

# *The Binding Off*

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## THE BINDING OFF MESSAGE

“Instruction has been given me that the message should go again with power in the cities in the Eastern States. In many of the large cities of the East the first and second angels' messages were proclaimed during the 1844 movement. To us, as God's servants, has been entrusted the third angel's message, the binding-off message, that is to prepare a people for the coming of the King. We are to make every effort to give a knowledge of the truth to all who will hear, and there are many who will listen. All through the large cities God has honest souls who are interested in what is truth.

“Time is short; the Lord desires that everything connected with His cause shall be brought into order. He desires that the solemn message of warning and of invitation shall be proclaimed as widely as His messengers can carry it. Nothing that would hinder the advance of the message is to be allowed to come into our plans. ‘Repeat the message, repeat the message,’ were the words spoken to me over and over again. ‘Tell My people to repeat the message in the places where it was first preached, and where church after church took their position for the truth, the power of God witnessing to the message in a remarkable manner.’

“For years the pioneers of our work struggled against poverty and manifold hardships in order to place the cause of present truth on vantage ground. With meager facilities, they labored untiringly, and the Lord blessed their humble efforts. The message went with power in the East and extended westward until centers of influence had been established in many places. The laborers of today may not have to endure all the hardships of those early days. The changed conditions, however, should not lead to any slackening of effort. Now, when the Lord bids us proclaim the message once more with power in the East, when He bids us enter the cities of the East and of the South and of the West and of the North, shall we not respond as one man and do His bidding? Shall we not plan to send our messengers all through these fields and support them liberally? Shall not the ministers of God go into these crowded centers and there lift up their voices in warning the multitudes? What are our conferences for, if not for the carrying forward of this very work?

“A beginning has been made in proclaiming the third angel's message in the city of Washington and in other cities of the South and the East; but in order to meet the mind of the Lord, we shall have to plan for the carrying forward of a far-reaching and systematic work. We must enter into this work with a perseverance that will not allow of any slackening of our efforts until we shall see of the salvation of God.

“In Portland, Maine; in Boston and the towns round about; in New York and the populous cities close by; in Philadelphia and Baltimore and Washington, the Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel's message with power. We cannot exercise this power ourselves, but we can choose men of capability and urge them to go into these avenues of opportunity and there proclaim the message in the power of the Holy Spirit. We must plan to place in these cities capable men who can present the third angel's message in a manner so forcible that it will strike home to the heart. Men who can do this work we cannot afford to gather into one place to do a work that others might do.

“As these workers talk the truth and live the truth, and pray for the advancement of the truth, God will move upon hearts. As they work with all the strength that God grants them, and in humility of heart put their entire trust in Him, their labors will not be without fruit. Their determined efforts to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth for this time will be seconded by holy angels, and many souls will be saved.” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 98, 100.



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**THABO MTETWA**

## EXODUS 2

			Two Sticks, Adoption,	
		Angels	----->	
911	3M	M / ¾	MC	SL
I-----	I-----	I-----	I-----	I-----
Decree, Moses born	Unhidden, Ark,	Child seen, "wept" Inquiry,		Covenant 12 years,

### DECREE AT 911:

Exodus 1:22, 2:1

Exodus 6:20

H6019 - am-rawm'

Probably from H5971 and H7311; high people; Amram, the name of two Israelites: - Amram.

H7311 - room

A primitive root; to be high actively to rise or raise (in various applications, literally or figuratively): - bring up, exalt (self), extol, give, go up, haughty, heave (up), (be, lift up on, make on, set up on, too) high (-er, one), hold up, levy, lift (-er) up, (be) lofty, (X a-) loud, mount up, offer (up), + presumptuously, (be) promote (-ion), proud, set up, tall (-er), take (away, off, up), breed worms.

H3115 - yo-keh'-bed

From H3068 contracted and H3513; Jehovah-gloried; Jokebed, the mother of Moses: - Jochebed.

Notes:

## THE HIDING:

Exodus 2:2, 3

Ezekiel 29:2, 3

Revelation 12:3–5

“September 23, the Lord showed me that He had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, [SEE PAGE 86.] and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time. In the scattering, Israel was smitten and torn, but now in the gathering time God will heal and bind up His people. In the scattering, efforts made to spread the truth had but little effect, accomplished but little or nothing; but in the gathering, when God has set His hand to gather His people, efforts to spread the truth will have their designed effect. All should be united and zealous in the work. I saw that it was wrong for any to refer to the scattering for examples to govern us now in the gathering; for if God should do no more for us now than He did then, Israel would never be gathered. I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; **that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.**” *Early Writings*, 74.

“Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with sympathy and love upon those who had with sweet expectation longed to see Him whom their souls loved. Angels were hovering around them, to sustain them in the hour of their trial. Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven. Those faithful, disappointed ones, who could not understand why their Lord did not come, were not left in darkness. Again they were led to their Bibles to search the prophetic periods. **The hand of the Lord was removed from the figures, and the mistake was explained. They saw that the prophetic periods reached to 1844, and that the same evidence which they had presented to show that the prophetic periods closed in 1843, proved that they would terminate in 1844.** Light from the Word of God shone upon their position, and they discovered a tarrying time—‘Though it [the vision] tarry, wait for it.’ In their love for Christ's immediate coming, they had overlooked the tarrying of the vision, which was calculated to manifest the true waiting ones. Again they had a point of time. Yet I saw that many of them could not rise above their severe disappointment to

possess that degree of zeal and energy which had marked their faith in 1843." *Early Writings*, 236.

### **CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:**

"The mother succeeded in concealing the child for three months. Then, finding that she could no longer keep him safely, she prepared a little ark of rushes, **making it watertight by means of slime and pitch**; and laying the babe therein, she placed it among the flags at the river's brink. She dared not remain to guard it, lest the child's life and her own should be forfeited; but his sister, Miriam, lingered near, apparently indifferent, but anxiously watching to see what would become of her little brother. And there were other watchers. The mother's earnest prayers had committed her child to the care of God; and **angels, unseen, hovered above his lowly resting place. Angels directed Pharaoh's daughter thither.** Her curiosity was excited by the little basket, and as she looked upon the beautiful child within, **she read the story at a glance.** The tears of the babe awakened her compassion, and her sympathies went out to the unknown mother who had resorted to this means to preserve the life of her precious little one. She determined that he should be saved; she would adopt him as her own." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 243.

Exodus 2:4-6

Isaiah 18:1-3

Isaiah 18:4-7

Notes:

## **TWO STICKS:**

Exodus 2:7-10

“While this cruel decree was in full force, Moses was born. His mother concealed him for three months, and then finding that she could keep him no longer with any safety, she prepared a little vessel of bulrushes, making it water-tight by means of lime and pitch, and after laying the child therein she placed it among the flags at the river’s brink. His sister lingered near, apparently indifferent, yet all the time anxiously watching to see what would become of her little brother. Angels were also watching, that no harm should come to the helpless infant, placed there by an affectionate mother, and committed to the care of God by her earnest prayers. And these angels directed the footsteps of Pharaoh’s daughter to the river, near the very spot where lay the innocent stranger. Her attention was attracted to the little vessel, and she sent one of her waiting-maids to fetch it. When she had removed the cover she saw a lovely babe; “and behold the babe wept, and she had compassion on him.” She knew that a tender Hebrew mother had taken this means to preserve the life of her much-loved babe, and she decided at once that it should be her son. The sister of Moses immediately came forward and inquired, ‘Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?’ And her mission was given.

“Joyfully sped the sister to her mother, and related to her the happy news, and conducted her with all haste to Pharaoh’s daughter. The child was committed to the mother to nurse, and she was liberally paid for the bringing up of her own son. Thankfully did this mother enter upon her now safe and happy task. She believed that God had preserved the life of her child, and she faithfully improved the precious opportunity of educating him for a life of usefulness. She was more particular in his instruction than in that of her other children; for she felt confident that he was preserved for some great work. By her faithful teachings she instilled into his young mind the fear of God, and love for truthfulness and justice. She earnestly pleaded with God that her son might be preserved from every corrupting influence. She taught him to bow and pray to God, the living God, for he alone could hear him and help him in every emergency. She sought to impress his mind with the sinfulness of idolatry. She knew that he was soon to be separated from her influence, and given up to his adopted royal mother, to be surrounded with influences calculated to make him disbelieve in the existence of the Maker of the heavens and the earth.

“The instructions which Moses received from his parents were such as to fortify his mind, and shield him from being corrupted with sin, and becoming proud amid the splendor and extravagance of court life. He had a clear mind and an understanding heart,

and never lost the pious impressions he received in youth. His mother kept him as long as she could, but was obliged to separate from him when he was about twelve years old, and he then became the son of Pharaoh's daughter." *Signs of the Times* February 12, 1880.

## THE BITTERNESS

“In his mission the Baptist had stood as a fearless reprover of iniquity, both in high places and in low. **He had dared to face King Herod with the plain rebuke of sin.** He had not counted his life dear unto himself, that he might fulfill his appointed work. And now from his dungeon he watched for the Lion of the tribe of Judah to cast down the pride of the oppressor, and to deliver the poor and him that cried. But Jesus seemed to content Himself with gathering disciples about Him, and healing and teaching the people. He was eating at the tables of the publicans, while every day the Roman yoke rested more heavily upon Israel, while King Herod and his vile paramour worked their will, and the cries of the poor and suffering went up to heaven.” *The Desire of Ages*, 215.

Mark 6:14-19

“To the desert prophet all this seemed a mystery beyond his fathoming. There were hours when the whisperings of demons tortured his spirit, and the shadow of a terrible fear crept over him. Could it be that the long-hoped-for Deliverer had not yet appeared? Then what meant the message that he himself had been impelled to bear? **John had been bitterly disappointed in the result of his mission.** He had expected that the message from God would have the same effect as when the law was read in the days of Josiah and of Ezra (2 Chronicles 34; Nehemiah 8, 9); that there would follow a deep-seated work of repentance and returning unto the Lord. For the success of this mission his whole life had been sacrificed. Had it been in vain?

“John was troubled to see that through love for him, his own disciples were cherishing unbelief in regard to Jesus. Had his work for them been fruitless? Had he been unfaithful in his mission, that he was now cut off from labor? If the promised Deliverer had appeared, and John had been found true to his calling, would not Jesus now overthrow the oppressor's power, and set free His herald?

“But the Baptist did not surrender his faith in Christ. The memory of the voice from heaven and the descending dove, the spotless purity of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit that had rested upon John as he came into the Saviour's presence, and the testimony of the prophetic scriptures,—all witnessed that Jesus of Nazareth was the Promised One.

“John would not discuss his doubts and anxieties with his companions. **He determined to send a message of inquiry to Jesus.** This he entrusted to two of his disciples, hoping that an interview with the Saviour would confirm their faith, and bring assurance to their brethren. And he longed for some word from Christ spoken directly for himself.

“The disciples came to Jesus with their message, ‘Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?’

“How short the time since the Baptist had pointed to Jesus, and proclaimed, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ ‘He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me.’ John 1:29, 27. And now the question, ‘Art Thou He that should come?’ **It was keenly bitter and disappointing to human nature.** If John, the faithful forerunner, failed to discern Christ's mission, what could be expected from the self-seeking multitude?

“The Saviour did not at once answer the disciples' question. As they stood wondering at His silence, the sick and afflicted were coming to Him to be healed. The blind were groping their way through the crowd; diseased ones of all classes, some urging their own way, some borne by their friends, were eagerly pressing into the presence of Jesus. The voice of the mighty Healer penetrated the deaf ear. A word, a touch of His hand, opened the blind eyes to behold the light of day, the scenes of nature, the faces of friends, and the face of the Deliverer. Jesus rebuked disease and banished fever. His voice reached the ears of the dying, and they arose in health and vigor. Paralyzed demoniacs obeyed His word, their madness left them, and they worshiped Him. While He healed their diseases, He taught the people. The poor peasants and laborers, who were shunned by the rabbis as unclean, gathered close about Him, and He spoke to them the words of eternal life.

“Thus the day wore away, the disciples of John seeing and hearing all. At last Jesus called them to Him, and bade them go and tell John what they had witnessed, adding, ‘Blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in Me.’ Luke 7:23, R. V. The evidence of His divinity was seen in its adaptation to the needs of suffering humanity. His glory was shown in His condescension to our low estate.

“The disciples bore the message, and it was enough. John recalled the prophecy concerning the Messiah, ‘The Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.’ Isaiah 61:1, 2. The works of Christ not only declared Him to be the Messiah, but showed in what manner His kingdom was to be established. To John was opened the same truth that had come to Elijah in the desert, when ‘a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire:’ and after the fire, God spoke to the prophet by ‘a still small voice.’ 1 Kings 19:11, 12. So Jesus was to do His work, not with

the clash of arms and the overturning of thrones and kingdoms, but through speaking to the hearts of men by a life of mercy and self-sacrifice. *The Desire of Ages*, 216–217.

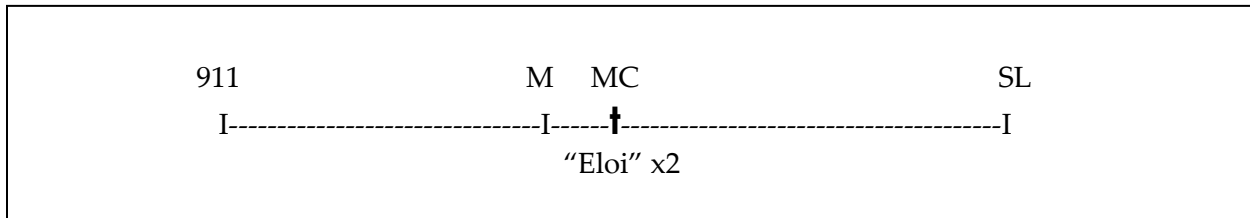
**WORMWOOD:**

1989	911	MC	SL
I-----I-----I-----I			
1 <sup>st</sup> Trumpet	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trumpet	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trumpet	4 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet
Alaric	Genseric	Attila	Odoacer
Alliance	Ships – economy	Bitterness	Gov. Abolish, Papacy takes power

Revelation 8:10-11

“The third trumpet brings to view another invading chieftain, who, like a comet or a blazing star, flamed over the Roman Empire. It was Attila at the head of his warlike Huns. The name of this star is called Wormwood as describing the bitter consequences of this invasion and the terrors and miseries wrought by this war-like chief.” *1878 The Biblical Institute by Uriah Smith*, 261.

**THE CROSS:**



**“ At Midnight a cry was raised, the bridegroom is coming, go ye out to meet him.** Then all the virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.’ We have already shown that the tarrying time for the bridegroom by the prophetic periods was six months, beginning the 19th April down to 22nd October, 1844. **The Midnight of this dark stupid time would be about July 20th. S. S. Snow gave the true Midnight Cry in the Tabernacle in Boston at this time, and it was received by the virgins in a different light from what it ever was before.** He says he had been trying to make people believe it before, but without effect,

because it was generally believed as we had been taught from 1840, that the Midnight Cry embraced the whole subject, even beginning back to the French Revolution, and some were old enough to believe it had begun in the day of the Apostle. But now it began to move with rapid progress. God was giving the light by his spirit. I well remember some that I conversed with, who related the wonderful manner in which they were moved upon to examine this subject before they had heard it." *1847 Biography of Joseph Bates by Joseph Bates, 72.*

Matthew 27:33-35

Acts 8:23

Deuteronomy 32:32

"And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' The wrath of God fell upon Christ. This was the hiding of the Father's countenance. Though innocent, Christ was treated as a sinner, that through His merits sinners, though guilty, might be treated as the loyal and obedient children of God. Christ died with the sins of the world imputed to Him, that His righteousness might be imputed to the sinner. When the sense of the loss of His Father's favor was withdrawn, Christ had drained the last dregs in the cup of bitterness." *Manuscript Releases, volume 18, 73.*

"The Saviour was now, after being betrayed by a kiss from one of his own disciples, dragged from place to place by the murderous mob that surrounded him. He was finally taken to the judgment hall. Then they smote the Lord of glory. They crowned him with thorns. Mocking, they bowed to him as if to a king, and cried in derision, "Hail, King of the Jews." They laid upon him the heavy cross to bear to Calvary. They drove the cruel nails through his hands and his feet; and as he hung between earth and heaven as a malefactor, dying for the sins of the world, the satanic spirit took possession of the murderous throng. The chief priests and rulers mocked and derided his dying agonies, saying, "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." The bitter cup of suffering was not refused. He drained it to the dregs. As the soldiers were casting lots upon his vesture, darkness covered the face of the sky. Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The earth was rent by a terrible earthquake as the Redeemer of the world died, a sacrifice for guilty man; that the transgressor of God's holy law might be restored to the favor of the Father, and fitted for the society of heaven. He carried out

the plan of salvation, and Satan was vanquished by the power of the Conqueror." *Review and Herald*, October 9, 1888.

Luke 13:31–32

Hebrews 2:10

Hebrews 5:8–9

Isaiah 48:10

**MAREH AND MARAH:**

Ezekiel 1:26–28, 2:1–3, 8-10, 3:1–4, 12–14

Zechariah 12:1–14

**NAOMI TO MARAH:**

Ruth 1:19–22

“The message, ‘**Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!**’ was not so much a matter of argument, though the Scripture proof was clear and conclusive. There went with it **an impelling power that moved the soul**. There was no doubt, no questioning. Upon the occasion of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the people who were assembled from all parts of the land to keep the feast, flocked to the Mount of Olives, and as they joined the throng that were escorting Jesus, they caught the inspiration of the hour and helped to swell the shout, ‘**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!**’ [Matthew 21:9.] **In like manner** did unbelievers who flocked to the Adventist meetings—some from curiosity, some merely to ridicule—feel the convincing power attending the message, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!’” *The Great Controversy*, 402.

