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Sermons and Lectures of James Durham: A Chronological Catalog, 1647–1658

INTRODUCTION

There are few dates associated with manuscripts of James Durham’s sermons and lectures (manuscripts are detailed in this issue’s bibliography). However, there are enough to form guideposts to attempt an approximate chronology for his pastoral ministry from 1647–1658, focusing on his six years of ministry in the Inner Kirk of Glasgow Cathedral. The primary attention is on the Lord’s Day services. However, apparently all the Glasgow ministers shared and took part in weekday preaching, with each taking at least one weekday at the cathedral during the week. There are sermons by Durham dating to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, indicating either his day changed now and then or that he often took more than one day of the weekly preaching. In addition to the weekday preaching, there were lectures on Scripture every day in the

city of Glasgow, and Durham took his turn by lecturing every day every fifth week. In addition to two Lord’s Day sermons, Durham also lectured each Lord’s Day; but, as argued in the biography of Durham (see page 213 of this issue), this table presumes that every fifth Lord’s Day the lecture is skipped due to Durham’s share of the daily city lectures that week.

The first column gives the year and the weekday if not a Lord’s Day. The second column gives the month and date. The third column lists the known or presumed material and any sources for dating. Titles in the regular face indicate attributed dates, and the italic face indicates material with estimated, supposed, or doubtful dating. Durham likely began lecturing in the Inner Kirk on Lord’s Day mornings on October 19, 1651. The table begins with brief information on Durham’s Blackfriars’ ministry. While there are some dates to some way pin down the Revelation lectures, the undated lecture series are placed merely to show that these lectures can easily fit within Durham’s years at Glasgow Cathedral. Some evidence suggests Canticles must follow the Ten Commandments. The Job series could have gone anywhere there is space.

What is clear from this data is that despite Baillie’s characterization of the terms of Durham’s call to Glasgow as “from time to time,” he clearly was well utilized judging from the amount of material generated in just six years of ministry.

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James Durham’s Ministry at Blackfriars and Royal Chaplaincy

- 1648 Feb–Mar Durham was ordained on December 2, 1647, and called to Blackfriars Kirk, Glasgow. Glasgow City Archives, Mitchell Library, T-PM 114/1, George Maxwell records brief notes on at least one lecture or sermon on Psalm 3 by Durham. Following this are unattributed topics of Joshua 24:19, Psalm 4, Joshua 24:19 again, Ezekiel 10:9, and Hebrews 8:10. Then follows Maxwell’s notes on George Gillespie’s Sermon before the Scottish Parliament on Psalm 2, March 2, 1648. Whether any of the unattributed material between the two named entries are Durham’s is unknown. At this time, this dating between February and March of 1648 material is the only known of Durham’s ministry at Blackfriars. Durham was to succeed David Dickson as professor of theology at Glasgow University (May 1650), but was instead appointed king’s chaplain (July 1650).
- 1650 6–May (L) Psalm 110. “Re(a)d and explained” “at the communion.”
Monday National Library of Scotland, MS 664a. These are sermon and lecture notes by various ministers. There is a second lecture on Ps. 131 (undated) and third on Ps. 59 (28–July). There is a 12–May Glasgow communion sermon but the preacher is not identified (see Durham on Revelation volume 3 [2022], hereafter Bibliography, p. 580). During Durham’s Glasgow ministry, there were only three communion seasons for the rest of the 1650s (in 1655, 1656, and 1657).

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Saturday 1651	27-Jul	Isaiah 26:17-19. MS 664a. "A Sermon Julii 27, 1650, one [on] the Satterday afternoone for upstirring to the fast the Sabbath following."
	28-Jul	Isaiah 26:17-19. (L) Psalm LIX. PM: Sermon 2 on Isaiah 26:17-19. The AM fast sermon is not given, nor who by (dated Lord's Day sermons are assumed AM unless noted in the MS as PM). MS 664a. "Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God," etc. A 3 Lectour one [on] the Fast 28 of Julii, 1650. At the forth going of our Armie against Cromwell's invading." This was on a Lord's Day. There is an undated lecture following this one that is noted simply as "a lectour" on Psalm 106:1-8.
	May	Psalm XXXIX. 1-13 (L or S). MS 664a. This is undated but placed between sermons by James Guthrie dated May 13, 1651 and a sermon by J. M., dated May 18, 1651

James Durham's Ministry at the Inner Kirk, Glasgow Cathedral

- 19-Oct AM: #1: Canticles 2:1. PM: #2 (*undated*)
This appears to be the official beginning of Durham's ministry for the Inner Kirk at Glasgow Cathedral. The date is provided from the manuscript of sermons on Canticles chapter 2 held by Thomas Fisher Library (MSS 01203). Sermon 2 is not dated. Since Sermon 3 is dated and since the topic for Durham's apparent first Tuesday sermon is known, it is assumed that he preached on Canticles 2:1 in the PM service on this date.
- Tues 21-Oct Sermon 1: Matthew 16:24.
Westminster College Archives, Cambridge, MS Sermons (1651). This MS contains among others, seven sermons on Matthew 16:24, which were later published by Carstares as *The Great Corruption of Subtile Self* (1686). Thus, Durham was already focusing on "casuistic divinity" early in his ministry. In a letter dated May 21, 1653, Baillie writes, "I have desired him to write Case-Divinitie, wherein he is excellent, and daylie growes." *Letters & Journals*, 3.222. It is possible the four sermons published under the title of *Great Gain of Contenting Godliness* also date to this time. The second sermon was preached on 28-Oct or 4-Nov, and the third is dated 11-Nov.
- 26-Oct AM: #3: Canticles 2:1.
MSS 01203. As noted, Sermon #2 must have been in the PM the week before or some weekday other than the prior Tuesday. Durham also was lecturing each Lord's Day morning, but dates are lacking for most of the known series. We begin noting them on February 22, 1652.
- 2-Nov *Canticles 2, Sermon 4*. Here begins a presumed every fifth week skipping of the AM Lord's Day Lecture (denoted with the symbol •), estimated by counting back from January 30, 1653, the week prior to the dated first Revelation lecture on February 6, 1653.
 - 9-Nov *Canticles 2, Sermon 5*.
The italic face indicates the date is estimated or supposed.
- Tuesday 11-Nov Sermon 3: Matthew 16:24.
Sermons (1651). Durham must have skipped Tuesday, November 4. The remaining four were likely preached on subsequent Tuesdays.
- 16-Nov *Canticles 2, Sermon 6*.
- 23-Nov. *Canticles 2, Sermon 7*.
- 30-Nov *Canticles 2, (AM) Sermon 8 and (PM) Sermon 9*.
Some sermons in the series are noted afternoon and a few forenoon, and this establishes that Durham frequently continued the same text for the PM sermon.
- 7-Dec *Canticles 2, (AM) Sermon 10 and (PM) Sermon 11*.
Again, every fifth week it is assumed Durham did not lecture (•).
- 14-Dec *Canticles 2, (AM) Sermon 12 and (PM) Sermon 13*
- 21-Dec *Canticles 2, Sermon 14*.

