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'And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swars by Him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be fulfilled. . . . And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.'—DAN. xii. 6, 7, 11, 12.

IN these verses, three prophetical numbers are distinctly specified,—namely, 'a time, times, and an half;' 'a thousand two hundred and ninety days;' and 'the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.' Now, it is the design of this tractate to inquire concerning the commencement and termination of these three numbers, and to ascertain the events in providence to which they respectively refer, and which shall

signalize the different periods of their termination. And these events, as we shall endeavour to show, are the downfall of the Turkish empire, the deliverance of the Jews from their present state of captivity, their conversion to Christianity, their restoration to Palestine, and the commencement of the millennial state of the church.

The *first* of these numbers is 'a time, times, and an half,'—that is, three years and an half, or forty-two months, which, reckoning thirty days to a month, according to the Jewish notation of time, amount to 1260 days; and taking each day as the symbol of a year, according to the mode of computing prophetic time, they amount to 1260 solar years. The *second* of these numbers is 'a thousand two hundred and ninety days,' and represents as many solar years. The *third* of these numbers is 'a thousand three hundred and five and thirty days,' or 1335 natural years. These three prophetic numbers, as we shall afterwards see, are restricted and refer exclusively to the events foretold in the chapter of which they form a part, and to the last clause of the preceding chapter. They have no relation whatever, either

to 'the time and times and dividing of time,' during which the fourth beast of Daniel 'shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws' (Dan. vii. 25); nor unto the 2300 days, during which the little horn that came forth out of one of the four notable horns of the Grecian kingdom, 'cast down the truth to the ground, and practised and prospered' (Dan. viii. 9-14).

These three prophetic numbers have been confounded in a greater or lesser degree by writers on the prophecies of Daniel, with the other prophetic numbers specified in the seventh and eighth chapters of the book, and which have an obvious relation to the third and fourth beasts—the Grecian and Roman monarchies. And it is necessary, ere we enter on the consideration of the objects to which these three numbers refer, and of the events with which they are associated, that we should carefully examine this subject; and in doing so, we shall find that they have no connection with either the one or other of these monarchies.

SECTION I.

THESE THREE PROPHETICAL NUMBERS ARE DISTINCT FROM 'THE TIME AND TIMES AND THE DIVIDING OF TIME' SPECIFIED IN DAN. VII. 25, AND HAVE NO RELATION TO THE RISE AND DOMINATION OF THE PAPAL POWER.

THE first of these three numbers—the time, times, and an half—is the same in respect of duration and mode of statement, with the time and times and dividing of time spoken of in regard to the little horn that rose up among the ten horns of Daniel's fourth beast (Dan. vii. 25), and likewise with the time and times and half a time spoken of by the Apostle John, in regard to the woman's flight into the wilderness from the face of the serpent (Rev. xii. 14). Hence, many students of prophecy have hastily concluded that all these prophetic numbers must refer to the same enemy of the church, and to the time of her deliverance from its persecuting power. We shall