## THE CLOSING SCENES

Gethsemane			Angel		
911		M	M/MC /	7	SL
I-----		I-----	I-----		†
I	II	III (prayers)			Judg.
		Bitter cry, Fell as dead - revived, Inquiry x2, Divinity + humanity, Bound, Mockery, Heresy + sedition,			

“His ministry was nearly completed; He had only a few more lessons to impart. And that they might never forget the humility of the pure and spotless Lamb of God, the great and efficacious Sacrifice for man humbled Himself to wash the feet of His disciples. **It will do you good, and our ministers generally, to frequently review the closing scenes in the life of our Redeemer.** Here, beset with temptations as He was, we may all learn lessons of the utmost importance to us. **It would be well to spend a thoughtful hour each day reviewing the life of Christ from the manger to Calvary.** We should take it point by point and let the imagination vividly grasp each scene, **especially the closing ones of His earthly life. By thus contemplating His teachings and sufferings, and the infinite sacrifice made by Him for the redemption of the race, we may strengthen our faith, quicken our love, and become more deeply imbued with the spirit which sustained our Saviour.** If we would be saved at last we must all learn the lesson of penitence and faith at the foot of the cross. Christ suffered humiliation to save us from everlasting disgrace. He consented to have scorn, mockery, and abuse fall upon Him in order to shield us. It was our transgression that gathered the veil of darkness about His divine soul and extorted the cry from Him, as of one smitten and forsaken of God. He bore our sorrows; He was put to grief for our sins. He made Himself an offering for sin, that we might be justified before God through Him. Everything noble and generous in man will respond to the contemplation of Christ upon the cross.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 374.

“We are to copy no human being. There is no human being wise enough to be our criterion. We are to look to the man Christ Jesus, who is complete in the perfection of righteousness and holiness. He is the author and finisher of our faith. **He is the pattern**

**Man. His experience is the measure of the experience that we are to gain.** His character is our model. Let us, then, take our minds off the perplexities and the difficulties of this life, and fix them on him, that by beholding we may be changed into his likeness. We may behold Christ to good purpose. We may safely look to him; for he is all-wise. As we look to him and think of him, he will be formed within, the hope of glory.

**“Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand.** And let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven. We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour. He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve.” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1905

“The words of the Saviour were borne to the ears of the drowsy disciples: **‘O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.’** The anguish of God's dear Son forced drops of blood from his pores. Again he staggered to his feet, his human heart yearning for the sympathy of his companions, and repaired to where his disciples were sleeping. His presence roused them, and they looked upon his face with fear, for it was stained with blood, and expressed an agony of mind which was to them unaccountable.

“He did not again address them, but, turning away, sought again his retreat and fell prostrate, overcome by the horror of a great darkness. The humanity of the Son of God trembled in that trying hour. **The awful moment had arrived which was to decide the destiny of the world.** The heavenly hosts waited the issue with intense interest. **The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. The Son of God might even then refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty men. He might wipe the bloody sweat from his brow, and leave men to perish in their iniquity.** Will the Son of the Infinite God drink the bitter potion of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequence of God's curse, to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus: **‘O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.’**

**“Three times has he uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last crowning sacrifice.** But now the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish under the Father's displeasure. He sees the power of sin, and the utter helplessness of man to save himself. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world arise before him. He beholds its impending fate, and **his decision is made. He will save man at any cost to himself. He accepts his baptism of blood, that perishing millions through him may gain everlasting life.** He left the courts of Heaven, where all was purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that had fallen by transgression, and he

will not turn from the mission he had chosen. He will reach to the very depths of misery to rescue a lost and ruined race.

“Having made the decision and reached the final crisis, **he fell in a dying condition to the earth** from which he had partially risen. Where now were his disciples, to place their hands tenderly beneath the head of their fainting Master, and bathe that brow, marred indeed more than the sons of men? **The Saviour trod the winepress alone, and of all the people there was none with him.** And yet he was not alone. He had said, "I and my Father are one." God suffered with his Son. Man cannot comprehend the sacrifice made by the infinite God in giving up his Son to reproach, agony, and death. This is the evidence of the Father's boundless love to man.

“The angels who did Christ's will in Heaven were anxious to comfort him; but it was beyond their power to alleviate his sorrow. They had never felt the sins of a ruined world, and they beheld with astonishment the object of their adoration subject to a grief beyond all expression. Though the disciples had failed to sympathize with their Lord in the trying hour of his conflict, all Heaven was full of sympathy and waiting the result with painful interest. When it was finally determined, **an angel was sent from the throne of God to minister unto the stricken Redeemer.**

“The disciples were suddenly aroused from their slumber by a bright light shining upon and around the Son of God. They started up in amazement, and beheld a heavenly being, clothed in garments of light, bending over their prostrate Master. With his right hand he lifted the head of the divine sufferer upon his bosom, and with his left hand he pointed toward Heaven. His voice was like the sweetest music, as he uttered soothing words presenting to the mind of Christ the grand results of the victory he had gained over the strong and wily foe. **Christ was victor over Satan;** and, as the result of his triumph, millions were to be victors with him in his glorified kingdom.

“The Saviour of the world arose and sought his disciples, and, **for the third time, found them fast asleep.** He looked sorrowfully upon them. His words, however, aroused them: ‘Sleep on now, and take your rest; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.’

“Even while these words were upon his lips, the footsteps of the mob that was in search of him were heard. Judas took the lead and was closely followed by the high priest. Jesus turned to his disciples, as his enemies approached, and said, ‘Rise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.’ The countenance of the Saviour wore an expression of calm dignity; no traces of his recent agony were visible as he stepped forth to meet his betrayer.

“He stood in advance of his disciples, and **inquired, ‘Whom seek ye?’** They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." As these words were uttered, the

mob staggered back; and the priests, elders, soldiers, and even Judas, dropped powerless to the ground. This gave Jesus ample opportunity to escape from them if he had chosen to do so. **But he stood as one glorified amid that coarse and hardened band.** When Jesus answered, 'I am he,' the angel who had lately ministered unto him moved between him and the murderous mob, who saw a divine light illuminating the Saviour's face, and a dove-like form overshadowing him. Their wicked hearts were filled with terror. They could not for a moment stand upon their feet in the presence of this divine glory, and they fell as dead men to the ground.

"The angel withdrew; the light faded away; Jesus was left standing, calm and self-possessed, with the bright beams of the moon upon his pale face, and still surrounded by prostrate, helpless men, while the disciples were too much amazed to utter a word. When the angel departed, the Roman soldiers started to their feet, and, with the priests and Judas, gathered about Christ as though ashamed of their weakness, and fearful that he would yet escape from their hands. **Again the question was asked by the Redeemer, 'Whom seek ye?'** Again they answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' The Saviour then said, 'I have told you that I am he. If, therefore, ye seek me, let these go their way'--pointing to the disciples. In this hour of humiliation Christ's thoughts were not for himself, but for his beloved disciples. He wished to save them from any farther trial of their strength.

"Judas, the betrayer, did not forget his part, but came close to Jesus, and took his hand as a familiar friend, and bestowed upon him the traitor's kiss. Jesus said to him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" His voice trembled with sorrow as he addressed the deluded Judas: "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" **This most touching appeal should have roused the conscience of the betrayer, and touched his stubborn heart; but honor, fidelity, and human tenderness had utterly forsaken him.** He stood bold and defiant, showing no disposition to relent. **He had given himself up to the control of Satan, and he had no power to resist him.** Jesus did not reject the traitor's kiss. In this he gives us an example of forbearance, love, and pity, that is without a parallel.

"Though the murderous throng were surprised and awed by what they had seen and felt, their assurance and hardihood returned as they saw the boldness of Judas in touching the person of Him whom they had so recently seen glorified. They now laid violent hands upon Jesus, and proceeded to bind those precious hands that had ever been employed in doing good." *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 3, 99–104.

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is

brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, **these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.**" *The Great Controversy*, 608.

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Luke 22–54

John 12:27–33

**"The people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan.** They were doing the work that he desired them to do, taking a course to misrepresent the character of God, and cause the world to look upon Him as a tyrant. The very priests who ministered in the temple had lost sight of the significance of the service they performed. They had ceased to look beyond the symbol to the thing signified. In presenting the sacrificial offerings they were as actors in a play. The ordinances which God Himself had appointed were made the means of blinding the mind and hardening the heart. God could do no more for man through these channels. The whole system must be swept away.

**"The deception of sin had reached its height.** All the agencies for depraving the souls of men had been put in operation. The Son of God, looking upon the world, beheld suffering and misery. With pity He saw how men had become victims of satanic cruelty. He looked with compassion upon those who were being corrupted, murdered, and lost. They had chosen a ruler who chained them to his car as captives. Bewildered and deceived, they were moving on in gloomy procession toward eternal ruin,—to death in

which is no hope of life, toward night to which comes no morning. Satanic agencies were incorporated with men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, had become the habitation of demons. The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of men, were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed. Such was the prospect upon which the world's Redeemer looked. What a spectacle for Infinite Purity to behold!

“Sin had become a science, and vice was consecrated as a part of religion. Rebellion had struck its roots deep into the heart, and the hostility of man was most violent against heaven. It was demonstrated before the universe that, apart from God, humanity could not be uplifted. **A new element of life and power must be imparted by Him who made the world.**

“With intense interest the unfallen worlds had watched to see Jehovah arise, and sweep away the inhabitants of the earth. And if God should do this, Satan was ready to carry out his plan for securing to himself the allegiance of heavenly beings. He had declared that the principles of God's government make forgiveness impossible. Had the world been destroyed, he would have claimed that his accusations were proved true. He was ready to cast blame upon God, and to spread his rebellion to the worlds above. But instead of destroying the world, God sent His Son to save it. Though corruption and defiance might be seen in every part of the alien province, a way for its recovery was provided. At the very crisis, when Satan seemed about to triumph, the Son of God came with the embassy of divine grace. Through every age, through every hour, the love of God had been exercised toward the fallen race. Notwithstanding the perversity of men, the signals of mercy had been continually exhibited. **And when the fullness of the time had come, the Deity was glorified by pouring upon the world a flood of healing grace that was never to be obstructed or withdrawn till the plan of salvation should be fulfilled.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 36, 37.

“**I asked the meaning of the shaking** I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people.

“I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not

entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.

“Said the angel, ‘List ye!’ Soon I heard a voice like many musical instruments all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard, seeming to be full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, ‘Look ye!’ My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude and holy, sacred joy.

“The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it, and they were left behind in darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them.” *Early Writings*, 270, 271.

“We are to do all that we can do on our part to fight the good fight of faith. **We are to wrestle, to labor, to strive, to agonize to enter in at the strait gate.** We are to set the Lord ever before us. With clean hands, with pure hearts, we are to seek to honor God in all our ways. Help has been provided for us in Him who is mighty to save. The spirit of truth and light will quicken and renew us by its mysterious workings; for all our spiritual improvement comes from God, not from ourselves. The true worker will have divine power to aid him, but the idler will not be sustained by the Spirit of God. In one way we are thrown upon our own energies; we are to strive earnestly to be zealous and to repent, to cleanse our hands and purify our hearts from every defilement; we are to reach the highest standard, believing that God will help us in our efforts. We must seek if we would find, and seek in faith; we must knock, that the door may be opened unto us. The Bible teaches that everything regarding our salvation depends upon our own course of action. If we perish, the responsibility will rest wholly upon ourselves. If provision has been made, and if we accept God's terms, we may lay hold on eternal life. We must come to Christ in faith, we must be diligent to make our calling and election sure.” *Signs of the Times*, June 16, 1890.

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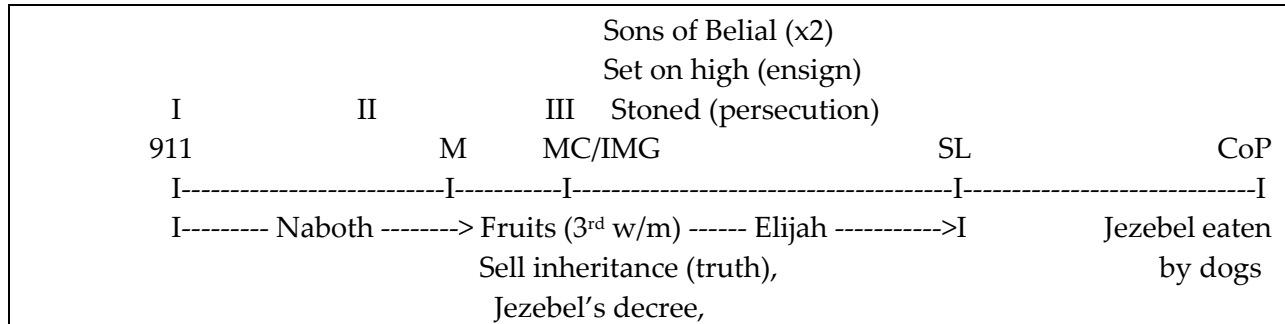
# THE CROSS

The cross can be identified at every way-mark of Ezra 7:9.

<b>Sin</b>	Angel desc.		<b>Right.</b>	H. Spirit	<b>Judg.</b>
911 /			MC /		SL
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"Eloi" x2,			Pentecost		AD 34,
					shut door
H. Spirit					
911 /		M		MC	SL
I	-----	†	-----	I	-----
AD 27		1	2	3	Pentecost
		<u>Death</u>		<u>Resurr.</u>	
		Sign of Jonah			
		(Matt 12:39-40)			
H. Spirit					
911 /		M	†	MC	SL
I	-----	I	-----	I	-----
AD 27		6 <sup>th</sup> hr.	I	9 <sup>th</sup> hr.	Pentecost
		Darkness			
H. Spirit					
911 /		M		MC	SL
I	-----	I	-----	†	-----
AD 27		Midnight		"Eloi" x2,	Pentecost
		Seizure/ Bound (DA699)		Mocking, Bitterness, Blood + water/ Covenant + H. Spirit,	
<b>Sin</b>	H. Spirit		<b>Right.</b>		<b>Judg.</b>
911 /			MC		SL
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AD 27			Inquiry, Colt loosed, Triumphal Entry,		Judg.

## NABOTH'S VINEYARD

*Union of Church and State, The Decree, The Ensign and Persecution at the Midnight Cry*



1 Kings 21:1-3

Ahab is the king of the ten tribes typifying the USA which is the principal power in the ten kings of Rev 17.

He is married to Jezebel identifying the Image of the Beast at the MC.

Ahab asks him to sell his vineyard – the inheritance of his fathers.

The vineyard represents the church and the truths of which it is the depository.

“There is one thing in this world which is the greatest object of Christ’s solicitude. It is His church on earth; for its members should be representatives, in spirit and character, of Him. The world is to recognize in them the representatives of Christianity, **the depository of sacred truths in which is stored the most precious jewels for the enrichment of others.** Through the ages of moral darkness and error, through centuries of strife and persecution, the church of Christ has been as a city set on a hill. From age to age, through successive generations to the present time, the pure doctrines of the Bible have been unfolding within its borders.” *To Be Like Jesus*, 216.

“The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having travelled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the

Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history. We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the word of God. We have everything to be thankful for. If we walk in the light as it shines upon us from the living oracles of God, we shall have large responsibilities, corresponding to the great light given us of God. We have many duties to perform, because **we have been made the depositories of sacred truth to be given to the world in all its beauty and glory**. We are debtors to God to use every advantage he has entrusted to us to beautify the truth of holiness of character, and to send the message of warning, and of comfort, of hope and love, to those who are in the darkness of error and sin." *General Conference Daily Bulletin*, January 29, 1893.

It is the inheritance of his fathers - the foundations of SDA received from the pioneers.

"Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith,--the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid." *The Review and Herald*, March 3, 1904.

This inheritance includes the Sabbath.

It is at the Midnight Cry (MC) that God's people will be asked to sell their inheritance by accepting Sunday.

The MC is a micro-level fractal of the Sunday Law (SL) so the first Sunday laws take place then.

Naboth, whose name means "fruits," represents the wise priests who are refusing to go along with the union of church and state that will then be taking place.

1 Kings 21:4

"The word" is the message being borne by the faithful priests.

Here it is a refusal to depart from Bible truth. In the line of John the Baptist it is a rebuke of the Herod's marriage to Herodias (image of the beast).

1 Kings 21:5

An inquiry is marked at the MC.

1 Kings 21:6

"Another vineyard" – that is, the wise will be called to adopt other doctrines. Sunday sacredness specifically.

1 Kings 21:7, 8

The apostate church controls the civil apparatus. This is done through deception as in the line of John the Baptist.

This is marking the union of church and state (Image of the beast) which takes places at the Midnight Cry.

The letters sealed with the king's seal constitute a decree. In the book of Esther (chapter 3) Haman's decree is written and sealed at the MC.

	MC		SL
Universal			
911	13D1M	23D3M	SL
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Cast lots	Haman's Decree	70 Days	M & E's Decree
Haman's			
	written & sealed,	written & sealed	10
sons			
	Mordecai's bitter cry		

The treacherous elders and nobles were from Naboth's city "dwelling with him" – they were Adventists.

1 Kings 21:9, 10

The two men constitute a doubling – MC.

1 Kings 21:11, 12

This is the fast of the wicked mentioned in Isa 58.

Isaiah 58:4–14

This false fast is contrasted with the true fast which has Sabbath observance as a constituting factor.

Hence the Sabbath begins to be brought to view at the MC when the first Sunday laws are passed.

The drunkards of Ephraim (leadership of SDA) most prominently, are those that smite with the fist of wickedness.

Luke 12:45, 46

Isaiah 28:1–5, 14

Naboth being set on high parallel's the wise priests being lifted up as an ensign.

This lifting up takes place within the context of persecution resulting from false accusations/deception by Jezebel – the fallen churches.

“The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the

Bible Sabbath they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 450.

1 Kings 21:13

Accusations of religious and civil offences.

"And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that **those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people**, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated and upon grounds equally well established: "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." 1 Kings 18:17, 18. As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges, they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah.

