



*The above Möbius loop exposes the internal tension in the long-embraced Traditional Position on Daniel 12's timelines. While 1798 is nominally affirmed as the **beginning** of the Time of the End, in practice the "1335 days" are anchored to a dubious event **over a millennium earlier**. This looping logic buries Daniel 12's time-critical message. Properly understood, however, the loop is resolved, providing biblical coherence and prophetic clarity, while strongly affirming the authority of the Spirit of Prophecy — and it does so without compromising Historicism's year-for-a-day validity or engaging in any form of "date setting".*

"Just an imaginary tsunami in grandma's porcelain?"

Since the Traditional Position selects 508 as the starting point for the 1335 days of Daniel 12, it is, by logical necessity, relocating the start of "time of the end" to that date and its end at the same disastrous terminus as the Millerites. Daniel 12 presents the 1290 and 1335 days as part of the Time of the End, not as free-standing periods, and Ellen White affirms that the book of Daniel was sealed until that time. Simple arithmetic shows that $508 + 1335 \neq 1844$. Attempts to reconcile these dates with the historical proclamation of the three angels' messages and the Investigative Judgement relied on circular reasoning that actually undermines the authority of Ellen White and the credibility of Adventist eschatology. With Jesus' Matthew 24-warnings pointing directly to Daniel's final message, this prophecy confronts us with an urgent, electrifying reality: *it is an **existential alert** that is completely missed if the timelines are seen as already fulfilled.*

By conflating centuries with days and beginnings with ends, the Traditional Position obscures Daniel's timely — and now urgent — message. The correct interpretation of Daniel 12:11–12, however, resolves this tension revealing clarity and placing *all* pillars of Adventist faith on solid ground. Historicism remains intact. The issue is *misapplication*, not doctrinal.

In a Nutshell

The Traditional Position's logical structure contains a fatal incongruity that has lain undetected since 1843: valid reasoning cannot simultaneously **(a)** define 1798 as the *beginning* of the “time of the end” (as unwaveringly stipulated by Ellen White) and **(b)** place the end of the 1335 in 1843/4 — unless it disconnects the 1335 from the “time of the end” (as it is unequivocally defined in the text of Daniel 12 and as required by the Spirit of Prophecy¹).

The Traditional Position wants to say: “508 is just the starting point of the 1335 days, not the Time of the End.” But Daniel does not allow that separation. The 1335 is not an independent ruler that can be slid around the timeline. It is nailed to Daniel 12, and Daniel 12 is nailed to the Time of the End. So if the peg is moved, the whole board moves with it. In formal logic this is called *involuntary reclassification*.

Those wanting the emotional support of a familiar tradition may reject the label (cognitive dissonance) — but the logic is impossible to escape.

The Traditional Position on the 1335 days prophecy tacitly acknowledges the date 1798 as the “beginning of the Time of the End” in harmony with Ellen White. But in practice it treats that date as both a *milestone* and the *destination* by blurring the significance of the word *beginning*. This creates a serious dilemma.

Starting the **1335-years** timeline in 1798 would make its terminus $1798 + 1335 = \text{AD } 3133$, which is obviously untenable. Trying to avoid this problem has resulted in unintentional prophetic chaos — which actually undermines the validity of Adventism's pillars — *the authority of the Spirit of Prophecy in particular*.

Unless we frankly face this stark reality it has the real potential to destroy the church's credibility.

Daniel 12 is not a distant curiosity — it is an urgent call to discernment *for those of us who really are living in the time of the end*. The Traditional Position, though long accepted by the sincere and trusting faithful, has obscured clarity by unwittingly conflating beginnings with ends and centuries with days. But the significance and power of Daniel 12's message to us living today are too great to remain obscured by an error of logical structure.

Anachronism (attributing something to a period to which it does not belong)