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1652	28-Dec	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 15.</i>
	4-Jan	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 16.</i>
	• 11-Jan	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 17.</i>
	18-Jan	AM: #18: <i>Canticles 2:18.</i> MSS O1203. Sermons 6–17 could have unfolded multiple ways for #18 to be this date. Here, PM sermons were added on 30-Nov, 7-Dec, and 14-Dec. Again, MS O1203 is a full set of 44 sermons in secretary hand on chapter two. See the entry for October 19, 1651.
	25-Jan	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 19.</i> The next five sermons on Song of Solomon could have unfolded in different ways, including some Saturday sermons, if the date for sermon 25 is correct. Here, sermon 24 is placed as an afternoon (PM) sermon on February 22.
	1-Feb	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 20.</i>
	8-Feb	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 21.</i>
	• 15-Feb	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 22.</i>
	22-Feb	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 23 & 24. (LS) Job 1</i> The 40 lectures on Job may have begun early in Durham’s ministry and are placed here given the mention of plundering and quartering in them, the latter of which Durham had been burdened with since the occupation by Cromwell, as Baillie notes in April 1651 (3.155). They might have been given anytime where there is sufficient space in this <i>Chronological Catalog</i> .
	28-Feb	#25: <i>Canticles 2:10.</i>
Saturday		MS Laing III.89. This is a Saturday sermon if the date is correct. Durham’s regular preaching may have been disrupted because of meetings in mid-February in Edinburgh of both the Resolutions and Protesters, who were reacting to the English announcement that Scotland was to lose its nation status and a broad toleration of Congregationalists and sects would be granted. Though Durham is not mentioned, Blair was heavily involved brokering another attempt at uniting the parties. There was also preaching against the English settlement as violating the Solemn League & Covenant from Protester and Resolutioner alike, which may also have affected Durham’s regular preaching through Canticles on the Lord’s day. Holfelder, pp. 153–154; Baillie, 3.173. Nicoll’s <i>Diary</i> , p. 85.
	29-Feb	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 26 and 27. (LS) Job 2.</i> Again, the next sermons could have unfolded in different ways in order to reach a 39 th sermon on April 18.
Tuesday	2 Mar	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 28.</i> To align with an AM Sermon 31 on March 14, in addition to two sermons on February 29 and on March 7, it is supposed that one additional sermon during one of those weeks must have occurred. Here, one is placed as a Tuesday sermon.
	7-Mar	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 29, 30. (LS) Job 3.</i>
	14-Mar	AM: #31 <i>Canticles 2:10. (LS) Job 4.</i> Laing III.89.
	• 21-Mar	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 32, 33.</i> Durham preached AM & PM or on two additional weekdays to align with the next known dates of April 3 and April 18.
	28-Mar	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 34, 35. (LS) Job 5.</i>
Saturday	3-Apr	AM: #36 <i>Canticles 2:14.</i> Laing III.89. If the date is correct, this was a Saturday sermon.
	4-Apr	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 37. (LS) Job 6.</i>
	11-Apr	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 38. (LS) Job 7.</i>

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1652	18-Apr	AM: #39: Canticles 2:15. (LS) Job 8. Laing III.89.
	• 25-Apr	<i>Unknown.</i> Since both sermon 39 and 40 are dated, either the April 27 date is wrong, or Durham or someone else preached on a different topic and Durham chose to preach the next sermon on Canticles for his Tuesday weekday sermon. Interestingly, this aligns with the fifth week where it is assumed there was no lecture.
Tuesday	27-Apr	#40: Canticles 2:15. Laing III.89. If the date is correct, this was a Tuesday sermon.
	2-May	#41: Canticles 2:16-17. (LS) Job 9. Laing III.89.
	9-May	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 42. (LS) Job 10.</i>
	16-May	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 43. (LS) Job 11.</i>
	23-May	<i>Canticles 2, Sermon 44. (LS) Job 11.</i> There are 44 sermons on Canticles 2.
	• 30-May	(AM) #1: Canticles 3:1. Laing III.89. To align with the next known date for the first sermon on chapter 4 on August 1, there were AM & PM sermons or weekday sermons that could have unfolded in many different ways. Here, two sermons each are assigned to 27-June, 4-July, and 11-July.
	6-Jun	<i>Canticles 3, Sermon 2. (LS) Job 13.</i>
	13-Jun	<i>Canticles 3, Sermon 3. (LS) Job 14.</i>
Thursday	17-Jun	<i>The Great Fire.</i> On this date occurred Glasgow's Great Fire, which destroyed a third of the city, killed many, and left 1,000 homeless.
	20-Jun	<i>Unknown. (LS) Job 15.</i> A second fire started between 7 and 8AM and it is uncertain if services were interrupted. It is assumed the sermon topic was affected but the regular lecture still given. "[T]he ministers preached, that this was for their compliance with the sectaries" Bulstrode Whitelock, <i>Memorials of the English Affairs</i> , vol. 3 (Oxford, 1853), p. 433.
	27-Jun	<i>Canticles 3, Sermons 4, 5. (LS) Job 16.</i>
	• 4-Jul	<i>Canticles 3, Sermons 6, 7.</i>
	11-Jul	<i>Canticles 3, Sermons 8, 9. (LS) Job 17.</i>
	18-Jul	<i>Canticles 3, Sermon 10. (LS) Job 18.</i>
	25-Jul	<i>Canticles 3, Sermon 11. (LS) Job 19.</i>
	1-Aug	(AM) #1: Canticles 4:1. (LS) Job 20. MS Laing III.89. It was not confirmed if the first sermon on chapter 5 was dated. To align with the next dated sermon, sermon seven on chapter 5, Durham must have preached twice on the Lord's Day on Canticles and/or on some weekdays. While no other sermons on chapter four are dated, sermons 12 and 16 are noted as afternoon sermons. At sermon 17 in the MS Laing III.89 occurs the signature of Margaret Durham, who married James on December 14, 1653. Sermons (1651) also has texts on 4:11 (2), 4:12, and 4:13-14. Undated.
	• 8-Aug	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons.</i>
	15-Aug	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 21.</i>
	22-Aug	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 22.</i>
	29-Aug	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 23.</i>
	5-Sep	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 24.</i>
	• 12-Sep	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons.</i>
1652	19-Sep	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 25.</i>
	26-Sep	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 26.</i>