"Satan's policy in this final conflict with God's people is the same that he employed in the opening of the great controversy in heaven. He professed to be seeking to promote the stability of the divine government, while secretly bending every effort to secure its overthrow. And the very work which he was thus endeavoring to accomplish he charged upon the loyal angels. The same policy of deception has marked the history of the Roman Church. It has professed to act as the vicegerent of Heaven, while seeking to exalt itself above God and to change His law. **Under the rule of Rome, those who suffered death for their fidelity to the gospel were denounced as evildoers**; they were declared to be in league with Satan; and every possible means was employed to cover them with reproach, to cause them to appear in the eyes of the people and even to themselves as the vilest of criminals. **So it will be now.** While Satan seeks to destroy those who honor God's law,

he will cause them to be accused as lawbreakers, as men who are dishonoring God and bringing judgments upon the world." *The Great Controversy*, 591.

Christ's trial reveals the same dynamic.

911	M	MC	SL
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	Midnight Seizure, Mockery & Abuse	Mockery & Abuse,	

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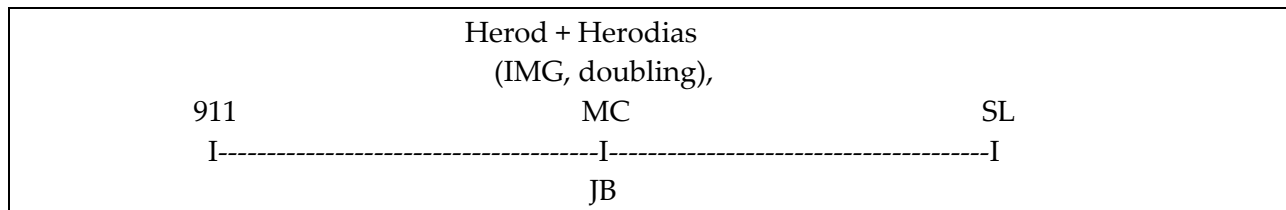
“Christ read the priest's purpose as an open book. As if reading the inmost soul of His questioner, He denied that there was between Him and His followers any secret bond of union, or that He gathered them secretly and in the darkness to conceal His designs. He had no secrets in regard to His purposes or doctrines. ‘I spake openly to the world,’

He answered; 'I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.'

"The Saviour contrasted His own manner of work with the methods of His accusers. For months they had hunted Him, striving to entrap Him and bring Him before a secret tribunal, where they might obtain by perjury what it was impossible to gain by fair means. Now they were carrying out their purpose. **The midnight seizure by a mob, the mockery and abuse** before He was condemned, or even accused, was their manner of work, not His. Their action was in violation of the law. Their own rules declared that every man should be treated as innocent until proved guilty. By their own rules the priests stood condemned." *The Desire of Ages*, 698, 699.

1 Kings 21:14–16

The faithful priests suffer a fate that is also typified by that of John the Baptist.



Mark 6:14–19

Note the element of cunning/deception brought to view by the lines of Christ and John the Baptist.

"Herodias knew that by direct measures she could never win Herod's consent to the death of John, and **she resolved to accomplish her purpose by stratagem**. On the king's birthday an entertainment was to be given to the **officers of state and the nobles of the court**. There would be **feasting and drunkenness**. Herod would thus be thrown off his guard, and might then be influenced according to her will." *The Desire of Ages*, 221.

"Again Pilate proposed to release the Saviour. 'But the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend.' Thus these hypocrites pretended to be jealous for the authority of Caesar. Of all the opponents of the Roman rule, the Jews were most bitter. When it was safe for them to do so, they were most tyrannical in enforcing their own national and religious requirements; but when they desired to bring about

some purpose of cruelty, they exalted the power of Caesar. To accomplish the destruction of Christ, they would profess loyalty to the foreign rule which they hated.

“‘Whosoever maketh himself a king,’ they continued, ‘speaketh against Caesar.’ This was touching Pilate in a weak point. He was under suspicion by the Roman government, and he knew that such a report would be ruin to him. He knew that if the Jews were thwarted, their rage would be turned against him. They would leave nothing undone to accomplish their revenge. He had before him an example of the persistence with which they sought the life of One whom they hated without reason.” *The Desire of Ages*, 737.

The parties to the union of church and state will think that the way will be clear to achieve their objective after neutralizing the priests and their influence.

But Elijah comes with a message of judgement for both Jezebel (church) and Ahab (the government of the United States).

1 Kings 21:17, 18

Elijah in this context represents the priest and the levites that are gathered from MC-SL.

1 Kings 21:19, 20

These two inquiries mark a doubling and are thus located at the MC.

1 Kings 21:21–23

“Him that pisseth against the wall” – Marriage and Sabbath (MC and SL).

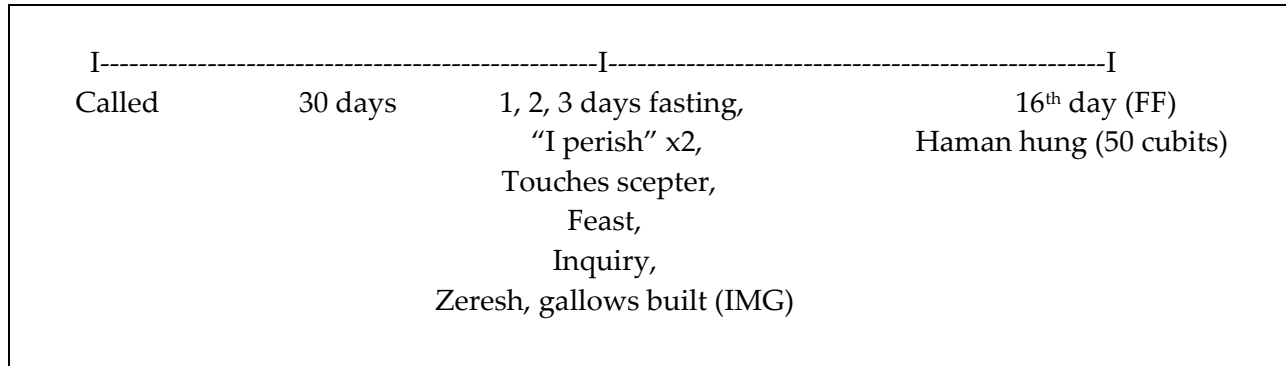
**“The law of ten commandments** is not to be looked upon as much from the prohibitory side, as from the mercy side. Its prohibitions are the sure guarantee of happiness in obedience. As received in Christ, it works in us the purity of character that will bring joy to us through eternal ages. To the obedient **it is a wall of protection**. We behold in it the goodness of God, who by revealing to men the immutable principles of righteousness, seeks to shield them from the evils that result from transgression.

When the Pharisees afterward questioned Him concerning the lawfulness of divorce, Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. ‘Because of the hardness of your hearts,’ He said, Moses ‘suffered you to put away your

wives: but from the beginning it was not so.' He referred them to the blessed days of Eden when God pronounced all things 'very good.' Then **marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity.** Then, as the Creator joined the hands of the holy pair in wedlock, saying, A man shall 'leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one,' He enunciated the **law of marriage** for all the children of Adam to the close of time. That which the eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man." *Adventist Home*, 340.

Haman met the very judgement he sought to bring upon God's people.

**ESTHER 5:**



Dog's are a symbol of the wicked.

Psalm 22:16

Jezebel was eaten by the wall of Jezreel.

The wall of marriage is at the MC. The wall of the Sabbath is at the SL.

The judgement takes place at the close of probation when the kings of the earth burn her with fire. That it takes place at a wall identifies that it takes place during the crisis of Sabbath vs. Sunday (SL-CoP).

Revelation 17:15-17

1 Kings 21:24-29



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## THE *SEVEN TIMES* IN LEVITICUS AND DEUTERONOMY

### HOW THE PIONEERS DEFINED THE SEVEN TIMES

William Miller says, "I, therefore, felt that, in endeavoring to comprehend what God had in his mercy seen fit to reveal to us, I had no right to pass over the prophetic periods. I saw that, as the events predicted to be fulfilled in prophetic days had been extended over about as many literal years; as God, in Num.14:34, and Ezek.4:4-6, had appointed each day for a year; as the seventy weeks to the Messiah were fulfilled in 490 years, and the 1260 prophetic days of the Papal supremacy in 1260 years; and as these prophetic days extending to the advent were given **in connection with symbolic prophecy**, I could only **regard the time as symbolical**, and as standing each day for a year, in accordance with the opinions of all the standard Protestant commentators...

"From a further study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the **seven times of Gentile supremacy must commence when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation, at the captivity of Manasseh**, which the best chronologers assigned to B. C. 677... Reckoning all these prophetic periods from the several dates assigned by the best chronologers for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned, they would all terminate together, about A. D. 1843..." Silvester Bliss, *Memoirs of William Miller*, 75, 76.

Samuel Snow says, "The **seven times of the Gentile domination over the church of God spoken of in Lev. Xxvi [26]**, began with the breaking of the pride of their power, at the captivity of Manasseh, Ring of Judah, B. C. 677..." Joshua V. Himes editor, *The Signs of the Times*, October 2, 1844.

"When, therefore, I found the 2300 prophetic days, which were to mark the length of the vision from the Persian to the end of the fourth kingdom, the seven times' continuance of the dispersion of God's people, and the 1335 prophetic days to the standing of Daniel in his lot, all evidently extending to the advent, with other prophetic periods, I could but regard them as 'the times before appointed,' which God had revealed 'unto his servants the prophets.'..." [Acts 17:26, Amos 3:7 quoted] Silvester Bliss, *Memoirs of William Miller*, 75.

"That the seven times of the Gentiles, and the **treading under foot indignation** ended with the downfall of Papacy in 1798 is also further sustained and clearly set forth from the vii [7] to the xii [12] chapters of Daniel." James White editor, *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 10, 1856.

“The number seven is a perfect number in the Bible. **The seven prophetic times complete the fullness of prophetic times given in the inspired volume.** A prophetic time symbolizes 360 years. There is not another prophetic time given or named in the Bible to be fulfilled after the seven prophetic times expire; hence the seven times complete the fullness of times given us in the inspired volume, and hence **the seven prophetic times is the appointed period which brings us to, and ushers in, the dispensation of the fullness of times,** in which is to be gathered together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth. From this text we learn that **the dispensation of the fullness of times is the GATHERING dispensation.**

“**The seven times was emphatically the scattering time,** in which God's people were dispersed among all nations; and we have before clearly proved that at the end of the seven times, was the appointed time for God to set his hand again, the second time, to **recover the remnant** of his people, and to assemble the outcasts of Israel and **gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth;** and that the **yoke of their cruel and hard bondage was then broken off, and their captivity was then turned,** and the latter-day glory was then ushered in, and we shall hereafter prove that **the gathering has been going on from that time to the present.**” Hiram Edson, *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 17, 1856.

“The REMNANT were to be saved FROM the land of their captivity. They were to be delivered OUT OF ALL PLACES and countries wherein they had been **scattered** during the cloudy and dark day, or period of 2520 years captivity. See Isa. 11:11,12; Jer.30:10; Eze.34:11 13.

“The land of their captivity during the 2520 years of Gentile dominion over them embraces the ancient Assyrian, or Babylonian, the Medo Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman empires. These empires embrace all territory East of the Atlantic Ocean; the ancient land of Palestine not excepted; hence we are crowded off from the Eastern Continent, and are necessarily driven to this Western American Continent to find the country into which the Lord has been gathering the remnant of his people since the 2520 years of their captivity ended.

“We believe that the country, or nation and government of these United States of North America, which we also believe to be symbolized by the two horned beast of Rev.13:11, is the country and place to which the remnant have been **gathering...**” James White editor, *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, February 14, 1856.

James White says, “The prophetic period of Lev. 26, or what has been supposed to be such, has been **no small object** of study among prophetic expositors. It has been

supposed that the expression, 'seven times,' in verses 18, 21, 24, 28, denoted a prophetic period of 2520 years, and that **this period covered the time during which the throne of Israel should be and remain subverted and trodden down by oppressing powers...**" James White editor, *Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 26, 1864.

### **DEUTERONOMY A REPEAT AND ENLARGEMENT OF LEVITICUS**

William Miller's rule No. 4: To understand doctrine, **bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know**; then let every word have its proper influence; and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error.

Deuteronomy 29:1

"With painstaking effort Ezra sought to arrive at the true sense of the Old Testament scriptures, and to revive their original meaning. He became thoroughly conversant with the **writings of Moses**. His desire to please God led him to strive earnestly to learn the true significance of the ten commandments. He searched for all those statements in sacred history that relate to the giving of the **law on Mount Sinai**, and to the **laws written in books**, which the Israelites had been directed to preserve carefully as the commands of God.

"These laws contained in books were not a new revelation, but a repetition of the ceremonial laws given at Sinai. Before Moses left the children of Israel, at the command of God, to die in the land of Moab, the laws that had formerly been given were repeated and enlarged upon. Some methods for their enforcement were given; some precepts were explained, and the reasons why they had been given were made plain. Upon several occasions the judgments of God had fallen upon transgressors; the commands that had been transgressed at these times were repeated. Transgressors were to know that disobedience would surely bring the punishment of God." *The Review and Herald*, January 30, 1908.

### **FULFILLMENT OF CURSES**

(parallel to Leviticus 26:33) "[Deuteronomy 4:27 quoted] ...This prophecy, **fulfilled in part in the time of the judges...**" *Prophets and Kings*, 296.

(parallel to Leviticus 26:19) "'If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes,' the Israelites had been warned, **'thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.** The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.' **Deuteronomy 28:15, 23, 24.**

“Thus it had come to pass that God was now visiting His people with the severest of His judgments. The prediction of Elijah was meeting with terrible fulfillment. For three years the messenger of woe was sought for in city after city and nation after nation. ...” *Prophets and Kings*, 136-137.

“When Herod heard of the works of Christ, he was exceedingly troubled. ... Herod was reaping that which God had declared to be the result of a course of sin... [Deuteronomy 28:65-67 quoted].” *The Desire of Ages*, 223.

(Leviticus 26:19 symbols used) “Satan’s craft is most successfully used against those who are **depressed**. When **discouragement** threatens to overwhelm the minister, let him spread out before God his necessities. It was **when the heavens were as brass over Paul** that he trusted most fully in God. More than most men, he knew the meaning of **affliction**; but listen to his triumphant cry as, beset by **temptation** and **conflict**, his feet press heavenward: ...” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 363.

### SCATTERING OF JUDAH

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS	DEUTERONOMY 28	LEVITICUS 26	FULFILLMENT
677 BC, King taken captive	36	19	1 <sup>st</sup> seven times, v.18-20
607 BC, Children taken captive	41	22	2 <sup>nd</sup> seven times, v.21-23
597 BC, Sword and yoke of enemy	48-50	25	3 <sup>rd</sup> seven times, v.24-27
587 BC, Eat children (siege) Scattered among nations	53-57 64	29 33	4 <sup>th</sup> seven times, v. 28-39

### RELATIONSHIP OF ISRAEL WITH THE NATIONS UNDER BLESSINGS AND CURSES

BLESSINGS: Under blessings Israel would reign over the nations.

Leviticus 26:6-8, power over enemies

Deuteronomy 15:6, reign over

Deuteronomy 28:1, above all nations

Deuteronomy 28:12-13, head and not the tail

CURSES: Under the curses the nations would rule over Israel.

Leviticus 26:17, they that hate you reign over

Leviticus 26:25, under power of enemy

Leviticus 26:32-39, scattered

Deuteronomy 28:36, serve the gods of the enemy (not having freedom of conscience)

Deuteronomy 28:41, captivity

Deuteronomy 28:44, tail and not the head

Deuteronomy 28:48, yoke of servitude

Deuteronomy 28:62-65, scattered

## RULED OVER BY FOUR GENTILE NATIONS

### TREADING AND TRAMPLING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### PREDICTION

Leviticus 26:17

*Reign* H7287: A primitive root; to **tread down**, that is, *subjugate*; specifically to *crumble* off: - (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take.

Isaiah 10:5, 6

Isaiah 63:6

Zechariah 10:5

#### FULFILMENT

Psalms 106:40–43, they that hated them ruled over, enemies oppressed, subjection under

Heathen H1471 heathen: foreign nation, **Gentile**

“And He gave them into the hand of the nations” *Testimonies for the church*, volume 8, 107.

“...These sins had separated them from God, and He had permitted them to be brought **under the control of heathen nations.**” *Manuscript 121*, 1898.

### TREADING AND TRAMPLING THE WORD

Trodden G2662: From G2596 and G3961; to *trample down*; figuratively **to reject with disdain**: - trample, tread (down, underfoot).

Examples: Matthew 5:13, Luke 8:5, Hebrews 10:29

Isaiah 58:13 “turn away thy foot from”

“...they will not yield, and **trample under their feet the Sabbath** of the Lord, and honor an institution of papacy....” *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 1, 353

“...whoever shall **trample upon God's law** to obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast...” *The Great Controversy*, 604

## **RULED OVER BY THE KINGS OF THE NORTH**

Jeremiah 1:15, 25:9

Daniel 2:38–40 (universal monarchies to bear rule)

“The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message:

“‘Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Ezekiel 21:26, 27.

“**The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo Persia, Greece, and Rome.** God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’” *Education*, 179.

“But they did not keep their covenant with God. They followed after the idolatrous practices of other nations, and instead of making their Creator's name a praise in the earth their course held it up to the contempt of the heathen. Yet the purpose of God must be accomplished. The knowledge of His will must be spread abroad in the earth. God brought the **hand of the oppressor upon His people** and scattered them as captives among the nations....” *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 5, 455.

“With a new and deeper earnestness, Miller continued the examination of the prophecies, whole nights as well as days being devoted to the study of what now appeared of such stupendous importance and all-absorbing interest. In the **eighth chapter of Daniel** he could find no clue to the starting point of the **2300 days**; the angel Gabriel, though commanded to make Daniel understand the vision, gave him only a partial explanation. As the **terrible persecution to befall the church was unfolded to the prophet's vision**, physical strength gave way. He could endure no more, and the angel left him for a time. Daniel ‘fainted, and was sick certain days.’ ‘And I was astonished at the vision,’ he says, ‘but none understood it.’” [Daniel 8:27 quoted] *The Great Controversy*, 325.