- ▶ ● By insisting the 1335 *days* are 1335 *years*, ending in 1843², the Traditional Position is forced to repeat the classic Millerites' error because it also requires “the end of time” to occur at the same time they did — the end of the 2300 days³ (1844⁴). This means the judgement, the resurrection and the deliverance of God's faithful waiting ones should all have occurred in 1844 just as the Millerites incorrectly predicted.
- It is impossible to reconcile the date 1844 with both 508 *and* AD 509.
- It strains credibility well beyond breaking point to claim the “great blessing” promised by Jesus to *those who wait* — emphasised with the most dramatic oath in the Bible and witnessed by all Heaven — was fulfilled when the Millerites realised they were mistaken and their hopes were now centred elsewhere.
- Making it appear the date of 1798 is being faithfully acknowledged, while simultaneously using an event that occurred in the early sixth century in order to see the 1335 “days” as “years”, sidesteps logic and severely damages the credibility of the entire Seventh-day Adventist prophetic ecosystem. By selecting 508 as the starting point of the 1335 days, by logical necessity, the start of the “time of the end” is relocated to that same date. The 1290 and 1335 days in Daniel 12 are not presented as independent or free-floating periods, but as chronological elements situated *within*, and defined by, the framework of “the time of the end” (Dan. 12:4, 9–12). The Traditional Position is, therefore, logically, albeit unwittingly, committed to the conclusion that Daniel was unsealed in 508 and that the first angel's message, announcing “the hour of His judgment,” should have begun its proclamation from that time forward.

Present Truth

A properly oriented, “still-future-literal-days” interpretation of Daniel 12:11,12, however, fully resolves the tension and strongly places all the pillars of the Adventist faith on solid biblical grounds. *Historicism itself is not challenged*. It remains the divinely guided framework for interpreting the sweeping prophetic periods including the 1260 years (Daniel 7), 70 weeks and 2300 days. The issue is misapplication: Daniel 12 is *a terminal prophecy*, not a centuries-spanning overview.

A common fear that acknowledging the truth of the matter will imperil the status of the church as “God’s remnant people” is unfounded. The opposite is true.

Below are the pillars Ellen White repeatedly defends as foundational, essential, and non-negotiable:

The Irreducible Pillars of Adventism	Traditional Position	Present Truth
Literal Second Coming of Jesus	✓	✓
Seventh-day Sabbath / the Law immutable	✓	✓
Heavenly Sanctuary	✓	✓
Investigative Judgment	Anachronistic	✓
Three Angels’ Messages	Anachronistic	✓
State of the Dead	✓	✓
Spirit of Prophecy	Compromised	✓
The Great Controversy Framework	Weakened	✓

¹“In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time [written 39 years beyond 1844]. To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of the scripture point, and *here* their warnings and threatenings pre-eminently apply. The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the consummation, throw a flood of light upon events *then* to transpire” (R&H, September 25, 1883).

“Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand *before* the time of the end” (LT 161, July 30, 1903).

In the letter she wrote to church leaders, Ellen White was urging Adventists to be spiritually prepared and to understand the prophecies particularly relevant to “the last days.” The reference to Daniel 12 highlights that chapter’s material about the time of trouble, deliverance of God’s people, resurrection, and the final judgment — themes she saw as increasingly important for believers in the twentieth century to grasp — not something applying specifically to the sixth century.

▶ Jesus Himself gave the warning recorded in Daniel 12 and He repeated it in Matthew 24 (Luke 21:5–36, Mark 13). For us it is as indispensable as Justification by Faith. It is a ***specific survival alert*** that is as urgent for us now as it was for those living just prior to the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70. Because it is a time-critical part of our literal salvation, it is an important, timely component of the Gospel. ***But it is totally missed if the message is seen as fulfilled long ago.***

See [Allen Sonter](#) for clarification on the usual objection that "...After this period of time...there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844" (MS 59, 1900). See [Objections](#) for clarification of the GC 439.2 misreading.

² $508 + 1335 = 1843$ (not 1844)

³ Daniel 12 places the terminus of the 1335 days at *the end of time* — which 1843 was not.

⁴ $509 + 1335 = 1844$ — which means the correct date for the "...beginning of the Time of the End" would really be 1799, not 1798.

"Just say it like it is!"

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Here is the *real* pressure-point in the Traditional Position in blunt terms: it rhetorically denies, "*We're not placing the Time of the End in 508*". But the moment 508 is chosen as the starting point of the 1335 days, the logic of Daniel's own structure forces that date to function as the Time of the End, like it or not.

Here's why that's inescapable:

1 In Daniel 12, the 1290 / 1335 days are **inside** the *Time of the End* framework. Daniel 12 is neither a random timeline, nor an integral part of the 2,300 days of Daniel 8. It is explicitly anchored in, and immovable from:

- "...at that time thy people shall be delivered..." (Dan 12:1).
- "...the time of the end..." (Dan 12:4, 9).
- "...from the time that the daily shall be taken away..." (Dan 12:11–12, note: *sacrifice* is not in the original Hebrew).