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	3–O ^c t	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 27.</i>
Tuesday	5–O ^c t	Glasgow Synod: Sermon on Ephesians 4:11–12. Glasgow Synod met and Durham preached the retiring moderator’s sermon. Folger Shakespeare Library, X.d.424, MS Add. 257. Transcript published in “ <i>Antiquary: A Transcription of James Durham’s Sermon on Ephesians 4:11–12, taught before the Synod of Glasgow, October 5, 1652,</i> ” <i>The Confessional Presbyterian</i> 12 (2016). A refined text was published in <i>61 Sermons</i> , pp. 916ff.
	10–O ^c t	<i>Canticles 4, 1 or 2 sermons. (LS) Job 28.</i> There are 20 Sermons on Canticles 4.
	• 17–O ^c t	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 1.</i>
	24–O ^c t	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 2. (LS) Job 29.</i>
	31–O ^c t	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 3. (LS) Job 30.</i> Also in Sermons (1651) undated.
	7–Nov	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 4. (LS) Job 31.</i>
	14–Nov	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 5. (LS) Job 32.</i>
	• 21–Nov	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 6.</i>
	28–Nov	(AM) #7: <i>Canticles 5:2. (LS) Job 33.</i> Edinburgh Theological Seminary, NRA(S)2071.
	5–Dec	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 8 or other topic or missed. (LS) Job 34.</i> Durham was absent or preached on another topic on either December 5 or 12 to align with the next known date.
	12–Dec	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 8 or other topic or missed. (LS) Job 35.</i>
	19–Dec	(AM) #9: <i>Canticles 5:2. (LS) Job 36.</i> NRA(S)2071. The month was omitted or obscured, but the 19 th aligns perfectly with the subsequent afternoon notations and preaching both AM and PM on Canticles.
Tuesday	21–Dec	Sermon 1 on Ephesians 5:15–16. Westminster College Archives, Cambridge, Sermons (1651). This MS volume contains amongst others by Durham, seven sermons on Ephesians 5:15–16 and a seventh on verses 17–18, and two further sermons on verse 18. Howie indicates Durham preached a series of sermons on Ephesians 5:15–20 (see Bibliography, p. 572). So, it is possible there were several more sermons in the series, but whether they are no longer extant in MS or Howie made a mistake, it is unfortunate to not have Durham’s preaching and speaking directly to the topic of psalm singing. In his comments on Song of Solomon and how it might be desirable to sing portions of it, we have indications that Durham held to an inspired praise position rather than what is commonly called exclusive psalmody today (singing only from the Psalter in worship). From the earliest point in the Reformation all three positions existed, psalms and hymns, scripture only, psalms only. See Ephraim Schäfli, “ <i>In Translatione: The Preface to the Constance Hymnbook by Joannem Zwick,</i> ” <i>The Confessional Presbyterian</i> 7 (2011): 227. There had been no particular controversy about singing psalms, and the Scottish commissioners at the Westminster Assembly worked to produce a Psalter purged of anything but the 150 Psalms. This was then refined by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and became the Scottish Metrical Psalter of 1650. However, the lines of theory over practice were not as clear. Hence, there was the effort by at least some in the General Assembly to draft a collection of the other Scripture songs at the same time they were working on the Psalter. With the influx of sects and introduction of hymn singing, it became an issue to more thoroughly think through this issue, and so one finds by the 1670s the Covenanter position is clearly one of exclusive psalm-singing. See John Brown of Wamphray’s articulation of Lord’s Day worship in his <i>De causa Dei contra antisabbatarios tractatus</i> , 2 vols. (Rotterdam, 1677–78). See the English translation of his argument in Part I, <i>The Confessional Presbyterian</i> 3 (2007), and.

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	Tuesday 21-Dec	Sermon 1 on Ephesians 5:15-16. Part II, <i>The Confessional Presbyterian</i> 5 (2009). Three of these Ephesians sermons are dated. The first sermon is clearly dated 21 Dec, 1652, a Tuesday. However, the two other dated sermons, the eighth and ninth, present two wrinkles to a simple single weekday of Tuesday assigned to Durham. These are respectively dated 10-March 1653 and 17-March 1653. To fill that time, this requires at least four weeks when Durham did not preach this series, and also both those dates were Thursdays. If Durham was sick for some weeks at the end of December into January, this would have affected the other sermons and lectures on the Lord's Days. The next and only known date in the period is 6-Feb, the start of the Revelation lectures and Sermon on Canticles 5:4. It may be possible that taking up that series caused Durham to change topics for four weeks. It is not known if at the first of the year Durham switched days to Thursdays from Tuesdays, or if he took on Thursdays as well for a time. There is no subsequent sermon in this <i>Catalog</i> that is clearly preached on a Thursday (see 19-Jun), and the next known weekday sermon is not till 4-Sep, 1655, a Tuesday. Whether it continued or whether Durham's preaching on Thursdays had ended by then is not known. The preaching at the cathedral was constantly affected throughout Durham's ministry. In the career changes and illness of Patrick Gillespie, illness of Robert MacWard, deaths of Andrew Gray and Hugh Binning, Durham apparently had to fill for their preaching (Baillie, 3.368).
	• 26-Dec	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 10.
1653	2-Jan	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermons</i> 11, 12. (LS) <i>Job</i> 37. NRA(S)2071. Undated Sermon 12 is an afternoon sermon.
	9-Jan	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermons</i> 13, 14. (LS) <i>Job</i> 38. NRA(S)2071. Undated Sermon 14 is an afternoon sermon.
	16-Jan	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermons</i> 15, 16. (LS) <i>Job</i> 39. NRA(S)2071. Undated Sermon 16 is an afternoon sermon.
	23-Jan	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermons</i> 17, 18. (LS) <i>Job</i> 40. Sermon 18 is assumed to have been an afternoon sermon.
	• 30-Jan	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermons</i> 19, 20 NRA(S)2071. Undated Sermon 20 is an afternoon sermon.
	6-Feb	(L) Revelation 1 Lecture. #1. (AM) 21: <i>Canticles</i> 5:4. (PM) #22. NRA(S)2071. New College Library, Edinburgh, MS Rev 2. Only the first Revelation lecture is dated. George Maxwell supplies a date for the lecture on Revelation 10 (MS T-PM 114/3, 114/4).
	13-Feb	(L) Rev. 1#2. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 23, (PM) #24.
	20-Feb	(L) Rev. 1#3. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 25, (PM) #26.
	27-Feb	(L) Rev. 1#4. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 27, (PM) #28.
	• 6-Mar	<i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 29, (PM) #30. On this day, whether actually this date or whenever it was, a note in the MS states that in the afternoon, sermon 30 had to be preached in the Barony kirk in the crypt "when an Englishman would needs preach in the high kirk."
	Thursday 10-Mar	Sermon 8 on Ephesians 5:18. MS Sermons (1651).
	13-Mar	(L) Rev. 1#5. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 31. About this time or a bit later, Durham began to preach on Colossians 3 in the afternoon service.
	Thursday 17-Mar	Sermon 9 on Ephesians 5:18. MS Sermons (1651).
	20-Mar	(L) Rev. 1#6. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 32.
	27-Mar	(L) Rev. 1 #7. (AM) #33: <i>Canticles</i> 5:7. NRA(S)2071.
	3-Apr	(L) Rev. 1 #8. <i>Canticles</i> 5, <i>Sermon</i> 34.
	• 10-Apr	(AM) #35: <i>Canticles</i> 5:7. NRA(S)2071.