## **RULED OVER BY BABYLON (607-537 BC, SEVENTY YEARS CAPTIVITY)**

Resting of the Land: Daniel 9:2, Leviticus 26:34, 35, Jeremiah 25:8–11

“Moses traced the evils that would result from a departure from the statutes of Jehovah. Calling heaven and earth to witness, he declared that if, after having dwelt long in the Land of Promise, the people should introduce corrupt forms of worship and bow down to graven images and should refuse to return to the worship of the true God, **the anger of the Lord would be aroused, and they would be carried away captive and scattered among the heathen.** ‘Ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it,’ he warned them; ‘ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And **the Lord shall scatter you among the nations,** and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.’ Verses 26-28. [Deuteronomy 4:26-28 quoted]

“This prophecy, fulfilled in part in the time of the judges, met a more complete and literal fulfillment in the captivity of Israel in Assyria and of Judah in Babylon.” *Prophets and Kings*, 295, 296.

“This prophecy, fulfilled in part in the time of the judges of Israel, met a more **complete and terrible** fulfillment in the captivity of Israel in Assyria and of Judah in Babylon. ...” *The Review and Herald*, February 19, 1914.

“The result that would follow an entrance into covenant relation with surrounding nations was plainly foretold. ‘The **Lord shall scatter thee among all people,** from the one end of the earth even unto the other,’ Moses had declared; ‘and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: in the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.’ **Deuteronomy 28:64–67.** ‘But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God,’ the promise had been, ‘thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.’ **Deuteronomy 4:29.**

“Zerubbabel and his associates were familiar with these and many like scriptures; and in the recent captivity they had evidence after evidence of their fulfillment. And now,

having repented of the evils that had brought upon them and their fathers the judgments foretold so plainly through Moses; having turned with all the heart to God, and renewed their covenant relationship with Him, they had been permitted to return to Judea, that they might restore that which had been destroyed...." *Prophets and Kings*, 569.

"By the Babylonish captivity the Israelites were effectually cured of the worship of graven images. During the **centuries** that followed, they suffered from the **oppression of heathen foes**, until the conviction became fixed that their prosperity depended upon their obedience to the law of God..." *The Desire of Ages*, 28.

### **RULED OVER BY MEDO-PERSIA (607-537 BC)**

"This same **universal sway** was exercised by Nebuchadnezzar's descendants until, nearly seventy years later, in the days of Belshazzar, because of the wickedness of the nation, the kingdom was 'divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.' Thus arose the **second universal monarchy**, Medo-Persia." *The Review and Herald*, January 23, 1908.

Ezra 9:8-9 space for grace and rebuilding, Daniel 9:24 probation

Nehemiah 9:30-37 "kings set over us", Daniel 8:4,20 (ram dominates, Medo Persia)

"In the history of nations the student of God's word may behold the literal fulfillment of divine prophecy. Babylon, shattered and broken at last, passed away because in prosperity its rulers had regarded themselves as independent of God, and had ascribed the glory of their kingdom to human achievement. **The Medo-Persian realm was visited by the wrath of Heaven because in it God's law had been trampled underfoot.** The fear of the Lord had found no place in the hearts of the vast majority of the people. Wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption prevailed. The kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt; and these sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral worth." *Prophets and Kings*, 501.

### **RULED OVER BY GREECE (537-31 BC)**

Daniel 2:39 "shall bear rule over all the earth", Daniel 7:6, Daniel 8:5-7, 21

332 BC Conquered by Alexander the Great

“Not at first had God revealed the exact time of the first advent; and even when the prophecy of Daniel made this known, not all rightly interpreted the message.

“Century after century passed away; finally **the voices of the prophets ceased. The hand of the oppressor was heavy upon Israel.** As the Jews departed from God, faith grew dim, and hope well-nigh ceased to illuminate the future. The words of the prophets were uncomprehended by many; and those whose faith should have continued strong were ready to exclaim, ‘The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth.’ Ezekiel 12:22. But in heaven's council the hour for the coming of Christ had been determined; and ‘when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, . . . to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.’ Galatians 4:4, 5.” *Prophets and Kings*, 700.

### **RULED OVER BY PAGAN ROME (31 BC – 330 AD, GIVEN A “TIME” OR 360 YEARS IN DANIEL 11:24)**

Daniel 2:40, Daniel 7:7, 23

“In Matthew 24, in answer to the question of His disciples concerning the sign of His coming and of the end of the world, Christ had pointed out some of the **most important events** in the history of the world and of the church from His first to His second advent; namely, the destruction of Jerusalem, the **great tribulation of the church under the pagan and papal persecutions**, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars....” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion...” *The Great Controversy*, 438.

Deuteronomy 28:49-50, Daniel 8:23-24, under a nation of “fierce countenance”, destroy holy people

[Lev. 26:1-4,11-12 quoted] “...’And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies. **They that hate you shall reign over you**, and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.’ [Leviticus 26:14-17 quoted]

“The **Jews were experiencing the fulfillment of the threatened curse** of God for their departure from him, and for their iniquity; yet they did not lay these things to heart, and afflict their souls before God. **A people that hated them ruled over them.** They were

claiming the blessings God had promised to confer upon them should they be obedient and faithful. But at the very time they were suffering under the curse of God because of disobedience. John declared to them that unless they bore fruit, they would be hewn down and cast into the fire." *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 2, 54, 55.

"What was it that moved His own nation to throw such scorn upon Jesus? The Jews were expecting an earthly prince who would deliver them from the power that God had declared would rule over them if they refused to keep the way of the Lord and obey His statutes, His commandments, and His laws. They had made their proud boast that Israel's king, the star arising from Judah, would break their thralldom, and make of them a kingdom of priests." *Christ Triumphant*, 243.

"While in **bondage to other nations**, the Jews had boasted that although they were **then in oppression**, their Messiah was coming as a mighty King to deliver them. ..." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 152.

"The Jewish nation had corrupted their religion by useless ceremonies and customs. This laid a heavy tax upon the people, especially the poorer classes. **They were also under bondage to other nations, and required to pay tribute to them. The Jews were unreconciled to their bondage**, and looked forward to the triumph of their nation through the Messiah, the powerful deliverer foretold in prophecy. Their views were narrow. They thought the Coming One would, at his appearing, assume kingly honors, and, by force of arms, subdue the heathen nations, and take the throne of David...." *Redemption or the First Advent of Christ with His life and Ministry* (pamphlet), 14.

"As a nation, the people of Israel, while desiring the advent of the Messiah, were so far separated from God in heart and life that they could have no true conception of the character or mission of the promised Redeemer. Instead of desiring redemption from sin, and the glory and peace of holiness, their hearts were fixed upon **deliverance from their national foes, and restoration to worldly power. They looked for Messiah to come as a conqueror, to break every yoke, and exalt Israel to dominion over all nations. ...**" *Prophets and Kings*, 709.

"Christ's reply was no evasion, but a candid answer to the question. Holding in His hand the Roman coin, upon which were stamped the name and image of Caesar, He declared that since **they were living under the protection of the Roman power, they should render to that power the support it claimed**, so long as this did not conflict with

a higher duty. But while peaceably subject to the laws of the land, they should at all times give their first allegiance to God.

“The Saviour's words, ‘Render . . . unto God the things that are God's,’ were a severe rebuke to the intriguing Jews. **Had they faithfully fulfilled their obligations to God, they would not have become a broken nation, subject to a foreign power.** No Roman ensign would have waved over Jerusalem, no Roman sentinel would have stood at her gates, no Roman governor would have ruled within her walls. **The Jewish nation was then paying the penalty of its apostasy from God.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 602.

“This exhibition of Roman authority stirs the people with indignation, and they turn eagerly to hear what the great Teacher will say of this cruel act of oppression. With sadness, **because of the sins which had brought the Jews into such bondage,** Jesus looks upon the shameful scene. He also notes the hatred and revenge stamped upon the faces of the Jews, and knows how **bitterly they long for power to crush their oppressors. . . .**” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 2, 222.

“The tears of Christ expressed his anguish at seeing his people bringing sure destruction upon themselves. **Gladly would he have broken from their necks the yoke of bondage to a heathen nation. But,** while the Pharisees bitterly complained of their humiliation and oppression, they refused with hatred the only help that could **relieve them from captivity,** and make them a free and happy people. . . .” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 11.

“By the Spirit of Inspiration, looking far down the ages, Moses pictured the terrible scenes of Israel's final overthrow as a nation, and the **destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Rome:** ‘The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young.’ **[Deuteronomy 28:49-50 quoted]**

“The utter wasting of the land and the horrible suffering of the people during the **siege of Jerusalem under Titus centuries later, were vividly portrayed:** “[51] He shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed. . . . [52] And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land. . . . [53] Thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee.” “[56] The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot

upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, . . . [57] and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates." [Deuteronomy 28:51-53, 56-57 quoted] *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 467.

"...Again was fulfilled the warning prophecy given fourteen centuries before: 'The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, . . . and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.' Deuteronomy 28:56, 57." *The Great Controversy*, 32.

"Many years after this the Lord spoke to His people from the pillar of cloud, promising to make them the most powerful people upon the face of the earth if they would obey His commandments. If they refused to do this, **He must treat them as He can only in justice treat all apostates.**

"[1] 'And it shall come to pass,' He declared, 'if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. [3] Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. [4] Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [5] Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. [6] Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.... [13] **The Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath;** if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day to observe and to do them.' [Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 13 quoted]

"[3] 'If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; [4] then will I give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. [5] And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. [6] And I will give peace in the land and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of your land, neither shall the sword go through your land: [7] and ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall

before you by the sword: ... [11] And I will set my tabernacle among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. [12] And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.' [Leviticus 26:3-7, 11-12 quoted]

"If the people obeyed the word of the Lord, doing all that the Lord commanded them, they could present themselves before God, and pray with confidence, 'Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou gavest us, as thou swarest unto our fathers.' [Deuteronomy 26:15 quoted]

**"God specified also the sure result of a disregard for His commands.** [14] 'If ye will not hearken unto me,' He said, 'and will not do all these commandments... [16] I also will do this unto you: I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. [17] And I will set my face against you; for ye shall be slain by your enemies. They that hate you shall reign over you, and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. [18] And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times** more for your sins, [19] and I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass, [20] and your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.' [Leviticus 26:14, 16-20 quoted]

"[15] 'It shall come to pass if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and statutes, which I command you this day, that all these curses shall come unto thee, and overtake thee. [16] Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [17] Cursed shalt be thy basket and thy store. [18] Cursed shall be the fruit of the body, and the fruit of the land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.' [Deuteronomy 28:15-19 quoted]

"This is the result of disobedience and transgression. **Let all read carefully the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy,** realizing that it makes every difference to a people whether they are obedient or disobedient to the law of Jehovah.

"The prophecies regarding Israel were fulfilled to the letter. God permitted His chosen people to be scattered as captives in strange lands. When they repented, God took them to Himself again, and established them in His own land. But their continual disobedience resulted in their complete overthrow, and in the overthrow of Jerusalem.

"[1] 'It shall come to pass,' the Lord declared, 'when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, [2] and shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice, according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, ... [7] the

Lord thy God will put all thy curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.... [11] For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it afar off. [12] It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? [13] Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us? and bring it nigh unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? [14] But the word is very nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.' [Deuteronomy 30:1-2, 7, 11-14 quoted]

"Please read carefully to the end of this chapter. The Lord gave directions that these commands should be put into song, and sung by all the Israel of God, **lest these matters of such great importance should be forgotten.**

"God promised that by obedience to His law, the people would be exalted and made the representatives of His goodness, mercy, and love. Jesus was the hope and the tree of life to His elect and chosen people. He promised that sickness should not prey upon their bodies. But if they followed a course independent of God, they would be **under the controlling power of Satan the destroyer.**

"It was because the Lord's chosen people did the very things that the Lord told them not to do that the sure result of their course of action came upon them. They separated from God. They opened the door of the heart to Satan's suggestions, and received his words as the words of God. They accepted maxims and ceremonies that God had not given. This brought in such a mass of rubbish that the principles given by Christ from the pillar of cloud were perverted. God could not give the people the blessings He longed to bestow upon them." *Manuscript 40*, March 13, 1898.

"When Jesus revealed to His disciples the fate of Jerusalem and the scenes of the second advent, He foretold also the experience of His people **from the time when He should be taken from them, to His return in power and glory for their deliverance.** From Olivet the Saviour beheld the storms about to fall upon the apostolic church; and penetrating deeper into the future, **His eye discerned the fierce, wasting tempests that were to beat upon His followers in the coming ages of darkness and persecution.** In a few brief utterances of awful significance He **foretold the portion which the rulers of this world would mete out to the church of God.** Matthew 24:9, 21, 22. The followers of Christ must tread the same path of humiliation, reproach, and suffering which their Master trod. The enmity that burst forth against the world's Redeemer would be manifested against all who should believe on His name.

"The history of the early church testified to the fulfillment of the Saviour's words. The powers of earth and hell arrayed themselves against Christ in the person of His

followers. **Paganism** foresaw that should the gospel triumph, her temples and altars would be swept away; therefore she summoned her forces to destroy Christianity. The fires of persecution were kindled. Christians were stripped of their possessions and driven from their homes. They 'endured a great fight of afflictions.' Hebrews 10:32. They 'had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment.' Hebrews 11:36. Great numbers sealed their testimony with their blood. Noble and slave, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, were alike slain without mercy.

"These persecutions, beginning under Nero about the time of the martyrdom of Paul, continued with greater or less fury for centuries. ..." *The Great Controversy*, 39, 40.

## TRAMPLING PERIODS

**PERIOD OF TRAMPLING: 2300 YEARS** (457 BC – 1844 AD) GREECE, PAGAN AND PAPAL ROME

Daniel 8:13, 14 Sanctuary and Host trodden under foot

Daniel 8:24 Pagan Rome, “destroy the mighty and the holy people”

**PERIOD OF TREADING: 1800 YEARS** (APPROXIMATE: from time of Christ to 1844) PAGAN AND PAPAL ROME

Luke 21:20, 21, 24 Jerusalem trodden down of the Gentiles (from the time of Jerusalem’s destruction)

“At the time when Jerusalem was destroyed and the temple laid in ruins, many thousands of the Jews were sold to serve as bondmen in heathen lands. Like wrecks on a desert shore they were scattered among the nations. For **eighteen hundred years** the Jews have wandered from land to land throughout the world, and in no place have they been given the privilege of regaining their ancient prestige as a nation. Maligned, hated, persecuted, from century to century theirs has been a heritage of suffering.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 379.2

“Terribly was it realized in the destruction of Jerusalem. Terribly has it been manifested in the condition of the Jewish nation for **eighteen hundred years**,--a branch severed from the vine, a dead, fruitless branch, to be gathered up and burned. From land to land throughout the world, from century to century, dead, dead in trespasses and sins!” *The Desire of Ages*, 739.2

### **RULED OVER BY PAPAL ROME (538 AD – 1798 AD)**

**PERIOD OF TREADING: 1260 YEARS OF PAPAL ROME** (treading and scattering power)

“...The papal power, so clearly described by the prophet Daniel, was yet to rise, and **wage war against God's people, and trample upon his law**. Until this power should have performed its deadly and blasphemous work, it would be vain for the church to look for the coming of their Lord.” *Sketches from the Life of Paul*, 117.

Daniel 12:7 "scatter the power of the holy people" for 1260 years

Revelation 11:1-2 Gentiles tread the holy city "under foot forty and two months"  
(1260 years)

"...To John the exile on lonely Patmos was given a view of **the 1260 years during which the papal power was permitted to trample upon God's word and oppress his people**. Said the angel of the Lord: 'The holy city [the true church] shall they tread under foot forty and two months...' [Revelation 11:2 quoted] *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 188.

"Said the angel of the Lord: '**The holy city shall they tread underfoot forty and two months**. ... [Revelation 11:2-11 quoted]

"The periods here mentioned—'forty and two months,' and 'a thousand two hundred and threescore days'--are the same, alike **representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome**. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798...." *The Great Controversy*, 266.

"...The forty and two months are the same as the 'time and times and the dividing of time,' three years and a half, or **1260 days**, of Daniel 7 - - **the time during which the papal power was to oppress God's people**. This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the supremacy of the papacy, A.D. 538, and terminated in 1798. At that time the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, and the prediction was fulfilled, '**He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity.**'" *The Great Controversy*, 439.

"...by the mighty power of God's word they [Vaudois Christians] **sought to break the bondage which Rome had imposed**. The Vaudois ministers were trained as missionaries..." *The Great Controversy*, 70.

Regarding Joseph Wolff, "Under the surveillance of the church he went from place to place, until it became evident that he could never be brought to submit to the **bondage of Romanism**. ..." *The Great Controversy*, 358.

## **BONDAGE ENDED**

### **RISE OF THE UNITED STATES (Lamblike Beast)**

[Revelation 13:11 quoted] “‘And he had two horns like a lamb.’ The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as ‘coming up’ in 1798. Among the **Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance** were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that ‘all men are created equal’ and endowed with the inalienable right to ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’ And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The **oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope**. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 441.

“The United States has been a **refuge for the oppressed**. It has been spoken of as the bulwark of religious liberty. God has done more for this country than for any other country upon which the sun shines. It has been marvelously preserved from war and bloodshed....” *The Review and Herald*, December 17, 1895.

“The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States. A gracious Providence has shielded this country, and poured upon her the choicest of Heaven's blessings. **Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge**. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies. ...” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 398.

“Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race. **For many centuries God's people suffered a restriction of their liberties**. The preaching of the gospel in its purity was prohibited, and the severest of penalties were visited upon those who dared disobey the mandates of men. As a consequence, the Lord's great moral vineyard was almost wholly unoccupied. The people

were deprived of the light of God's word. The darkness of error and superstition threatened to blot out a knowledge of true religion. **God's church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.**

“But, thank God, **His church is no longer in bondage.** To spiritual Israel have been restored the privileges accorded the people of God at the time of their deliverance from Babylon. In every part of the earth, men and women are responding to the Heaven-sent message which John the revelator prophesied would be proclaimed prior to the second coming of Christ: ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’ Revelation 14:7.