So the 1290 and 1335 days do not float in neutral time. *They exist in relation to, and flow from, the "Time of the End."* You can't lift those numbers out and drop them on 508 without also moving the *environment* those numbers live in — the Time of the End.

If the 1335 starts in 508:

- **Then** the 1290 days must also start in 508
- And **If** those events occur in 508...
- **Then** the **Time of the End arrived in 508** by sheer definition (formal logic – Conditional Proposition)
- Adventist eschatology is compromised

The Traditional Position simply cannot keep 1798 as the *Time of The End* while simultaneously using 508 as the trigger point of Daniel 12. That literally destroys the textual structure.

2 Ellen White tightens the link even further, she connects *three things* as one package:

- The Time of the End
- The unsealing of Daniel
- The commission to proclaim the judgment-hour message (the Investigative Judgement)

The Kicker: if Daniel's 12th-chapter time prophecies are forced to start in 508, **then:**

- Daniel was unsealed in 508
- The Time of the End began in 508
- And a message based on unsealed prophecy should have begun in 508
- The pivotal Investigative Judgement should have begun in 508
- The whole Seventh-day Adventist prophetic framework is fractured

Why this is such a problem for the Traditional Position. It wants:

- The *authority* of Ellen White's testimony
- The flexibility to contradict it

But those two cannot coexist.

3 This is not a theological dispute — it is a *category* error. The mistake in the Traditional Position is *structural*. It insists, "508 is merely the *beginning marker* for the 1335 "years", not the actual Time of the End." But neither Daniel, the Spirit of Prophecy nor logic permit that dichotomy. Every step from the starting gun to the finish line lies within the ambit of the race. Arguing otherwise is simply irrational. We cannot say, "The starting gun fired in 508 but the runners didn't leave their blocks until 1798". Reject the label (Irrationalism) as we may, we cannot escape the consequences that the laws of logic impose. That is not misrepresentation. That is the "law of non-contradiction and logical entailment".

To deny it we must abandon either:

- Daniel's structure (chapter 12 is *all* about the "Time of the End").
- Ellen White's framework ("1798 is the *beginning* of the "Time of the End").
- Or the 508 starting point (it was William Miller who said the End of Time was 1843/4, not Daniel, not Ellen White. He arrived at the date 508 by subtracting 1335 from the year he believed Jesus would appear — 1843). Logic cannot keep all three.

The early Adventists, including James and Ellen White, believed probation closed in 1843/4 (the Shut Door theory). But God later revealed to them that probation's close was still future, thereby indicating the 1290/1335 Days of chapter 12 must also still be future because Daniel 12 contains the terminal events linked specifically to the close of probation. In effect God had confirmed the Millerites' ideas about AD 508 to be incorrect, necessitating a still-future application of the 1335 Days.

In Happy Contrast: Real and Present Truth

A *literal-future-days* interpretation resolves all these contradictions, aligns with Ellen White's 1798 start, and **situates the 1290 and 1335 days as final, terminal markers for those who are witnessing their fulfilment**. Daniel 12 emphasises the 1290 /1335 days with a unique, and most solemn oath. It is immediately apparent that no mortal human being can live 1290 years and then "wait" another 45 years for the promised blessing. Understanding the "days" of Daniel 12 (specifically) as literal, 24-hour-long days — not "years" — restores logical, historical, and hermeneutical integrity while efficiently *reinforcing Adventism's pillars*.

- The Investigative Judgement is disambiguated
- The Three Angels' Messages are affirmed chronologically
- The Spirit of Prophecy is upheld uncompromisingly
- The Great Controversy framework is established unequivocally
- The reliability of Historicism is fully endorsed
- No form of "Date Setting" is involved
- And the "1260 Days" are elucidated without contradicting the Spirit of Prophecy

So...

Why is this such a “big deal”?

- ▶ ● Jesus Himself spoke the words Daniel recorded — because they are as vital for *our very survival* in the days just ahead as they were in AD 70 for the early Christians. The importance of this fact cannot be overstated.
- They are an accurate roadmap to safety during the fast looming crisis
- His words focus the third (and fourth) Angels’ Messages

When *do* the 1335 days commence? The book examines this question with thoroughly informed, fresh eyes. The compelling conclusion may *really* surprise you. ***Don’t let it catch you off guard.***



“It is we who are living in the Time of the End — not Clovis the First — and the implications are galvanising. The fast-approaching storm won’t be in a teacup.”

The Traditional Position buries Jesus’ most important message, intended specifically for us more than a millennium and a half in the past.

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