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1653	17-Apr	(L) Rev. 1 #9. (AM) #36: Canticles 5:7. NRA(S)2071.
	24-Apr	(L) Rev. 2#1. <i>Some other sermon topic than Canticles.</i> The dates for sermons 36 and 37 leave a week between them for no known reason. The lecture is assumed to have taken place on this date in order to align with the known date of the Lecture on Revelation 10.
	1-May	(L) Rev. 2 #2. (AM) #37: Canticles 5:7. NRA(S)2071.
	8-May	(L) Rev. 2 #3. <i>Canticles 5, Sermon 38.</i>
	• 15-May	<i>Canticles 5, Sermon 39 and in PM Sermon 40.</i> While not dated or marked as an afternoon sermon, Sermon 40 must have been a weekday or Lord's Day afternoon sermon to align with the known dates for #37 and #41.
	22-May	(L) Rev. 2 #4. (AM) #41: Canticles 5:7. NRA(S)2071.
	29-May	Durham was in Edinburgh on May 27–28, 1653, for the rival commissioners' meetings held prior to the opening of the General Assembly on July 20, 1653. Brodie, <i>Diary</i> , p. 53. Holfelder, p. 189. This <i>Chronological Catalog</i> assumes he would not have attempted to return until at least Monday, 30-May, and it assumes, though not impossible, that he may not have even been back by 5-June or been prepared to preach, because Sermon 42 did not occur until June 12.
	5-Jun	<i>Unknown?</i> Durham may have been still away or unprepared.
	12-Jun	(L) Rev. 2 #5. (AM) #42: Canticles 5:8. NRA(S)2071.
	• 19-Jun	<i>Canticles Sermon 43.</i> MS Sermons (1651) clearly dates sermon 43 on Canticles 5:8 to 9-Jun, a Thursday. As seen already (21-Dec, 10-Mar, 17-Mar), Durham is known to have been preaching on Thursdays in 1653. Perhaps he was preaching a "make up" sermon after being out of town? However, it is much more likely this is a scribal mistake, writing a 9 instead of 19, since 19-Jun was a Lord's Day. This is also supported by NRA(S)2071, which dates the prior Sermon 42 to a date of 12-Jun 1653. The month was noted as obscure in <i>The Confessional Presbyterian</i> 13 [2017]: 236, but a second look at MS NRA(S)2071 confirms the month to be June. With the date for sermon 42 confirmed, a mistake by the scribe writing 9 for 19 seems more likely than Durham for some reason preaching sermon 43 the Thursday before Sermon 42.
	26-Jun	(L) Rev. 2 #6. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 44.</i>
	3-Jul	(L) Rev. 3#1. <i>Sermon?</i> The known dates require skipping Canticles for one week. The Lecture is assumed to keep on track for the dated lecture on Revelation 10.
	10-Jul	(L) Rev. 3 #2. (AM) #45: Canticles 5:9. NRA(S)2071.
	17-Jul	(L) Rev. 3#3. <i>Sermon?</i> It may be that in preparation for the union meeting before the meeting of the General Assembly Durham preached on something else. Again, the lecture is assumed to have been given to align with the known date for the lecture on chapter 10.
	• 24-Jul	(AM) #46: Canticles 5:9. NRA(S)2071. The Resolutioner GA was broken up by Cromwell's troops on July 20 and the Protesters and all ministers ordered out of Edinburgh on July 21. Nicoll, <i>Diary</i> , p. 110. An attempt at a union meeting was held "shortly" before the GA, but Durham was by this dating clearly back to preach on July 24.
	31-Jul	(L) Rev. 4 #1. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 47.</i>
	7-Aug	(L) Rev. 4 #2. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 48</i>

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1653	14–Aug	(L) Rev. 4 #3. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 49.</i> Here begins several months where there are no known dates. In order to make the next dated sermon, Durham had to have skipped preaching on Canticles for four weeks. It may be that as the intensity of the Revelation lectures took their toll, he took breaks from Canticles, either all at once or every few weeks. For the <i>Catalog</i> it is assumed Durham broke from Canticles the same week he did from Revelation for four weeks. Interestingly, the Glencairn Uprising began at this time. “We now have certain intelligence that on the 27 th July Charles Stuart’s standard was set up at Killin” (<i>Mercurius Politicus</i> , No.167, August 1653). Why this would be cause for a four week break all at once for the month of August is unclear, so the weeks have been spaced as said. Another factor may have been the ill health of Hugh Binning, who died September of 1653 (<i>Fašli</i> [1920], 3.423) or August (<i>Analeċta</i> , 1.167), or Durham’s marriage on 14–Dec.
	21–Aug	(L) Rev. 5 #1. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 50.</i>
	• 28–Aug	No lecture and different sermon subject? See August 14 above.
	4–Sep	(L) Rev. 5 #2. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 51.</i>
	11–Sep	(L) Rev. 6 #1. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 52.</i>
	18–Sep	(L) Rev. 6 #2. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 53.</i>
	25–Sep	(L) Rev. 6 #3. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 54.</i>
	• 2–Oċt	No lecture and different sermon subject? See August 14 above.
	9–Oċt	(L) Rev. 6 #4. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 55.</i>
	16–Oċt	(L) Rev. 6 #5. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 56.</i>
	23–Oċt	(L) Rev. 6 #6. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 57.</i>
	30–Oċt	(L) Rev. 6 #7. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 58.</i>
	• 6–Nov	No lecture and different sermon subject? See August 14 above.
	13–Nov	(L) Rev. 6 #8. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 59.</i>
	20–Nov	(L) Rev. 7 #1. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 60.</i>
	27–Nov	(L) Rev. 7 #2. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 61.</i>
	4–Dec	(L) Rev. 7 #3. <i>Canticles 5, Sermons 62.</i>
	• 11–Dec	No lecture and different sermon subject? See August 14 above.
	14–Dec	Durham married Margaret Mure on December 14, 1653.
	18–Dec	(L) Rev. 7 #4. (AM) #1: <i>Canticles 6:1.</i> Glasgow University Library, MS GEN 370 dates the first sermon as simply December 1653. This date is assumed, counting back from Sermon 8 on 5 February.
	25–Dec	(L) Rev. 7 #5. (AM) #2: <i>Canticles 6:1.</i>
1654	1–Jan	(L) Rev. 7 #6. (AM) #3: <i>Canticles 6:1.</i>
	8–Jan	(L) Rev. 8 #1. (AM) #4: <i>Canticles 6:1.</i>
	• 15–Jan	(AM) #5: <i>Canticles 6:1–2.</i>
	22–Jan	(L) Rev. 8 #2. (AM) #6: <i>Canticles 6:2.</i>
	29–Jan	(L) Rev. 8 #3. (AM) #7: <i>Canticles 6:2.</i>
	5–Feb	(L) Rev. 8 #4. (AM) #8: <i>Canticles 6:2–3.</i> MS GEN 370. After this sermon, Sermon 23 is the next dated, noted by the reader as March 14. This likely was a misreading for “Mai 14,” which aligns to a weekly schedule without a lot of doubling or trip-ling up on Canticles each week, requiring only one additional sermon in the PM or on a weekday. This also aligns with the Maxwell date for the lecture on Revelation 10.
	12–Feb	(L) Rev. 8 #5. (AM) #9: <i>Canticles 6:3.</i>
	• 19–Feb	(AM) #10: <i>Canticles 6:3.</i>
	26–Feb	(L) Rev. 9 #1. (AM) #11: <i>Canticles 6:3.</i>
	5–Mar	(L) Rev. 9 #2. (AM) #12: <i>Canticles 6:3.</i>