“No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,’ which hath ‘made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;’ and to spiritual Israel is given the message, ‘Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.’ Verse 8; 18:4. As the captive exiles heeded the message, ‘Flee out of the midst of Babylon’ (Jeremiah 51:6), and were restored to the Land of Promise, **so those who fear God today are heeding the message to withdraw from spiritual Babylon,** and soon they are to stand as trophies of divine grace in the earth made new, the heavenly Canaan.” *Prophets and Kings*, 714, 715.

“The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. **God led His people in the advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt.** In the great disappointment their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea....” *The Great Controversy*, 457. (Egypt represented a land of bondage and oppression)

## **IS THE UNITED STATES A TRAMPLING POWER?**

“But the beast with lamblike horns ‘spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed; . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.’ Revelation 13:11–14.

“**The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the professions and the practice** of the nation thus represented. The ‘speaking’ of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities. By such action it will give the lie to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as

the foundation of its policy. The prediction that it will speak 'as a dragon' and exercise 'all the power of the first beast' plainly foretells a **development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution** that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast. ..." *The Great Controversy*, 441, 442.

### **FINAL TRAMPLING POWERS**

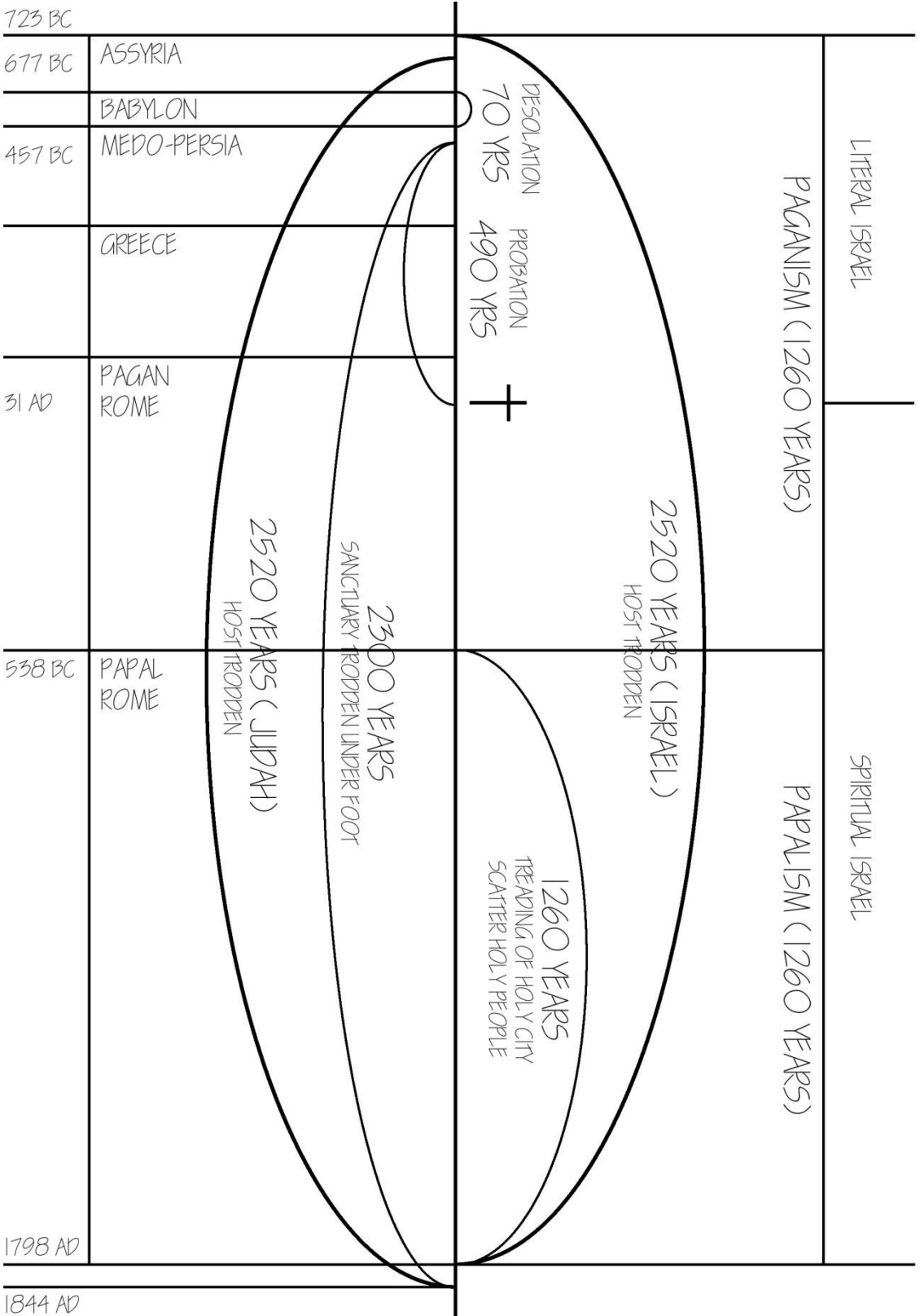
"In the book of the Revelation, under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamb-like horns, [Revelation 12 AND 13.] are brought to view those earthly governments which are especially engaged in trampling upon God's law and persecuting his people. Their war is carried forward to the close of time...

"Through the **great powers controlled by paganism and the papacy, symbolized by the dragon and the leopard-like beast**, Satan for many centuries destroyed God's faithful witnesses. Under the dominion of Rome, they were tortured and slain for more than a thousand years; but the papacy was at last deprived of its strength, and forced to desist from persecution. [Revelation 13:3, 10.] At that time the prophet beheld a new power coming up, represented by the beast with lamb-like horns. **The appearance of this beast and the manner of its rise seem to indicate that the power which it represents is unlike those brought to view under the preceding symbols. The great kingdoms that have ruled the world obtained their dominion by conquest and revolution, and they were presented to the prophet Daniel as beasts of prey, rising when the 'four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.'** [Daniel 7:2.] But the beast with horns like a lamb is seen 'coming up out of the earth;' [Revelation 13:11.] signifying that **instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented arose in territory previously unoccupied, and grew up gradually and peacefully.** *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 276.

"But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamb-like horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and 'exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.' The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed...." *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 277.

"At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized--the United States." *The Signs of the Times*, February 8, 1910.

# DIAGRAM OF THE TRAMPLING POWERS





**SWINDON CHARLES**

## THE BINDING OFF

### THE THIRD ANGEL

Revelation 14:9–11

“I then saw the **third angel**. Said my accompanying angel, ‘**Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission.** He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and **seal**, or **bind**, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.’” *Early Writings* 118.

### THE BINDING OFF MESSAGE

“To us, as God’s servants, has been entrusted the **third angel’s message, the binding-off message**, that is to prepare a people for the coming of our King. Time is short. The Lord desires that everything connected with His cause shall be brought into order. He desires that the solemn message of warning and of invitation shall be proclaimed as widely as His messengers can carry it. The means that shall come into the treasury, is to be used wisely in supporting the workers. Nothing that would hinder the advance of the message, is to be allowed to come into our planning....” {LS 423.1}

“Instruction has been given me that the message should go again with power in the cities in the Eastern States. In many of the large cities of the East the first and second angels’ messages were proclaimed during the 1844 movement. To us, as God’s servants, has been entrusted the **third angel’s message, the binding-off message**, that is to prepare a people for the coming of the King. We are to make every effort to give a knowledge of the truth to all who will hear, and there are many who will listen. All through the large cities God has honest souls who are interested in what is truth.” *Testimonies to the Church, Vol 9, 98.*

### THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

Revelation 14:6–12

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the **third**; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message. **There cannot be a third without the first and second.** These messages we are to give to the

world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be." *Manuscript Releases, volume 1, 43.*

"The everlasting gospel is the work of Christ in **developing** and thereafter **demonstrating** two classes of worshippers based upon a three- step prophetic testing message." *Jeff Pippenger.*

## **ORIGIN**

Matthew 13:24–30

"The natural heart is not to bring its own tainted, corrupting principles into the work of God. There must be no concealing of the principles of our faith. The third angel's message is to be sounded by God's people. It is to swell to the loud cry. The Lord has a time appointed when He will **bind off** the work; but when is that time?—when the truth to be proclaimed for these last days shall go forth as a witness to all nations, then shall the end come. If the power of Satan can come into the very temple of God, and manipulate things as he pleases, the time of preparation will be prolonged." *Manuscript Releases, volume 9, 212.*

## **PROGRESSIVE WORK**

Matthew 13:30

2Thesalonians 2:3

## **FALLING AWAY**

John 13:26, 27

## **REVEALED**

John 18:40

## **TWO CLASSES**

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Matthew 13:30

**Matthew 25:1, 2**

**Daniel 12:10**

### **MIDNIGHT/MIDWAY**

Matthew 25:6

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people.” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.’ Matthew 25:5-7. In the summer of 1844, **midway** between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!’” *The Great Controversy*, 398.

“Like a tidal wave the movement swept over the land. From city to city, from village to village, and into remote country places it went, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Fanaticism disappeared before this proclamation like early frost before the rising sun. Believers saw their doubt and perplexity removed, and hope and courage animated their hearts. The work was free from those extremes which are ever manifested when there is human excitement without the controlling influence of the word and Spirit of God. It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age. **There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world.** A preparation to meet the Lord was the burden of agonizing spirits. There was persevering prayer and unreserved consecration to God.” *The Great Controversy*, 400.

### **SHUT DOOR**

Matthew 25:10

“I saw the Father rise from the throne, [see page 92.] and in a flaming chariot **go into the holy of holies** within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light

pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, 'Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself.' Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, 'My Father, give us Thy Spirit.' Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children." *Early Writings, 55, 56.*

"The enemies of the present truth have been trying to open the door of the holy place, that **Jesus has shut**, and to close the door of the most holy place, which He opened in 1844, where the ark is, containing the two tables of stone on which are written the ten commandments by the finger of Jehovah." *Early Writings, 43.*

## **REVELATION 9**

5th Trumpet (606AD)

1st Woe (July 27th, 1299 - July 27th 1449 (5 Mts/150 days))

6th Trumpet (1449 - 1844)

2nd woe (July 27th, 1299 - August 11th, 1840

An hour, a day, a month and a year (391 yrs & 15 days))

"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment

he wrote: 'Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.' —Josiah Litch, in *Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy*, August 1, 1840.

"At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." *The Great Controversy*, 334, 335.

1449 - Surrendering of power to the four turkish sultans by Constantine.

"In the year 1449, John Palaeologus, the Greek emperor, died, but left no children to inherit his throne, and Constantine, his brother, succeeded to it. **But he would not venture to ascend the throne without the consent of Amurath, the Turkish sultan.** He therefore sent ambassadors to ask his consent, and obtained it before he presumed to call himself sovereign." *Uriah Smith, Daniel and Revelation* 508.

1453 - Walls of Constantinople came down.

"The sixth trumpet sounded; and a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, said to the sixth angel which had the trumpet-"Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates." And the four angels were loosed which were prepared for an hour, a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. The four angels denote ministers of judgment. They refer to the four nations of the Seljukan Turks of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located near the river Euphrates, at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus and Bagdat. Up to the period of 1449, they had indeed tormented the Christian empire, but could not subject it. When the sixth trumpet sounded, God seems to have overawed the Greek emperor, and all power of independence seems, as in a moment, to have fled. He, in the most strange and unaccountable manner, voluntarily acknowledged that he reigned by the permission of the Turkish sultan. The Turks very soon after this addressed themselves to the work of **reducing Constantinople. This they effected, A. D. 1453, four years after the emperor**

**obtained permission to ascend the throne.”** *Josiah Litch, Probability of the Second Coming of Christ about A.D. 1843, 155.*

### **NOT DONE SOUNDING**

“As we passed the bar, we entered upon a boundless place which was lighted up with great brightness. Near the place through which we passed I beheld a mighty angel clothed in pure white raiment, having a crown of brightness on his head. He appeared to be gazing through the bar, and his eyes like lamps of fire, were fixed with steadfastness upon the earth. He stood with his right foot placed before him, as though walking; and his object appeared to be, to reach the earth. But three steps remained for him to take. Against his breast, and across his left hand, was as it were, a trumpet of pure silver; and a great and terrible voice came from the midst of the boundless place, saying, ‘**The sixth angel hath not yet done sounding.**’ Behind the angel, I beheld countless millions of bright chariots, they had the appearance of pure gold, and were perfectly square. Each chariot had four wings like flaming fire. And while I was beholding, one of the chariots arose upon its wings of fire, and an angel followed after the chariot; and the wings of the chariot, and the wings of the angel, cried as with one loud voice, saying, ‘Holy! Holy!’ I watched the chariot, listening to the lovely sound of the wings. It passed towards the earth; and there appeared a spirit arrayed in white raiment as it were, standing upon a mountain, and there was given him a crown of brightness; and he stepped into the chariot with the angel, and in a moment he was in this boundless place. Although he shone with great brightness yet this individual I knew, it was the one referred to by the witness 1 who said ‘I see the chariot coming!’ He departed this life, in just two weeks after I saw him in vision.” *William Ellis Foy, Christian Experience and Vision of William Foy, 17.*

### **LUKE 1**

Luke 1:8, 11–13, 20–24, 26, 39–42, 46, 47, 56.

### **THE WILDERNESSES**

Matthew 4:1–11

Joshua 5:2–8

Daniel 9:24–27



**RICHARD COLEMAN**

## THE BINDING OFF - MILLERITE'S A TYPE

### MESSAGE OF 1798 AND 1989 ARE PARALLEL

Miller given light for the time of the end.

Time of The End Magazine was the light for our time.

1798	<u>1816-1818</u>	1840	MN	MC	<u>COP</u>
1989	<u>1996</u>	9-11	MN	MC	<u>SL</u>

2520, 2300, 1335, 1260, 70 weeks etc. are just some of the parallels in both histories that lead to the Time of The End.

Daniel 11:40–45 is the message for our time that encompasses everything we teach.

### THE NUMBER 4 MILLERITE TIME

"At the very time specified, **Turkey**, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus **placed herself under the control of Christian nations**. The event exactly fulfilled the **prediction**. (See Appendix.) When it became known, **multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement**. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from **1840 to 1844** the work rapidly extended." *The Great Controversy*, 335.

Message based upon time prophecy 391 year 15 day of Revelation 9 that began with 1449–1453.

1840–44 is the number 4 at the end and connected to the 391 year 15 day prophecy.

#4 - the 4 seven times message must do it's work in you so that you can be bound for the heavenly garner.

Understanding the events of prophecy is connected to the number 4.

Impetus is given but it came in steps.

Josiah Litch -1838 Prediction, Exact date of Aug 11, 1840 given 10 days before.

Turkey accepting protection of allied powers is a restraint on Islam.

This message was the impetus that drew people in.

## **1840 CONNECTED TO 1844**

### Midnight Awakening

“About the **middle of July** the blessing of God in reclaiming backsliders began to attend the proclamation of the time, and those who embraced either of the views referred to, manifested a marked change in their deportment, **and a sudden waking out of sleep, as was predicted.** ‘At **midnight there was a cry made**, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.’ From **July** these movements were in different parts of New England, and distinct from one another; but they were all attended by the blessing of God in reclaiming many whose lamps had well-nigh gone out, and in the sanctification of his saints. **At the Exeter camp-meeting, all these influences met, mingled into one great movement, and rapidly spread through all the advent bands in the land.**” *Great Second Advent Movement*, 159.

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at **midnight** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.’ Matthew 25:5-7. **In the summer of 1844, midway** between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!’ *The Great Controversy*, 398.

Millers principles of prophetic interpretation were confirmed.

This led to MN.

Message based upon time.

Based upon 1840.

Based upon the foundation laid by Miller.

At Exeter the influences of the past met and mingled into a great movement and spread through ALL the advent bands.

### The Midnight of the Message

"How long is the tarrying time?-Half a year. How do you know?-Because our Lord says, 'at midnight,' while the Bridegroom tarried. The vision was for 'twenty-three hundred evening-mornings,' or days. An 'evening,' or night, is half of one of those prophetic days, and is, therefore, **six months. That is the whole length of the tarrying time. The present strong cry of time commenced about the middle of July**, and has spread with great rapidity and power, and is attended with a demonstration of the Spirit, such as I never witnessed when the cry was '1843.' It is now literally, 'Go ye out to meet him.' There is a leaving all that I never dreamed could be seen. When this cry gets hold of the heart, farmers leave their farms, with their crops. There is a strong crying with tears, and a **consecration of all to God**, such as I never witnessed. There is a **confidence in this truth** such as was never felt in the previous cry, in the same degree, and a weeping or melting glory in it that passes all understanding except to those who have felt it." *Great Second Advent Message*, 162.

The tarrying time was marked as 6 months from 1d1m to 10d7m.

Commencement of Strong cry - middle of July.

No cry like this since the cry of the Millerite's.

Six months is 9-11 to MC in our line (Elizabeth) and this points to the first SL at MC.

Within this 6 months a total consecration to God happens - this is our experience that takes us to MN.

### **PARABLES ARE THE FOUNDATION**

Matthew 13:34, 35

2928 Secret means - concealed, hide, to be hid, (that it may not be known).

2602 Foundation means - laying down.

Lay Down what the Architect gives you.

Josiah is marked at 1996.

“God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding **prophecies** which had **ever been dark to God’s people**. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the Word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth. That Word which he had regarded as uninspired now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy and with the deepest respect and awe.

“As he followed down the prophecies, he saw that the inhabitants of the earth were living in the closing scenes of this world’s history, yet they knew it not...” *Early Writings*, 229.

