

would take place at the end of these 2,300 years. Mr. Miller determined the time of the beginning of these 2,300 years in the following manner: (1) He said that the time of the beginning of these 2,300 years was given in Daniel 9:24-27 which was the explanation of the part of the vision in Daniel 8 which Gabriel had not explained to Daniel in their previous meeting, "namely, that (part) relating to time -- the period of 2,300 days."⁸ (2) He said that a week in Daniel 9:24-27 was seven years. Therefore, he said that the 70 weeks were 70 weeks of years, or 490 years. (3) He said that the word "determined" in Daniel 9:24 meant "to cut off." Therefore, he said that these 490 years were cut off from a larger period of time "as specially pertaining to the Jews."⁹ (4) Since the only period of time which is mentioned in Daniel 8 is the 2,300 years in verse 14, Mr. Miller said that it was the period of time from which these 490 years were cut off. Therefore, Mr. Miller said these 490 years were part of the 2,300 years in Daniel 8:14, and that they both began at the very same time. (5) He said that the 490 years in Daniel 9:24-27 began in 457 B.C. when Artaxerxes Longamanus, King of Persia, issued the decree "to restore and build Jerusalem"¹⁰ in its completest form. (6) Since he was convinced that the 2,300 years in Daniel 8:14 and the 490 years in Daniel 9:24-27 both began at the very same time, Mr. Miller concluded that the 2,300 years in Daniel 8:14 began in 457 B.C.

Thus Mr. Miller had all the information he needed to date the second coming of Christ, The 2,300 days in Daniel 8:14 were actually 2,300 years.

⁸Ibid., p. 193.

⁹Ibid.

¹⁰Dan. 9:25.