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1654	12-Mar	(L) Rev. 10 #1 of 1. (AM) #13: Canticles 6:3 or 6:4. (PM) Col. 3:17. Maxwell. MS T-PM 114/3, 114/4. For 12-Mar, George Maxwell records hearing a sermon on Song 6:3 and one on Col. 3:17 and a lecture on Revelation 10.
	19-Mar	(L) Rev. 11 #1. (AM) #14: Canticles 6:4. (PM) Col. 3:17-18. MS T-PM 114/3, 114/4. Maxwell's notes record the sermons but do not have notes for a lecture.
	• 26-Mar	(AM) #15: Canticles 6:4-5.
Monday	27-Mar	John Carstares on Genesis 2:3. MS T-PM 114/3, 114/4. Monday appears to have been the weekday that Carstares preached, while Durham's weekday was Tuesday.
	2-Apr	(L) Rev. 11 #2. (AM) #16: Canticles 6:5.
	9-Apr	(L) Rev. 11 #3. (AM) #17: Canticles 6:5-6.
	16-Apr	(L) Rev. 11 #4. (AM) #18: Canticles 6:8.
	• 23-Apr	(AM) #19: Canticles 6:9.
	30-Apr	(L) Rev. 11 #5. (AM) #20: Canticles 6:9.
	7-May	(L) Rev. 12 #1. (AM) #21: Canticles 6:9 (PM) #22 Canticles. One additional sermon was preached to align with the next dated sermon on May 14, and it is assumed as a PM on this date to account for Sermon 22.
	14-May	(L) Rev. 12 #2. (AM) #23: Canticles 6:10. MS Gen 370. See the Note at 5-Feb above.
	21-May	(L) Rev. 12 #3. (AM) #24: Canticles 6:11.
	• 28-May	(AM) #25: Canticles 6:12.
	4-Jun	(L) Rev. 13 #1. (AM) #26: Canticles 6:13.
	11-Jun	(L) Rev. 13 #2. (AM) #27: Canticles 6:13. There are 27 sermons on Canticles 6. Durham also may have completed Colossians 3 at this time. There is a nine week break before Durham takes up chapter 7. Durham preached 7 sermons on Revelation 14:13 when he lectured on chapter 14, making reference to that fact in the first sermon. MS Sermons (1651). See 61 Sermons, pp. 63. The MS sermons are undated, with only #5 noted as PM. While this may have unfolded in different ways, they are placed to end the week before the start of Canticles 7 and to most closely match the time Durham lectured on chapter 14. In both his third sermon on 14:13 and in the third lecture on Revelation 14, Durham refers similarly to the sad case of Francis Spira. However, with seven weeks and only one PM sermon, they are difficult to align to the same day. To fit, the first sermon is placed on the day of the last lecture on chapter 13.
	18-Jun	(L) Rev. 13 #3. Unknown sermon. See note for June 11.
	25-Jun	(L) Rev. 13 #4. Unknown sermon.
	• 2-Jul	Unknown sermon.
	9-Jul	(L) Rev. 13 #5. Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #1?
	16-Jul	(L) Rev. 14 #1. Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #2?
	23-Jul	(L) Rev. 14 #2. Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #3? See note for 11-Jun. The Glencairn Uprising ends with the defeat at Dalna Spidal on July 19, 1654. It is not clear if this would have affected Durham's sermon topic for one or two of these nine weeks off from Canticles.
	30-Jul	(L) Rev. 14 #3. Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #4? . (PM) Sermon #5.
	• 6-Aug	Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #6?
	13-Aug	(L) Rev. 14 #4. Sermon on Rev. 14:13 #7?
	20-Aug	(L) Rev. 15 #1. (AM) Sermon 1, Canticles 7:1. (PM) Rev. 14:13 #7? MS GEN 370. If the estimated schedule for the 7 Revelation sermons is close to accurate, the 18 sermons on Canticles 7 fit into a once a week schedule with one skipped week (here placed at 15-Oct). But, as with all these assumptions, the way the schedule fell out may have been less straight forward, with more skips and more doubling up. Sermons (1651) has an undated sermon on Canticles 7:4.

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1654	27-Aug	(L) Rev. 15 #2. Sermon 2 on Canticles 7.
	3-Sep	(L) Rev. 16 #1. Sermon 3 on Canticles 7.
	• 10-Sep	Sermon 4 on Canticles 7.
	17-Sep	(L) Rev. 16 #2. Sermon 5 on Canticles 7.
	24-Sep	(L) Rev. 16 #3. Sermon 6 on Canticles 7.
	1-Oct	(L) Rev. 16 #4. Sermon 7 on Canticles 7.
	8-Oct	(L) Rev. 16 #5. Sermon 8 on Canticles 7. Thomason notes he obtained the first edition of Baxter's <i>True Christianity</i> on October 11, 1654. A later edition came out in 1656. Durham alludes to this work in his lecture on the ninth commandment. This is additional evidence that the lectures on the commandments date to after those on Revelation.
	• 15-Oct	Unknown sermon.
	22-Oct	(L) Rev. 16 #6. Sermon 9 on Canticles 7.
	29-Oct	(L) Rev. 17 #1. Sermon 10 on Canticles 7.
	5-Nov	(L) Rev. 17 #2. Sermon 11 on Canticles 7.
	12-Nov	(L) Rev. 17 #3. Sermon 12 on Canticles 7.
	• 19-Nov	Sermon 13 on Canticles 7.
	26-Nov	(L) Rev. 17 #4. Sermon 14 on Canticles 7.
	3-Dec	(L) Rev. 17 #5. Sermon 15 on Canticles 7.
	10-Dec	(L) Rev. 17 #6. Sermon 16 on Canticles 7.
	17-Dec	(L) Rev. 18 #1. Sermon 17 on Canticles 7.
	• 24-Dec	Sermon 18 on Canticles 7.
	31-Dec	(L) Rev. 18 #2. (AM) Sermon 1: Canticles 8:1. MS GEN 370. From this date, Durham preached more than once a week on Canticles for five weeks to the 16 th sermon on 11-Mar.
	1655	7-Jan
14-Jan		(L) Rev. 19 #2. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
21-Jan		(L) Rev. 20 #1. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
• 28-Jan		Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
4-Feb		(L) Rev. 20 #2. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
11-Feb		(L) Rev. 20 #3. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
18-Feb		(L) Rev. 20 #4. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
25-Feb		(L) Rev. 20 #5. Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
• 4-Mar		Canticles 8, Sermons 2-15.
11-Mar		(L) Rev. 20 #6. (AM) Sermon 16: Canticles 8:6. The date may read June 11, but that inserts a significant gap of several months from sermon 15 and that date is a weekday and a Monday, not a Tuesday, Durham's normal weekday for preaching.
18-Mar		(L) Rev. 20 #7. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. Sermons 17-42 with at least a break for the July communion, likely places Durham completing Song of Solomon in October or possibly November of 1655, unless there were significant breaks for some reason. Sermon 26 is noted as an afternoon sermon.
25-Mar		(L) Rev. 21 #1. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.
1-Apr		(L) Rev. 21 #2. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.
• 8-Apr		Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.
15-Apr		(L) Rev. 21 #3. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.
22-Apr		(L) Rev. 22 #1. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.
29-Apr	(L) Rev. 22 #2. Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.	