Psalms 18:11

He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

H02822 Darkness means obscurity, concealed, ignorance

H05643 Secret place means - covering, secrecy

### **PARABLES ARE MN FOR PRIEST**

13 and 30 Rebellion and Binding off

13 Colonies rebelled against Britain

Genesis 17:23–26

Genesis 14:1–4

Revelation 13

30 is Priest - 30 is the age when senators can serve (25 is age of HOR) - Legislative branch makes laws (MC and SL).

Numbers 4:3

Judas 30 pieces of silver and rebellion

30 years 508–538

Matthew 13:30

Mark 13:30

Luke 13:30

John 13:30

Example of our line

Mark 13

Vs 1,2 - 1 Peter 2:5

Vs 3,4 - 4 disciples and inquiry

Vs 5,6 - False latter rain message

Vs 7,8 - War has been a theme of discussion - American and French Revolution

Vs 9 - Joseph brought to Pharaoh, Daniel to Belshazzar

Vs 10 - Persecution is how the gospel goes to all the nations

Vs 11 - hour is MN- MC - The Holy Ghost will give us what to say to Pharaoh

Vs 12 - Civil War

Vs 13,14- Luke 21:17-21; 66AD flee from Jerusalem to the Mountain. The Glorious Holy Mountain is Gods Church. Levites must flee the structure before the SL.

Vs 15 - Can't go back to house aka SDA structure

Vs 16 - Field is the Church - COL; Old garment cant be put on - Mordecai put on Sackcloth and ashes at the Door which symbolized repentance and acceptance of truth. He refused Esther's offer of change of raiment because she had to accept his message.

Vs 17 - no feeding of milk

Vs 18 - Genesis 8:22, Jeremiah 8:20

Vs 19, 20 -- Affliction and shortening of days is binding off for the elects sake. This shortening of days is only understood by the elect.

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## THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

### GENESIS 24 THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

The Time of the End

Genesis 24:1, 2, Hebrew 3:1–6

Father Abraham represents the work that God does in raising up a servant at the time of the end. He enters into covenant with that servant to begin a work in Gods house (church-1 Timothy 3:15).

The Formalization of the Message

Gen 24:3–5, Ex 4:1–3, 8

Here we see the servant is given a message that he is to go to the family of Abraham and find a wife for Isaac (the promised seed which represents Christ Galatians 3:16) Like Moses and Miller here at this same point he has some concerns about the woman (church Jeremiah 6:2) following the message. To Moses God gives signs to quite his concerns so line upon line when we see this servant of Abraham have the same concerns then we know whatever helps to quite his concerns is a sign.

9-11 the Sign

Genesis 24:6–9

God sending the angel in response to the concern of the servant to encourage him. is equivalent to God showing Moses the signs who has the same concern. so line upon line the sending of the angel before him is the sign (when angel comes down at 911-sign of Jonah) This angel is Christ. (Exodus 23:20–23, Revelation 10:1, 2, Revelation 18:1–3)

The number 10 after 9-11

Genesis 24:10

Other witnesses

Naomi's family lived in Moab about 10 years. (Ruth 1:4)

David sends 10 men to Nabal. (1 Samuel 25:5)

Daniel and Hebrew boys tested 10 days. (Daniel 1:14)

Exodus 12:1–3 (from 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month to the 10 day of the month)

Midnight (by the well)

Genesis 24:11–19

The camel is made to kneel-bowing (outside city) (vs 11)

Virgin (Rebekah) comes out of Obscurity (vs 16)

Rebekah makes Haste (vs 18)

Other witnesses for haste

Abigail (1 Samuel 25:23)

Daniel/Arioch (Daniel 2:15)

Mary of Martha (John 11:31)

#### Midnight – Cry

Genesis 24:20–55

Rebekah The virgin Haste again (vs 20)

Other witness for 2<sup>nd</sup> Haste

Passover lamb eaten (Exodus 12:3–11) from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> is the binding (4) then lamb eaten in haste with bitter herbs.

Abigail (1 Samuel 25:18)

Daniel/Arioch (Daniel 2:25)

Number 10 after M.C (vs 22)

Other Witness

Nabal dies about 10 days later (1 Samuel 25:38)

Daniel and companions 10x wiser (Daniel 1:20)

The servant bows (vs 26)

Joseph also (Genesis 41:43)

Neb falls down an worship here (Daniel 2:46)

Ruth bows to Boaz (Ruth 2:10)

The Servant then REPEATS everything that happened at Midnight at the Midnight-Cry in detail (vs 27-54) — Very important

The number 10 again (vs 55)

#### Midnight – Cry/ Midnight for the Levites

Genesis 24:56–63

The Rebekah the virgin is called (She now represents the Levites also)

Esther 2:19

Ezekiel 37:16–17

Gen 24:64, 65

The inquiry

Now in this history she is also taking on the characteristics of the 11<sup>th</sup> hour workers.

The veil

She is now standing right before October 22, 1844 the veil of the Most Holy place.

The Sunday Law.

## The Sunday Law/Midnight for the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Workers

Genesis 24:66

The Servant repeats the same message for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time without detail. This mostly represents how the Priest plays an active role when God is developing the messages. The Levites join up at the tail end. And the 11<sup>th</sup> hour workers accept or reject it. The message has already been developed and is given in the Lord cry. This is the same that took place in Millerite and early SDA history.

## The Close of Probation

Genesis 24:67

Rebekah seems to represent the people group as a whole (Priest, Levite, 11<sup>th</sup> Hour workers) that will be living during the transition from the church militant to those who will make up and unite with the church triumphant.

## **DANIEL 11:41**

Leading up to the image (churches united on common doctrine)

“By compromises and concessions, Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery, giving her vantage-ground which papists themselves are surprised to see and fail to understand. The Protestant world needs to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.” *The Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

“There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests. Any movement in favor of religious legislation is really an act of concession to the papacy, which for so many ages has steadily warred against liberty of conscience. Sunday observance owes its existence as a so-called Christian institution to “the mystery of iniquity;” and its enforcement will be a virtual recognition of the principles which are the very cornerstone of Romanism. When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 711.

“When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result....” *Last Day Events*, 131.

“Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 753.

### Influencing the state

“In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World.” *Last Day Events*, 132.

“Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and even in free America rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance.” *Last Day Events*, 129.

“The day of God is right upon us. The world has converted the church. Both are in harmony, and are acting on a short-sighted policy. Protestants will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin. The protest of Bible truth will be no longer tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of action. Then will the voice be heard from the graves of martyrs, represented by the souls which John saw slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ which they held; then the prayer will ascend from every true child of God, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law.’” *Testimonies to South Africa*, 52.

“The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take

counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a 'Thus saith the Scriptures' to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 450.

### Forming the Image

"The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes, for it is to be the great test [See the previous chapter, where the great test for the people of God is shown to be Sunday-law enforcement.] for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided." *Last Day Events*, 227.

"What is the 'image to the beast'? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image *to* the beast. It is also called an image *of* the beast. [The two-horned beast of Revelation 13:11-17 makes an image to the beast portrayed in Revelation 13:1-10.] Then to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed, we must study the characteristics of the beast itself—the papacy. When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state, and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of 'heresy.' In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends...." *Last Day Events*, 128.

"But the stern tracings of the prophetic pencil reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamb-like horns speaks with the voice of a dragon, and 'exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.' The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed. Prophecy declares that this power will say 'to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast.'

[Revelation 13:14.] The image is made to the first or leopard-like beast, which is the one brought to view in the third angel's message. By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power, having authority to punish all dissenters. **The image to the beast represents another religious body clothed with similar power.** The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is to be found an image of the papacy. When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. Then the true church will be assailed by persecution, as were God's ancient people. Almost every century furnishes examples of what bigotry and malice can do under a plea of serving God by protecting the rights of Church and State. Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. In the seventeenth century thousands of non-conformist ministers suffered under the rule of the Church of England. Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments." *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 277

"With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin." *Evangelism*, 235.

"When the State shall enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Papacy. 'Then the true church will be assailed by persecution as were God's people in ancient times.' Almost every century furnishes instances of what human hearts, controlled by rage and malice, can do under a plea of serving God by protecting the rights of the church and State. The Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliances with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience. How many non-conformist ministers have suffered under the power of the Church of England! Persecution always follows a restriction of religious liberty on the part of secular governments." *The Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

"Romanists declare that 'the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church.' Enforcing a

religious duty by secular power would form an image to the beast; hence the **enforcement of Sunday keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.**" *The Great Controversy*, 448.

Who is the Image?

"In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.... The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.... When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshipping the beast and his image." *Maranatha*, 169.

"Soon the Sunday laws will be enforced, and men in positions of trust will be embittered against the little handful of God's commandment-keeping people. {Lt168-1909.14} Satan seems to have been permitted to gain many points of advantage. But the Lord will bring men of understanding from the various churches, to combat the enforcement of a law that the first day of the week shall be honored as a day when no business shall be transacted." *Letter 168*, 1909.

"I saw all that 'would not receive the mark of the Beast, and of his Image, in their foreheads or in their hands,' could not buy or sell. [Revelation 13:15-17.] I saw that the number (666) of the Image Beast was made up; [Revelation 13:18.] and that it was the Beast that changed the Sabbath, and the Image Beast had followed on after, and kept the Pope's, and not God's Sabbath. And all we were required to do, was to give up God's Sabbath, and keep the Pope's, and then we should have the mark of the Beast, and of his image." *Broadside*, number 3, April 7, 1847.

"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, **our country** shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that

the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451 (1885).

#### National Sunday Law

"When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 712 (1885).

"Protestants will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the papacy. By a national act enforcing the false sabbath they will give life and vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, reviving her tyranny and oppression of conscience." *Maranatha*, 179 (1893).

"The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony." *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 975 (1891).

#### The Mark of the Beast

"When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the **power** which **enforces** the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. No one has yet received the mark of the beast. The testing time has not yet come. There are true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion. None are condemned until they have had the light and have seen the obligation of the fourth commandment. But when the decree shall go forth enforcing the counterfeit sabbath, and the loud cry of the third angel shall warn men against the worship of the beast and his image, the line will be clearly drawn between the false and the true. Then those who still continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.

"When you obey the decree that commands you to cease from labor on Sunday and worship God, while you know that there is not a word in the Bible showing Sunday to be other than a common working day, you consent to receive the mark of the beast, and refuse the seal of God." *The Review and Herald*, July 13, 1897.

## Mark of the beast Seal of God

“God has given men the Sabbath as a sign between Him and them as a test of their loyalty. Those who, after the light regarding God’s law comes to them, continue to disobey and exalt human laws above the law of God in the great crisis before us, will receive the mark of the beast.” *Evangelism*, 235 (1900).

“The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not.” *Last Day Events*, 225.

“While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.” *The Great Controversy*, 605.

“This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin, and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast.” *Maranatha*, 164.

## Causes all to receive the mark

“He causeth all, both small and great, ... to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16). Not only are men not to work with their hands on Sunday, but with their minds are they to acknowledge Sunday as the Sabbath.” *Last Day Events*, 224.

“In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel ‘all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond’ (Revelation 13:16), to receive ‘the mark of the beast,’ yet the people of God will not receive it. The prophet of Patmos beholds ‘them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass,

having the harps of God' and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb." Revelation 15:2, 3. *Maranatha*, 188.

"An apostate church will unite with the powers of earth and hell to place upon the forehead or in the hand, the mark of the beast, and prevail upon the children of God to worship the beast and his image. They will seek to compel them to renounce their allegiance to God's law, and yield homage to the papacy. Then will come the times which will try men's souls; for the confederacy of apostasy will demand that the loyal subjects of God shall renounce the law of Jehovah, and repudiate the truth of His word. ... Then it will be seen whether the choice is for Christ or Belial." *Maranatha*, 204.

"Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time. The people of God, symbolized by a holy woman and her children, were represented as greatly in the minority. In the last days only a remnant still existed. Of these John speaks as they 'which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'" *The Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

"Through paganism, and then through the Papacy, Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to blot from the earth God's faithful witnesses. Pagans and papists were actuated by the same dragon spirit. They differed only in that the Papacy, making a pretense of serving God, was the more dangerous and cruel foe. Through the agency of Romanism, Satan took the world captive. The professed church of God was swept into the ranks of this delusion, and for more than a thousand years the people of God suffered under the dragon's ire. And when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea, but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which is symbolized. The 'two horns like a lamb' well represent the character of the United States Government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Those who first found an asylum on the shores of America rejoiced that they had reached a country free from the arrogant claims of popery and the tyranny of kingly rule. They determined to

establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty." The Signs of the Times November 1, 1899.

Disconnecting our nation from God fully

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble. The cries of the faithful, persecuted ones ascend to heaven. And as the blood of Abel cried from the ground, there are voices also crying to God from martyrs' graves, from the sepulchers of the sea, from mountain caverns, from convent vaults: 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?'" *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

## **DANIEL 11:42**

The 10 kings of Daniel 7 typifies the 10 kings of Revelation 17 (United Nations)

"Yet Clotilda, a niece of the Burgundian king, 'was educated' in the profession of the Catholic faith. She married Clovis, the pagan king of the pagan Franks, and strongly persuaded him to become a Catholic. All her pleadings were in vain, however, till A.D. 496, when in a great battle with the Alemanni, the Franks were getting the worst of the conflict, in the midst of the battle Clovis vowed that if the victory could be theirs, he would become a Catholic. The tide of battle turned; the victory was won, and Clovis was a Catholic. Clotilda hurried away a messenger with the glad news to the bishop of Rhiems, who came to baptize the new convert. But after the battle was over, and the dangerous crisis was past, Clovis was not certain whether he wanted to be a Catholic. He said he must consult his warriors. He did so, and they signified their readiness to adopt the same religion as their king. He then declared that he was convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith, and preparations were at once made for the baptism of the new

Constantine, Christmas day, A.D. 496. The pope sent Clovis a letter congratulating him on his conversion. The bishop of Vienne also sent a letter to the new convert, in which he prophesied that the faith of Clovis would be a surety of the victory of the Catholic religion; and he, with every other Catholic in Christendom, was ready to do his utmost to see that the prophecy was fulfilled.

“THE Catholics in all the neighboring countries longed and prayed and conspired that Clovis might deliver them from the rule of Arian monarchs; and in the nature of the case, war soon followed. Burgundy was the first country invaded. Before the war actually began, however, by the advice of the bishop of Rhiems, a synod of the orthodox bishops met at Lyons; then with the bishop of Vienne at their head, they visited the king of the Burgundians, and proposed that he call the Arian bishops together, and allow a conference to be held, as they were prepared to prove that the Arians were in error. To their proposal the king replied: ‘If yours be the true doctrine, why do you not prevent the king of the Franks from waging an unjust war against me, and from caballing with my enemies against me? There is no true Christian faith where there is rapacious covetousness for the possessions of others, and thirst for blood. Let him show forth his faith by his good works.’

“The bishop of Vienne dodged this pointed question, and replied: ‘We are ignorant of the motives and intentions of the king of the Franks; but we are taught by the Scripture that the kingdoms which abandon the divine law, are frequently subverted; and that enemies will arise on every side against those who have made God their enemy. Return with thy people to the law of God, and he will give peace and security to thy dominions.’  
6 War followed, and the Burgundian dominions were made subject to the rule of Clovis, A.D. 500.” *The American Sentinel*, February 15, 1894, 50.

“After the kingdom was divided into ten and governed by ten kings, these kings were, one by one, converted, nominally, to the Christian faith. They professed to believe it and were baptized. Here the offering of daily sacrifices to idols ceased; and by degrees the Papal rites and ceremonies, which are evidently denoted by the abomination that maketh desolate set up. History informs us, that the first of these kings, Clovis of France, embraced the Christian faith in 496, and the remainder of the ten kings are believed to have embraced it soon after.” [*Himes*] *Signs of the Times*, June 1, 1842, 67.

“From 1793, when the dominion of the papacy was destroyed and annulled in the limits of France, by an act of the French assembly, to 1800, is also 7 years. France has been set forth a most wonderful spectacle during the entire 1335 years. Styled the “Eldest Son of the Church,” her monarchy is the oldest in Europe,---she dates from the days of Clovis,

at the very breaking up of the Roman empire. A very striking coincidence, as to time, is observable between Clovis and Bonaparte, the one near the commencement, the other at the termination of the 1290 days. Clovis came to the throne in A. D. 481, and having reigned fifteen years a pagan, was then baptized a Catholic in 496; he reigned fifteen years longer and died in 511, at the age of 45, having reigned 30 years. Bonaparte's military career dates at 1785; in the end of 1799 he was chosen Chief Consul, and in Feb. 1800, took possession, with great pomp, of the Tuilleries, the usual residence of the French kings. His civil and military career united now commenced. The latter had continued 15 years, and the two united 15 years longer to 1815, making 30 years, when he ended his public career at 45 years of age." *The Jubilee Standard*, July 31, 1845, 144.

### Sunday Laws in each Country

"The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause 'the earth and them which dwell therein' to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast 'like unto a leopard.' The beast with two horns is also to say 'to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;' and, furthermore, it is to command all, 'both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' to receive the mark of the beast. Revelation 13:11-16. It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. 'I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.' Verse 3. The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, 'his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.' Paul states plainly that the 'man of sin' will continue until the second advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: 'All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life.' Revelation 13:8. In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church." *The Great Controversy*, 578.

“As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 18.

“Charges against Authorities and Powers—The less we make direct charges against authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish, both in America and in foreign countries. Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 69.

“The law of God cannot be made void by the law of a nation. When the law is trampled in the dust, the sacredness of the commandments of God will be vindicated by those who are loyal to Him. We are to make no railing accusation against the nations, for this would close our way so that we could not set the light before the people. Every objection raised against the commandments of God will make a way for the advancement of truth, and enable its advocates to present its value before men. There is a beauty and force in the truth that nothing can make so apparent as opposition and persecution.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 72.

