have 'ears to hear' listen "let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." {Rev 2:7,11,18,29; 3:6,13,21}.

*The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: "**Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**" Daniel 8:14. These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. {GC 409.1}*

*The preaching of a definite time for the judgment, in the giving of the first message, was ordered by God. The computation of the prophetic periods on which that message was based, placing the close of **the 2300 days** in the autumn of 1844, stands without impeachment. {GC 457.1}*

*But such subjects as **the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. {EW 63.2}*

*That which led to this movement was the discovery that the decree of Artaxerxes for the restoration of Jerusalem, which formed the starting point for the period of **the 2300 days**, went into effect in the autumn of the year 457 B.C., and not at the beginning of the year, as had been formerly believed. Reckoning from the autumn of 457, **the 2300 years** terminate in the autumn of 1844. {GC 398.4}*

*The **sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin** is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, **must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary**. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption,--the Son of God uplifted on the cross. {GW 314}*