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1655	6–May	(L) <i>Rev. 22 #3. Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42.</i> In a letter of September 1, 1656, Baillie writes that Durham had a fine treatise on Revelation at that point, which he encouraged him to print. Baillie, 3.312. We know that Durham had a bad form of handwriting and that he preached without any notes, or at least from none useful for preserving a transcription. That leaves over a year from this estimated completion date to have compiled a text from the notes of his hearer(s) which Baillie could so characterize. Whether that indicates Durham had already begun the work of revision prior to that date is not clear, but given his heavy preaching schedule, he may well have already started the work at a slow pace, which carried through 1657, and into his illness in 1658. Baillie, <i>Letters and Journals</i> , 3.368.
	• 13–May	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42.</i> On April 26, 1655, John Carstares was transferred from ministering in the Outer Kirk to be co-pastor of the Inner Kirk with Durham. From this point, Durham possibly only handled the morning service each Lord’s Day, preparing a sermon and lecture, but no longer tasked with preparing an afternoon sermon. See the Biography in this issue on page 212.
	20–May	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 1.</i> The lectures on the Ten Commandment are placed here instead of those on Canticles, because of Carstares’ inexact recollection connecting them to the Sermons on Colossians 3, the best reconciliation being to place them as soon after the Revelation lectures as possible. See the Biography (page 213). The number of lectures is about 52, based on an average length of five of the manuscript Revelation lectures.
	27–May	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 2.</i>
	3–Jun	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 3.</i>
	10–Jun	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 4.</i>
	• 17–Jun	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42.</i>
	24–Jun	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 5.</i>
	1–Jul	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 6.</i>
	8–Jul	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 7.</i>
Tuesday	10–Jul	<i>Preparation sermon on Matthew 22:2–4.</i> See entry for 15–Jul.
Thursday	12–Jul	<i>Sermon on Matthew 11:16 prior to communion. Sermon on Matthew 22:11 prior to communion.</i> Though it apparently does not exist in MS, there is reference to a sermon having been preached by Durham on Matthew 11:16 prior to a communion, dated July 12, 1665 (<i>sic</i> 1655, see <i>61 Sermons</i> , p. [430]). MS GRA 3, New College. The reference may be wrong or he may have preached twice, because there is another sermon that may be his. MS Murray 38 records an unattributed sermon on Matthew 22:11 on a Thursday prior to communion. If Durham’s, this may date here or to the April 1657 communion. There are also two published preparation sermons on 1 Corinthians 11:28, which may date to this communion or the next. <i>61 Sermons</i> , pp. 440, 453.
	15–Jul	(CS) <i>Matthew 22:4. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 8.</i> It is not clear if the practice would have been to skip the lecture for communion in lieu of a sermon or something other than the regular topic. Here, it was assumed it was not skipped. The first of three communion services held in Glasgow from 1650–58 was held July of 1655. Durham preached a preparation sermon on Matthew 22:2–4, and an uncredited MS sermon dated July 15 on Matthew 22:4 appears in manuscript in MS Murray 38 (sermons by Durham, Carstares, Gray, etc.; this is item 19, the next to last item). Interestingly, in the published sermons in <i>Unsearchable Riches of Christ</i> , the preparation sermon is followed not by a communion sermon but by a sermon on Philippians 1:27 after the communion. Therefore, the sermon on verse 4 at communion may very well be the missing unpublished sermon.
	• 22–Jul	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42.</i>
	29–Jul	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 9.</i>
	5–Aug	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17–42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 10.</i>

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1655	12-Aug	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 11.</i>
	19-Aug	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 12.</i>
	• 26-Aug	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.</i>
	2-Sept	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 13.</i> Alexander Brodie had come to Glasgow but missed the morning service. <i>The Diary of Alexander Brodie of Brodie</i> (1863), p.151.
Monday	3-Sep	Brodie heard Carstairs preach on Rev. 3:12. <i>Diary</i> , Ibid.
Tuesday	4-Sep	Brodie heard Durham preach on Acts 24:16, which is likely one of the six sermons on that verse that appear in <i>Heaven upon Earth</i> , and this may indicate all of those sermons were preached in the Tuesday weekday service about this time. See <i>61 Sermons</i> (2017).
	9-Sep	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 14.</i>
	• 16-Sep	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. Andrew Gray preached a fast sermon</i>
	23-Sep	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 15.</i>
	30-Sep	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 16.</i>
	7-Oct	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 17.</i>
	14-Oct	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 18.</i>
	• 21-Oct	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42.</i>
	28-Oct	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 19.</i>
	4-Nov	<i>Canticles 8, Sermons 17-42. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 20.</i> As noted above, unless there were significant interruptions, the series on Canticles likely ended in October or November of 1655. There is no record of what may have been the topic of preaching over the next eighteen weeks before Durham began Isaiah 53, or interlaced, might have stretched the sermons on Canticles 8 to have ended closer to then. However, Howie notes two sets of sermons that once existed in MS, that could have fit here: Thirteen sermons on trusting and delighting in God, and three sermons on resisting the Holy Ghost, eight on quenching the Spirit, and five on Grieving the Spirit.
	11-Nov	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 21.</i>
	18-Nov	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 22.</i>
	• 25-Nov	<i>Unknown? Sermons 17-42.</i>
	2-Dec	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 23.</i>
	9-Dec	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 24.</i>
	16-Dec	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 25.</i>
	23-Dec	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 26.</i>
• 30-Dec	<i>Unknown?.</i>	
1656	6-Jan	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 27.</i>
	13-Jan	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 28.</i>
	20-Jan	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 29.</i>
	27-Jan	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 30.</i>
	• 3-Feb	<i>Unknown? Andrew Gray died on February 8, 1656.</i>
	10-Feb	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 31.</i>
	17-Feb	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 32.</i>
	24-Feb	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 33.</i>
	2-Mar	<i>Unknown? (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 34.</i>
	• 9-Mar	<i>Unknown?</i>