“John beholds the loyal people of God, and he exclaims, ‘Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus’ [Verse 12]. Babylon is represented as holding a wine cup in her hand, from which she makes all nations drink. The nations commit spiritual fornication by divorcing themselves from God and trampling on His commandments. The time in which the saints live is a trying one for those who refuse to receive the mark of the beast and his image, but through it all the saints show their patience. They continue to be steadfast in the faith, even should their firmness cost them their lives.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 159.

“John is shown in vision the awful result of worshiping the beast and his image, because the spurious sabbath has been exalted above the only true, sanctified Sabbath. Here is the very warning that Seventh-day Adventists are proclaiming to the world—to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. John beheld the last crisis. Of the woman representing the apostate church he declares that ‘she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ This means the churches that have accepted the spurious

sabbath, and have led all people to exalt this child of the papacy above the true Sabbath." *Letter 118*, 1900.

"Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause 'all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day, these faithful ones, 'blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,' will 'shine as lights in the world' Revelation 13:16; Philippians 2:15. The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine." *Prophets and Kings*, 188.

"Nations will be stirred to their very center. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin, to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast. The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death." *Maranatha*, 214.

"The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." *Testimonies*, volume 7, 141.

“When Satanic agencies shall unite with the professed Christian world in opposing God, these words of the prophet will be fulfilled. In blind zeal ‘the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name’s sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.’” *The Signs of the Times*, November 7, 1900.

#### The beast and His image

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“I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question, to unite the hearts of God’s dear waiting saints. And if one believed, and kept the Sabbath, and received the blessing attending it, and then gave it up, and broke the holy commandment, they would shut the gates of the Holy City against themselves, as sure as there was a God that rules in heaven above. I saw that God had children, who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They had not rejected the light on it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth [Hosea 6:2, 3.] and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the church, and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time, God’s chosen, all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. And I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. [Ezekiel 7:10-19. 2 Esdras 15:5-27] The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments down on them. They rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed. [2 Esdras 16:68-74.]” *A Word to the Little Flock*, 18.

“I saw all that ‘would not receive the mark of the Beast, and of his Image, in their foreheads or in their hands,’ could not buy or sell. [Revelation 13:15-17.] I saw that the number (666) of the Image Beast was made up; [Revelation 13:18.] and that it was the Beast that changed the Sabbath, and the Image Beast had followed on after, and kept the Pope’s, and not God’s Sabbath. And all we were required to do, was to give up God’s Sabbath, and keep the Pope’s, and then we should have the mark of the Beast, and of his image.” *A Word to the Little Flock*, 19.

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“The decree is to go forth that all who will not receive the mark of the beast shall neither buy nor sell, and, finally, that they shall be put to death. But the saints of God do not receive this mark. The prophet of Patmos beheld those that had gotten the victory over the beast and over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God, and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.” *Manuscript 51*, 1899.

#### Close of Probation

“Just before we entered it [the time of trouble], we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion.” *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 968.

“I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer’s inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, ‘*It is done.*’” *Early Writings*, 279.

“In the time of trouble, we all fled from the cities and villages, [Ezekiel 7:15, 16. Luke 17:30-36. See Campbell’s translation.] but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with the sword. They raised the sword to kill us, but it broke, and fell, as powerless as a straw. Then we all cried day and night for deliverance, and the cry came up before God. [Luke 18:7, 8.] The sun came up, and the moon stood still. [Habakkuk 3:11.] The streams ceased to flow. [2 Esdras 6:24.] Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. [2 Esdras 15:34,35.] But there was one clear place of settled glory, from whence came the *voice of God* like many waters, which shook the heavens, and the earth. [Joel 3:16. Hebrews 12:25-27.] The sky opened and shut, and was in commotion. [Revelation 6:14. Matthew 24:29.] The mountains shook like a reed in the wind, and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot, and cast out stones upon the land. [Habakkuk 3:8-10. Isaiah 2:19-21.] And as God spoke the day and hour of Jesus’ coming, [Ezekiel 12:25. Mark 13:32.] and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, [Ezekiel 20:37. Hebrews 12:22-25.] He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth! [Jeremiah 25:30, 31.] The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upwards, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah, and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder! It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence, the saints shouted, Glory! Hallelujah! Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God; and they shone with the glory as Moses’ face did when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look on them, for the glory. [Song of Solomon 5:1-5.] And when the never ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God, in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the Beast, and over his Image.” *A Word to the Little Flock*, 19.

**CONARD PANTON**

## AT MIDNIGHT

Hebrews 4:12

### THIRD ANGEL

"To us, as God's servants, has been entrusted the third angel's message, the binding-off message, **that is to prepare a people** for the coming of our King. Time is short. The Lord desires that everything connected with His cause shall be brought into order. He desires that the solemn message of warning and of invitation shall be proclaimed as widely as His messengers can carry it." *Life Sketches*, 423.

"I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. **These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.**" *Early Writings*, 118.

John 17:17

### BASIC PRINCIPLES

-Rise and Fall- one of the things taught about the binding off is its about the rise and fall of nations. Ex. Daniel and Revelation are one. Daniel 8 and Revelation 17 are similar chapters in many ways. Dan.8 opens up with Daniel standing in 538B.C. And Revelation 17 opens up with John standing in 1798.

### KEY

-Ezekiel 12:21-23

-H7673-Cease

Original: שבת

Transliteration: shâbath

Phonetic: shaw-bath'

## **BDB DEFINITION:**

to cease, desist, rest

(Qal)

to cease

to rest, desist (from labour)

(Niphal) to cease

(Hiphil)

to cause to cease, put an end to

to exterminate, destroy

to cause to desist from

to remove

to cause to fail

(Qal) to keep or observe the sabbath

Origin: a primitive root

TWOT entry: 2323, 2323c

Part(s) of speech: Verb

Strong's Definition: A primitive root; **to repose**, that is, desist from exertion; used in many implied relations (causatively, figuratively or specifically): - (cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, **take away**.

## **WILDERNESSES**

-The Daily-723B.C.-538- 508 Daily taken away, 30 years to the setting up of the papacy.

-Wilderness wanderings-38/40

Numbers 1:1

Deuteronomy 2:13-15

All the rebels died in the 38th which is also the 40th year. Another Prophetic symbol the Lion of the tribe of Judah adds to Midnight is "**Rise up**" or The "**Rising**"

John 5:1-10

Confrontation-40Days in the wilderness and at the end is a series of three final test brought on by an angel of Light that comes down to test us.

**"Though he appears as an angel of light**, these first words betray his character. "If Thou be the Son of God." Here is the insinuation of distrust. Should Jesus do what Satan suggests, it would be an acceptance of the doubt.

"There came to the Saviour, as if in answer to His prayers, one in the guise of **an angel from heaven**. He claimed to have a commission from God to declare that Christ's fast was at an end. As God had sent an angel to stay the hand of Abraham from offering Isaac, so, satisfied with Christ's willingness to enter the bloodstained path, the Father had sent an angel to deliver Him; this was the message brought to Jesus. The Saviour was faint from hunger, He was craving for food, **when Satan came suddenly** upon Him. Pointing to the stones which strewed the desert, and which had the appearance of loaves, the tempter said, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." *The Desire of Ages*, 118.

Malachi 3:16–18

"From time to time the Lord has made known his manner of working. He is mindful of what is passing upon the earth. **And when a crisis has come, he has revealed himself**, and has interposed the working of Satan's plans. He has often permitted matters with nations, with families, and with individuals to come to a **crisis**, that his interference might become **marked**. Then he has let the fact be known that there is a God in Israel who would sustain and vindicate his people." *General Conference Bulletin*, January 1, 1900.

"Many who claim to be Christians are not Christians. **The distinction between the position of the saved and the lost is not now as plain as it by and by will be**. At times the contrast is scarcely discernible. Our only safety is in refusing to follow any one in a questionable course. Stand firmly for the right. **When the Lord makes up his jewels, the contrast between the righteous and the wicked will be decidedly marked**. "Then shall ye return," writes the prophet Malachi, "and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not..." *The Review and Herald*, August 24, 1897.

**"It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 412.**

Persecution-538-1798- 1773/1798=25years. Persecution almost wholly cease.

**1773-"Twenty-five years later** appeared the next sign mentioned in the prophecy—the darkening of the sun and moon. What rendered this more striking was the fact that the time of its fulfillment had been definitely pointed out. In the Saviour's conversation with His disciples upon Olivet, **after describing the long period of trial for the church,—the 1260 years of papal persecution, concerning which He had promised that the tribulation should be shortened,—**He thus mentioned certain events to precede His coming, and fixed the time when the first of these should be witnessed: "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." Mark 13:24. The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. **A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased. Following this persecution, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened.** On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled." *The Great Controversy*, 306.

## **JESUITS**

"Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the **order of the Jesuits was created**, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power. (See Appendix.) The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the **overthrow of Protestantism**, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy." *The Great Controversy*, 243.

"It is a mistake to so interpret the scripture referred to as to make it reach to the last martyr. The scripture says, 'After the tribulation of those days.' Now occasional and local persecution, with three or four, or a half-dozen martyrs in a century, could not properly be called tribulation, much less could it be the tribulation referred to in the text. 'Such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.' Matt. 24:21, 29. This could be no less than universal, a flood poured upon the whole church, and so great that, except the days had been shortened, there had been none 'elect' surviving. **Therefore when this great general persecution ceased, then if may be said the tribulation ended. This brings us to your last question: 'What great event shows the end of the days of the tribulation?'**

"**We believe there is an event** clearly marked by a date upon which we may definitely fix as the end of the tribulation upon the church. The Inquisition was the great arm—the tribulum, threshing sledge—of the Papacy in the dreadful tribulation which it laid upon the church of Christ for ages; and the Order of the Jesuits was the strength of the Inquisition. On this point we could present a volume of evidence, but we have space for hardly more than a word. Here is one testimony:" *The Signs of the Times*, August 12, 1886, 487.

"Its [the Order of Jesuits] services to Roman Catholicism have been incalculable. The Jesuits alone rolled back the tide of Protestant advance when that half of Europe which had not already shaken off its allegiance to the Papacy, was threatening to do so, and the whole horrors of the counter-reformation are theirs singly.'—Encyclopedia Britannica, art., Jesuits, par. 11.

"As the Inquisition was the tribulum by which the Papacy inflicted such sore tribulation upon the church, and as the Order of the Jesuits was the strength of the Inquisition, therefore we believe that the abolition of the Order of the Jesuits is the event that marks the end of the tribulation. They had been expelled from Portugal in 1753, from France in 1761, and from Spain in 1767; **but these decrees** could not be permanently successful as long as the Jesuits retained their Order intact, and had the support of the Pope. But it was not long before the Pope was forced to turn against them, and the final crash came. Of this event we give the following narrative:

"At last came the final blow that was to shatter into pieces the great army of Loyola. For more than two centuries the Jesuits had been lighting the battles of Rome. To exalt the supremacy of the Pope, they had died by thousands in English jails and Indian solitudes, had pierced land and sea to carry the strange story of the primacy to heathen millions, and to build anew the medieval church in the heart of Oriental idolatry. And now it was the Pope and Rome that were to complete their destruction. BY a cruel

ingratitude, the deity on earth whom they had worshiped with a fidelity unequaled among men, was to hurl his anathemas against his most faithful disciples. France and Spain elected Pope Clement XIV. Upon his pledge that he would dissolve the Order. He issued his bull July 21, 1773, directing that, for the welfare of the church and the good of mankind, the institution of Loyola should be abolished.' —Historical Studies, Id.

“For these reasons we believe that the abolition of the **Order of Jesuits is the event, and July 21, 1773**, is the date, when ‘the tribulation of those days’ ended.” *The Signs of the Times*, August 12, 1886, 487.



**THEODORE TURNER**

## 1A - ABRAM'S COVENANT

Genesis 15:7–18

“In a vision of the night the divine Voice was again heard. ‘Fear not, Abram,’ were the words of the Prince of princes; ‘I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.’ But his mind was so oppressed by forebodings that he could not now grasp the promise with unquestioning confidence as heretofore. He prayed for some tangible evidence that it would be fulfilled. And how was the covenant promise to be realized, while the gift of a son was withheld? ‘What wilt thou give me,’ he said, ‘seeing I go childless?’ ‘And, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.’ He proposed to make his trusty servant Eliezer his son by adoption, and the inheritor of his possessions. But he was assured that a child of his own was to be his heir. **Then he was led outside his tent, and told to look up to the unnumbered stars glittering in the heavens; and as he did so, the words were spoken, ‘So shall thy seed be.’ ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.’** Romans 4:3.

“**Still the patriarch begged for some visible token** as a confirmation of his faith and **as an evidence to after-generations** that God's gracious purposes toward them would be accomplished. The Lord condescended to enter into a covenant with His servant, employing such forms as were customary among men for the ratification of a solemn engagement. By divine direction, **Abraham sacrificed a heifer, a she-goat, and a ram, each three years old, dividing the bodies and laying the pieces a little distance apart.** To these he added **a turtledove and a young pigeon, which, however, were not divided.** This being done, he reverently passed between the parts of the sacrifice, making a solemn vow to God of perpetual obedience. Watchful and steadfast, he remained beside the carcasses till the going down of the sun, to guard them from being defiled or devoured by birds of prey. About sunset he sank into a deep sleep; and, "lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him." And the voice of God was heard, bidding him not to expect immediate possession of the Promised Land, and pointing forward to the sufferings of his posterity before their establishment in Canaan. **The plan of redemption was here opened to him, in the death of Christ, the great sacrifice, and His coming in glory. Abraham saw also the earth restored to its Eden beauty, to be given him for an everlasting possession, as the final and complete fulfillment of the promise.**

“As a pledge of this covenant of God with men, **a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, symbols of the divine presence, passed between the severed victims,** totally consuming them. And again a voice was heard by Abraham, confirming the gift of the

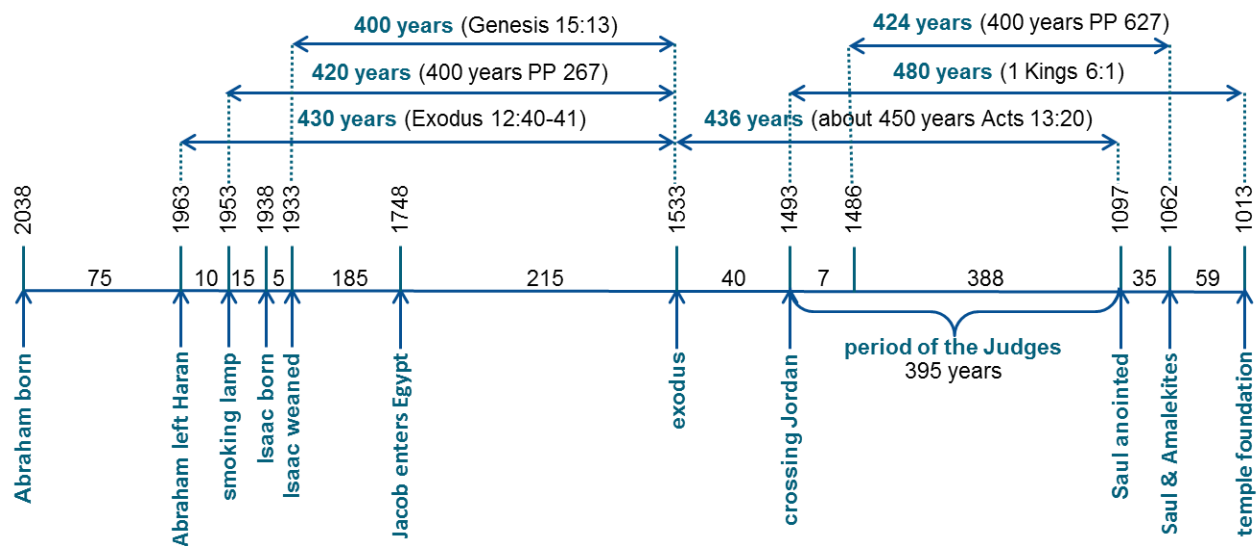
land of Canaan to his descendants, "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 136, 137.

"Moses was next directed to take ashes of the furnace, and 'sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.' This act was deeply significant. Four hundred years before, God had shown to Abraham the future oppression of His people, under the figure of a smoking furnace and a burning lamp. He had declared that He would visit judgments upon their oppressors, and would bring forth the captives with great substance. In Egypt, Israel had long languished in the furnace of affliction." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 267.

### 400 YEARS OF AFFLICTION

The 400 years of affliction begins at the weaning of Isaac, where Ishmael mocks Isaac, loses his birthright and is banished.

