	Witness f	or the Defense (John 5:31-4	7)	
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Answer to a question about Dan	niel 12:2:	12:1 = Tribulation; 12:	2 =; 12:3 = Millennium	
First reason 12:2 is	_GWT is:			
Second reason 12:2 is	GWT	is:		
New Exposition				
Jesus' self-testimony is not the lift were to testify about Myse John 5:30; and 8:15b; and	elf, My tes	-		
John 5:31 and 8:14				
How to know that "suffic	cient" is th	ne meaning of "true" here?		
The Father (who is greater th The Father testifies abou			esus (a second Witness) [5:32-38]	
	ies about	Me, and I know that the test	imony which He testifies about	
Me is sufficient. How to know it should re	ead "Anot	her" (= the Father), not "and	ther" (= the Baptist)?	
Parenthesis about John ³³ You• have sent to John, and	-	•		
34 Now I do not receive testim	₃₄ Now I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these <i>things</i> so you• may be saved.			
³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and for an hour you∙ were willing to rejoice in his light. Significance of Jesus referring to the Baptist as a lamp				

How to understand Jesus' reference to these people rejoicing in the Baptist's light?

The Father (who is greater than John the Baptist) testifies about Jesus [5:32-38]—continued— The Father's testimony through Jesus doing the Father's works [5:36-38]

³⁶ However, I have a greater testimony *than* John's, because the works which the Father gave Me so I might complete *them*—these same works which I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

₃₇ Also, the Father Himself who sent Me has testified about Me. You• have never heard His voice, nor have you• seen His form.

₃₈ Also you• do not have His word abiding in you•, because you• do not believe Him whom He sent.

The Scriptures testify to Jesus Christ, but His audience fail to come to Him for life [5:39-40] ³⁹ "You• search the Scriptures, because in them you• suppose you• might have everlasting life; yet they are the *ones* testifying about Me. ⁴⁰ But you• are unwilling to come to Me so you• may have life. The rabbis viewed the OT as requiring law-keeping before one could receive everlasting life

Coming to Jesus = believing in Him for His promise of everlasting life (cf. 6:35)

They do not come to Him for life, because they seek to please humans, not God 5:41-43] ₄₁ "I do not receive glory from men. ₄₂ But I have known you•, that you• do not have love for God within yourselves•.

⁴³ "I have come in the name of My Father, yet you• do not welcome Me. If another comes in his own name, him you• will welcome.

⁴⁴ "How can you• believe who (though receiving glory from one another) do• not seek the glory which *is* from the only God?

Moses' writings accuse them, because (if they believed Moses, they would believe Jesus [5:45-47] ⁴⁵ Do• not suppose that I will accuse you• to the Father. The *one* accusing you• is Moses, in whom you• have hoped. ⁴⁶ For if you• believed Moses, you• would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷ "But if you• do not believe his writings, how will you• believe My words?"

Cf. Genesis 3:15; 22:18; 49:10; Numbers 23–24; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Conclusion