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1656	16-Mar	(AM) Sermon 1: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 35</i> . MS GEN 230 dates sermon 1 to March 15 which could be a misread or scribal error for 16. Another MS says sermon 1 was on March 6, which may also be a misread for 16. MS. Add. A. 90 Bodleian. March 16 aligns with sermon 7 which is dated by MS GEN 230 to April 27. Only seven of the seventy-two sermons are dated in MS GEN 230. After sermon 15, the remaining 57 sermons, if no further weeks were skipped other than those for communion, are estimated to have been completed in August of 1657.
	23-Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 2. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 36.</i>
	30-Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 3. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 37.</i>
	6-Apr	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 4. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 38.</i>
	• 13-Apr	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 5.</i>
	20-Apr	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 2. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 39.</i>
	27-Apr	(AM) Sermon 7: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 40</i> . MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 7 to this date.
	4-May	(AM) Sermon 8: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 41</i> . MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 8 to this date.
	11-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 9. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 42.</i>
	• 18-May	(AM) Sermon 10: Isaiah 53:1. MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 10 to this date.
	25-May	(AM) Sermon 11: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 43</i> . MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 11 to this date.
	1-Jun	<i>Unknown. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 44.</i>
	8-Jun	<i>Unknown. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 45.</i> MS GEN 230 puts two weeks between Sermon 11 and Sermon 12. There was no General Assembly meeting, and these gaps are not easily explained. Baillie complains Durham's health was poor given his preparing the Revelation lectures for the press and for having to cover duties for both Patrick Gillespie and Robert MacWard for a year. Baillie, 3.368. It may be Carstares was taking full duties at times for the Inner-Kirk. For our purposes, the lecture is assumed to have been given and the sermon on some other topic.
	15-Jun	(AM) Sermon 12: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 46</i> . MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 12 to this date.
	• 22-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 13.</i>
	29-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 14. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 47.</i>
	6-Jul	(AM) Sermon 15: Isaiah 53:1. (LS) <i>Ten Commandments, Lecture 48</i> . MS GEN 230 dates Sermon 15 to this date.
	13-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 16. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 49.</i>
	20-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 17. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 50.</i>
	• 27-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 18.</i>
	3-Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 19. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 51.</i>
	10-Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 20. (LS) Ten Commandments, Lecture 52.</i> There were possibly more or less lectures than 52. The second table lectures are relatively brief. The first four commandments would have had a considerable series of lectures on each, while some of these second table commands possibly only one or two. The published lectures have had any clear divisions removed. Durham was said to have closely watched his hourglass, so the amount of material per lecture should be roughly the same, favoring the estimated 52 or so lectures, judging on the length of some of the manuscript lectures on Revelation.

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1656	17–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 21. (LS) Canticles Lecture 1.</i> For the reasons already noted (see May 20, 1655), the lectures on Canticles are placed here immediately following those on the commandments. Again using some of the Revelation manuscript lectures as an average length, would make the Canticles material into about 52 lectures. As with those on the commandments, the divisions as discrete lectures are no longer present in the published lectures.
	24–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 22. (LS) Canticles Lecture 2.</i>
	• 31–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 23.</i>
	7–Sep	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 24. (LS) Canticles Lecture 3.</i>
	14–Sep	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 25. (LS) Canticles Lecture 4.</i>
	21–Sep	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 26. (LS) Canticles Lecture 5.</i>
	28–Sep	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 27. (LS) Canticles Lecture 6.</i>
	• 5–O ^c t	(CS) <i>Unknown communion sermon(s).</i> This is the second of three communions held during Durham’s ministry. It is likely some material in <i>Unsearchable Riches of Christ</i> dates to this communion (6–7?). Sermon 4 may have been 1655 or 1656.
	12–O ^c t	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 28. (LS) Canticles Lecture 7.</i>
	19–O ^c t	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 29. (LS) Canticles Lecture 8.</i>
	26–O ^c t	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 30. (LS) Canticles Lecture 9.</i>
	2–Nov	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 31. (LS) Canticles Lecture 10.</i>
	• 9–Nov	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 32.</i>
	16–Nov	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 33. (LS) Canticles Lecture 11.</i>
	23–Nov	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 34. (LS) Canticles Lecture 12.</i>
	30–Nov	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 35. (LS) Canticles Lecture 13.</i>
	7–Dec	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 36. (LS) Canticles Lecture 14.</i>
	• 14–Dec	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 37.</i>
	21–Dec	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 38. (LS) Canticles Lecture 15.</i>
	28–Dec	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 39. (LS) Canticles Lecture 16.</i>
1657	4–Jan	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 40. (LS) Canticles Lecture 17.</i> The year 1657 may have been a year of declining health for James Durham. Andrew Gray, who served in the outer kirk, had died in February 1656, and Robert MacWard was not ordained to the Outer Kirk in replacement until September 1656. Baillie in retrospect likely referring at least to the year 1657, writes to Spang about the time of Durham’s death, that Patrick Gillespie had been in London a year and MacWard sick also for a time in London, and their preaching duties had fallen on Durham, or at least those that did not require him in two places at once. Baillie, 3.368.
	11–Jan	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 41. (LS) Canticles Lecture 18.</i>
	• 18–Jan	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 42.</i>
	25–Jan	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 43. (LS) Canticles Lecture 19.</i>
	1–Feb	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 44. (LS) Canticles Lecture 20.</i>
	8–Feb	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 45. (LS) Canticles Lecture 21.</i>
	15–Feb	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 46. (LS) Canticles Lecture 22.</i>
	• 22–Feb	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 47.</i>
	1–Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 48. (LS) Canticles Lecture 23.</i>
	8–Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 49. (LS) Canticles Lecture 24.</i>
	15–Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 50. (LS) Canticles Lecture 25.</i>
	22–Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 51. (LS) Canticles Lecture 26.</i>
	• 29–Mar	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 52.</i>
	5–Apr	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 53. (LS) Canticles Lecture 27.</i>
Tuesday	7–Apr	<i>Sermon 1 on Jeremiah 50:4–5. In preparation for the communion.</i> See below, Tuesday, April 14.

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Thursday 1657	9-Apr	<i>Sermon 2 on Jeremiah 50:4-5. In preparation for the communion.</i> See below, Tuesday, April 14.
	12-Apr	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 54. (LS) Canticles Lecture 28.</i>
Tuesday	14-Apr	Sermon 3 on Jeremiah 50:4-5. In preparation for the communion. MS Murray 38 records an April 14, 1657 sermon 3 on Jeremiah 50:4-5. The volume begins with a prior undated sermon 2 on the same verses. The first two sermons may have been preached on some day prior or on a prior Tuesday, Durham's regular weekday for preaching. These have been placed above during the prior week on Tuesday and Thursday. Because communions were so infrequent in Glasgow, and because this was also a two week observance on each Lord's Day, this may have called for a longer lead up of preparation prior to the week before the first observance on April 14.
Thursday	16-Apr	<i>A Thursday Preparation sermon before the coming communion on Matthew 22:11.</i> This was a Thursday fast in preparation for the communion, which had been appointed for two Lord's Days. A collection was also ordered in support of Saint Andrews on the fast day (<i>Extracts from the Records of The Burgh of Glasgow, 1630-1662</i> [1881], p. 361). The reason for the collection is not stated, but it was likely some local charitable need and not the burdens of the Cromwellian occupation, which all were under. MS Murray 38 contains this sermon, which is not dated but for the day, and because of the other sermons in the volume may have been from this communion occasion, either here on April 16, or it may have been preached on Thursday April 23, before the second communion on April 26. It is possible it belongs to one of the two other communions in 1655 or 1656.
	19-Apr	(CS) <i>Sermon 4 on Jeremiah 50:4-5, The Perpetual Covenant. (L) Canticles Lecture 29.</i> MS NRA(S)3822, Dundee Central Library, has the five undated sermons on Jeremiah 50. Sermons 1-3 were prior to the first communion service, sermon 4 at the service on the Lord's Day, and the fifth and final sermon on the Monday after the communion service.
Monday	20-Apr	Sermon 5 on Jeremiah 50:4-5.
	26-Apr	(CS) <i>Matthew 26:28-29: The New Home in the Kingdom. (L) Canticles Lecture 30.</i> MS NRA(S)3822 notes there is a sermon on Matthew 26:29 preached on the second Communion Sabbath. This is noted in <i>Unsearchable Riches of Christ</i> as on verses 28 and 29, with a Monday sermon on verse 29. The 1657 communion was the only one of the three seasons spread over two Lord's Days. It is assumed for our purposes that the lecture on Canticles still took place.
Monday	27-Apr	Sermon on Matthew 26:29. <i>Unsearchable Riches of Christ</i> , which generally does not contain dates, notes this sermon as preached on the Monday after the communion.
	3-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 55.</i>
	10-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 56. (LS) Canticles Lecture 31.</i>
	17-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 57. (LS) Canticles Lecture 32.</i>
	24-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 58. (LS) Canticles Lecture 33.</i>
	31-May	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 59. (LS) Canticles Lecture 34.</i>
	7-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 60.</i>
	14-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 61. (LS) Canticles Lecture 35.</i>
	21-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 62. (LS) Canticles Lecture 36.</i>
	28-Jun	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 63. (LS) Canticles Lecture 37.</i>
	5-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 64. (LS) Canticles Lecture 38.</i>
	12-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 65.</i>
	19-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 66. (LS) Canticles Lecture 39.</i>
	26-Jul	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 67. (LS) Canticles Lecture 40.</i>
	2-Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 68. (LS) Canticles Lecture 41.</i>
	9-Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 69. (LS) Canticles Lecture 42.</i>

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1657	• 16–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 70.</i>
	23–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 71. (LS) Canticles Lecture 43.</i>
	30–Aug	(AM) <i>Isaiah 53, Sermon 72. (LS) Canticles Lecture 44.</i>
	6–Sept	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 1. (LS) Canticles Lecture 45.</i>
		It is said after finishing <i>Isaiah 53</i> , that Durham could not get a text to mind other than <i>Luke 10:41–42</i> , “Martha, Martha.” It is known that he preached a series on this text on the one thing needful. <i>Analeċta</i> , 1.167–168. Howie lists that there were eight sermons in the series (John Howie, <i>Lives of the Scottish Covenanters</i> [repr. Greenville, SC: A Press, 1981], p. 216). If there continued to be skipped weeks these could have finished out the year. However, since by February he was very sick and confined to his room, it may be he was no longer preaching by December 1657 or certainly by January 1658. He spent the next months completing the Revelation lectures for publication and writing a manuscript for the <i>Dying Man’s Testament or A Treatise Concerning Scandal</i> .
	13–Sep	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 2. (LS) Canticles Lecture 46.</i>
	• 20–Sep	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 3.</i>
	27–Sep	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 4. (LS) Canticles Lecture 47.</i>
	4–Oċt	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 5. (LS) Canticles Lecture 48.</i>
	11–Oċt	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 6. (LS) Canticles Lecture 49.</i>
	18–Oċt	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 7. (LS) Canticles Lecture 50.</i>
	• 25–Oċt	(AM) <i>Luke 10:41–42, Sermon 8.</i>
	1–Nov	(AM) <i>Unknown. (LS) Canticles Lecture 51.</i>
	8–Nov	(AM) <i>Unknown. (LS) Canticles Lecture 52.</i>
Wednesday	23–Dec	On this date, a call was issued to Durham to serve the university in Aberdeen, but it appears the matter was rendered moot by his illness. By this point, he had already decided and told his wife Margaret, that he believed he could do no more work in Glasgow. Wodrow, <i>Analeċta</i> , 2.140.
1658	15–Feb	On this date, James Durham wrote a letter to David Dickson asking for advice about the Aberdeen call, though he was not sure he had any more life left. Durham was confined to his bedchamber at this point (Baillie, 3.368).
Monday		
Tuesday	15–Jun	On this date Samuel Rutherford wrote a letter to James Durham, which he presumably received before his death. “Sir, I would ere now have written to you, had I not known that your health, weaker and weaker, could scarce permit you to hear or read. I need not speak much. The Way ye know, and have preached to others the skill of the Guide, and the glory of the home beyond death. And when He saith, ‘Come and see,’ it will be your gain to obey, and go out and meet the Bridegroom. What accession is made to the higher house of His kingdom should not be our loss, though it be real loss to the church of God. But we count one way, and the Lord counteth another way. He is infallible, and the only wise God, and needeth none of us. Had he needed the staying in body of Moses and the prophets, He could have taken another way. Who dare bid you cast your thoughts back on wife or children, when He hath said, ‘Leave them to Me, and come up hither?’ Or who can persuade you to die or live, as if that were arbitrary to us, and not His alone who hath determined the number of your months? If so it seem good to Him, follow your Forerunner and Guide. It is an unknown land to you, who were never there before; but the land is good, and the company before the throne desirable, and He who sitteth on the throne is His lone a sufficient heaven.”
Friday	25–Jun	On this date after his long decline from Consumption (Tuberculosis), James Durham died, age thirty-six. Wodrow records that Durham told someone that if he had ten years longer to live, he would study for 9 years to preach the tenth. <i>Analeċta</i> , 1.p. 168.