Genesis 21:8-10



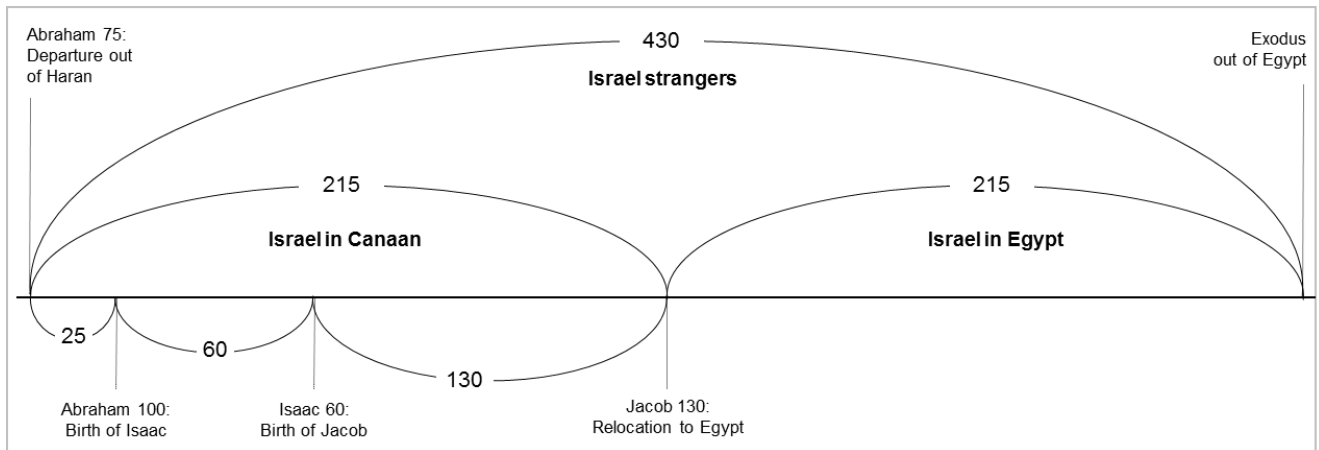
### 430 YEAR SOJOURN DIVIDED INTO 2 PERIODS OF 215 YEARS

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:40-41)

The period of 430 years spans from when Abram left Haran to the Exodus

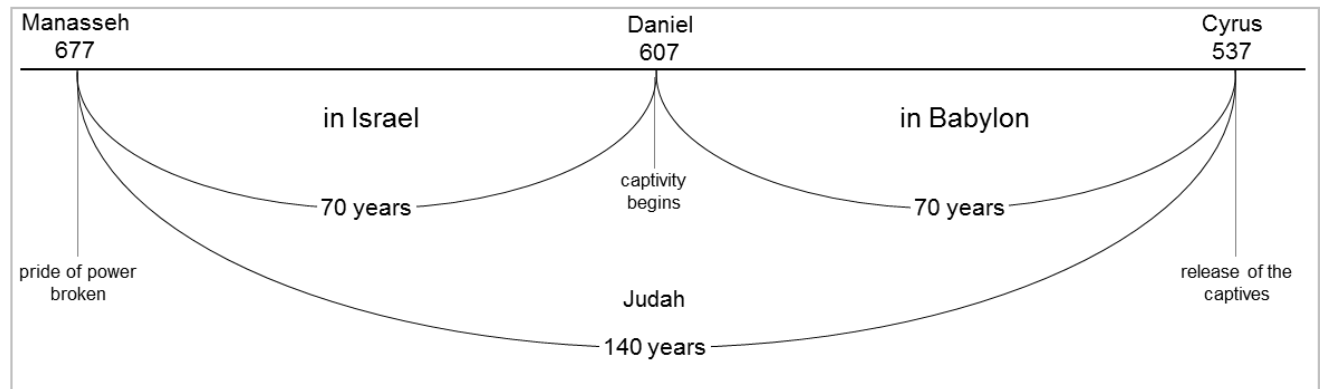
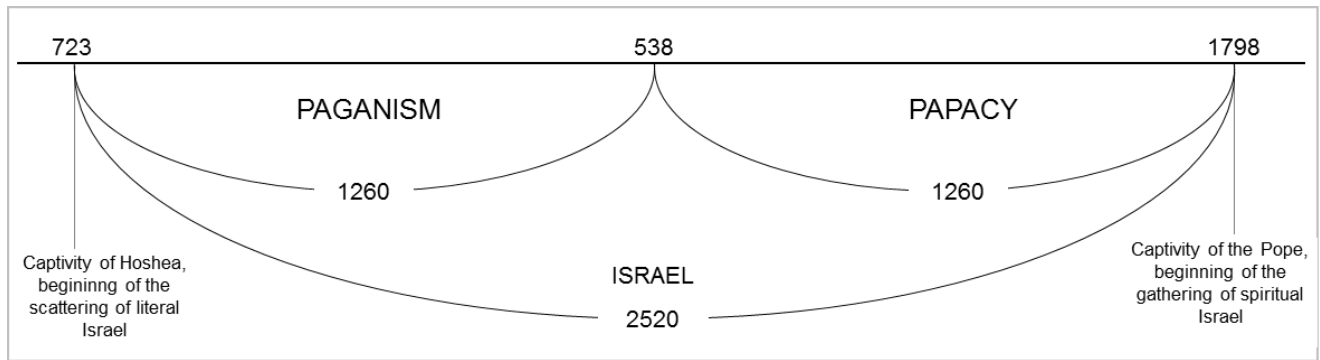
From Abraham to the entering into Egypt is four generations, **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob**. That is, there are 215 years from when Abram left Haran, at the age of 75 to the end of the 2nd year of the famine. It is then that Jacob moves his family to Egypt, when he is 130 years old (Genesis 47:9). There are many reform lines during this time. The most significant are those connected with Joseph, who is a type of Christ. We will look at this in our next lecture.

The next period of 215 years also has a period of four generations from Levi to Aaron – **Levi, Kohath, Amram and Aaron**. Here we have the first major reform line marking the beginning of literal Israel.



### PAIRINGS PRECEDE REFORM LINES

The reform line of Moses is preceded by two periods of 215 years. These “pairings” are typified by the divisions of the animals. These sacrifices are protected by God’s servant who understands them as a sign or evidence for the final generation. We see the same pairing that precedes the reform line of Cyrus, two periods of 70 years (140 years) beginning with Manasseh’s captivity and ending with Cyrus’ accession to the throne. Further, there is a period of 70 years for Babylon that ends with its fall, marking the beginning of the time of the end. Finally, there are two periods of 1260 years, for Israel’s 2520, that precede the reform line of the Millerites.



**CHIASTIC STRUCTURE/PROPHETIC MIRROR**

In our next lecture we will study the mirror structures of the history of Joseph and their connexion to the structure of the prophecies of Daniel. It is important to note here that the chiasm structure comes from the mirror of the sacrifice of the animals used to make the covenant.

**DOING THE MATH**

Genesis 12:4

Genesis 21:5

Genesis 25:26

Genesis 47:28

Jacob dies at 147 years. Lived in Egypt 17 years.

147 - 17 = 130.

Jacob entered Egypt when he was 130 years old.

Abram left Haran when he was 75.

Isaac was born when he was 100.

Jacob was born to Isaac when he was 60.

$25 + 60 + 130 = 215$  years

“Not long after their arrival, Joseph brought his father to be presented to the king. The patriarch was a stranger in royal courts; but amid the sublime scenes of nature he had communed with a mightier Monarch. Now, in conscious superiority, he raised his hands and blessed Pharaoh.

“In his first greeting to Joseph, Jacob had spoken as if, with this joyful ending to his long anxiety and sorrow, he was ready to die. But **seventeen years were yet to be granted him in the peaceful retirement of Goshen.** These years were in happy contrast to those that had preceded them. He saw in his sons evidence of true repentance; he saw his family surrounded by all the conditions needful for the development of a great nation; and his faith grasped the sure promise of their future establishment in Canaan. He himself was surrounded with every token of love and favor that the prime minister of Egypt could bestow.” *Signs of the Times*, February 5, 1880.

## 1B - THE LINE OF JOSEPH

Genesis 41:46

Jacob 130

famine -2

plenty -7

“ 121 was the age of Jacob when Joseph was 30.

$121 - 30 = 91$  was the age of Jacob when Joseph was born

Joseph was born to Jacob 7 years after he married Leah and Rachel.

$91 - 7 = 84$

Jacob was 84 when he married Leah and Rachel

“Jacob’s sons came with the crowd of buyers to purchase corn of Joseph; and they ‘bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.’ He knew them at once, but they failed to recognize him. There was, indeed, little semblance between the mighty governor of Egypt, and the stripling whom, twenty-two years previous, they had sold to the Ishmaelites. As he saw his brethren stooping and making their obeisance, his dreams came back to his memory, and the scenes of the past rose up vividly before him. His keen eye again surveyed the group before him, and he saw that Benjamin was missing. Had he also fallen a victim to the treacherous cruelty of those savage men? He determined to know the truth. ‘Ye are spies,’ he said, ‘to see the nakedness of the land, ye are come.’”  
*Signs of the Times*, January 22, 1880.

Joseph was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh. Nine years later, his brothers stood before him. 22 years earlier, he had been sold into slavery.

$30 + 9 = 39 - 22 = 17$  years old was Joseph when he was sold into slavery.

Genesis 37:2

## 400 YEARS; 4 GENERATIONS

Genesis 15:13, 14, 16

Genesis 21:8–9

$$430 - 400 = 30$$

Isaac was weaned 30 years after Abraham left Haran. Isaac was born 25 years after Abraham left Haran.

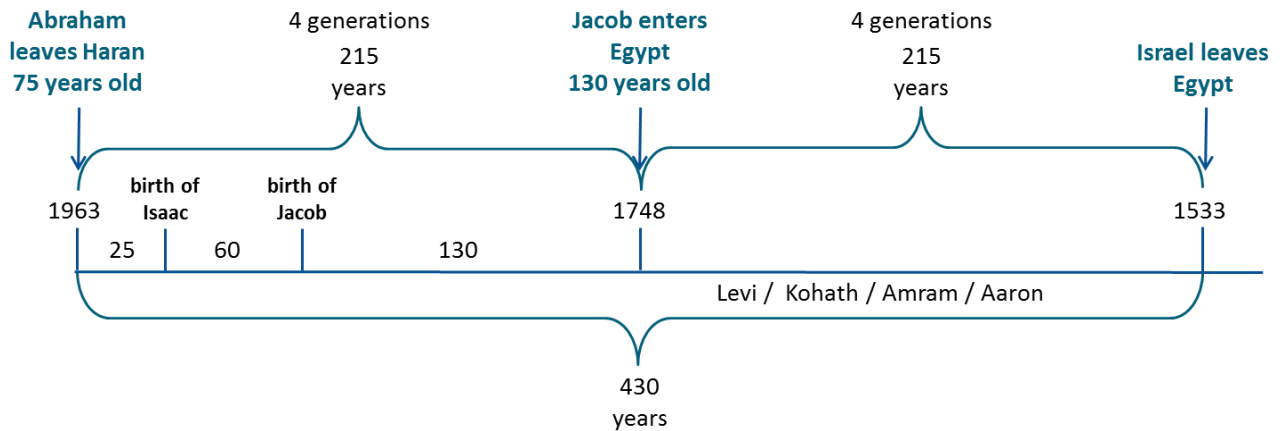
$$30 - 25 = 5$$

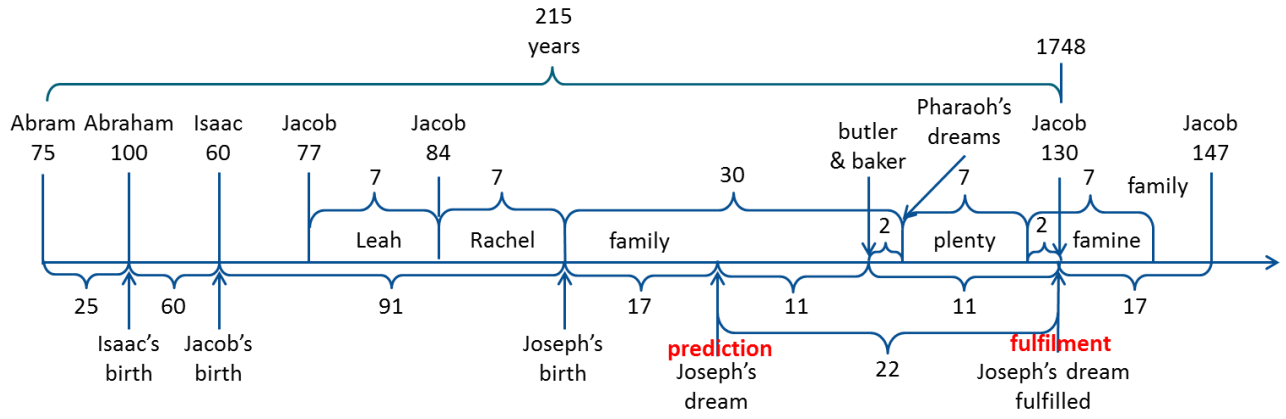
Isaac was 5 years old when he was weaned.

Exodus 6:16

Exodus 6:20

The four generations in Egypt are Levi, Kohath, Amram and Aaron.





## 2A - CHRONOLOGY OF THE SECOND DECREE (SPRING TO SPRING REIGN)

The Prophets Haggai and Zechariah prophesy during the reign of Darius the Great (522 to 486 BC). Dates of Haggai and Zechariah's visions are as follows:

Haggai's first vision

**1:1** 2nd year of Darius, 6th month, 1st day – August 29, 520 B.C.

Work commences

**1:15** 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius, 6<sup>th</sup> month, 24<sup>th</sup> day – September 21, 520 B.C.

Haggai's second vision

**2:1** 2nd year of Darius, 7th month, 21st day – October 18, 520 B.C.

Prophecies concerning Zerubbabel

**2:10, 20** 2nd year of Darius, 9th month, 24th day – December 19, 520 B.C.

Zechariah's first vision

**1:1** 2nd year of reign of Darius, 8th month – October/November, 520 B.C.

The seventy years vision

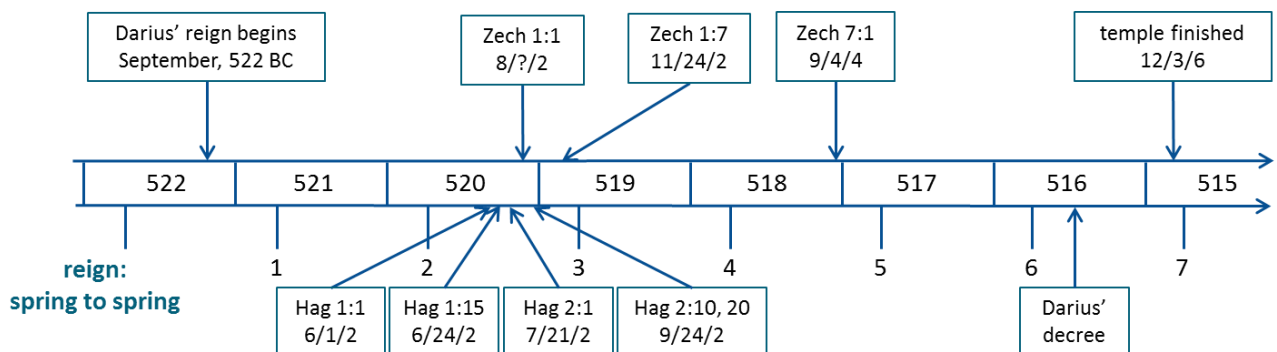
**1:7** 2nd year of reign of Darius, 11th month, 24th day – February 16, 519 B.C.

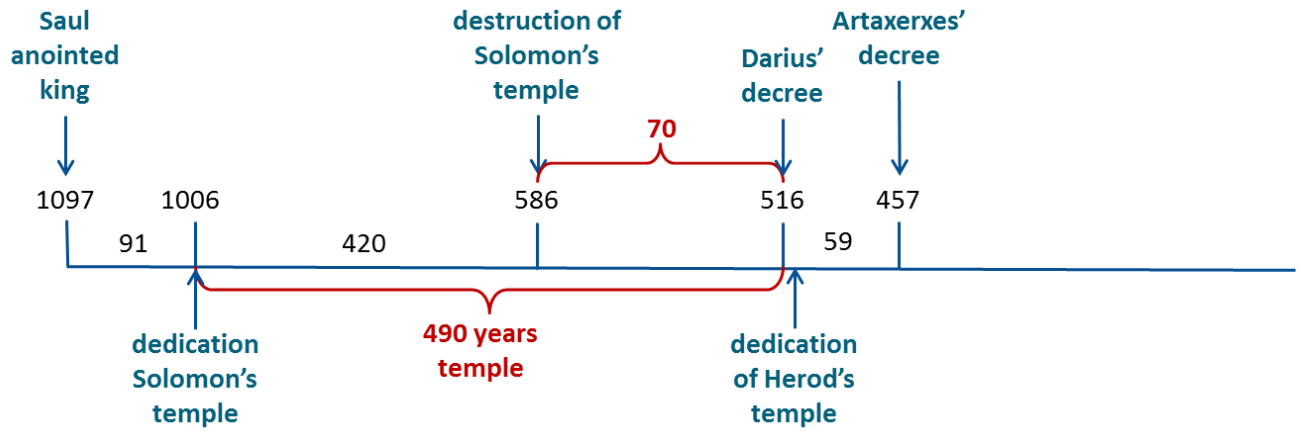
The vision of the fast of the 5th and 7th months

**7:1** 4th year of reign of Darius, 9th month, 4th day – December 7, 518 B.C.

The temple completed, seven years and seven months from its destruction

**Ezra 6:15** 6th year of Darius, 12th month (Adar), 3rd day – March 12, 515 B.C.





## 2B - CHRONOLOGY OF JEREMIAH

The reigns of Josiah and Jehoiakim are based upon a fall to fall reckoning, while the reign of Zedekiah and Nebuchadnezzar are based upon a spring to spring reckoning. Jeremiah counts the years of the captivity of Jehoiachin in the usual manner and not as the years of his reign, as does Ezekiel.

Beginning of Jeremiah's ministry

**1:2** 13th year of Josiah – from September 20, 628 to October 10, 627

End of Jeremiah's ministry

**1:3** 11th year of Zedekiah, 5th month – August 9, to September 7, 586

Jehoiakim/Nebuchadnezzar synchronism

**25:1** 4th year of Jehoiakim is the 1st year of Nebuchadnezzar – April 12 to October 5, 605<sup>1</sup>

Twenty third year of Jeremiah's ministry

**25:3** 4th year of Jehoiakim – October 18, 606 to October 5, 605

False Prophecy of Hananiah the son of Azur

**28:1** 4th year of Zedekiah, 5th month – July 28 to August 26, 593

Death of Hananiah

**28:17** 4th year of Zedekiah, 7th month – September 25 to October 24, 593

Zedekiah/Nebuchadnezzar synchronism

**32:1** 10th year of Zedekiah is the 18th year of Nebuchadnezzar – April 24, 587 to April 13, 586

Fast of Jehoiakim

**36:9** 5th year of Jehoiakim, 9th month – December 4, 605 to January 3, 604

Beginning of the siege

**39:1; 52:4** 9th year of Zedekiah, 10th month, 10th day – January 6, 587

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<sup>1</sup> This is a reference to Nebuchadnezzar's accession year, which overlaps part of Jehoiakim's 4th year. "The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was **the first year of Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon." (Jeremiah 25:1)

Walls of Jerusalem broken

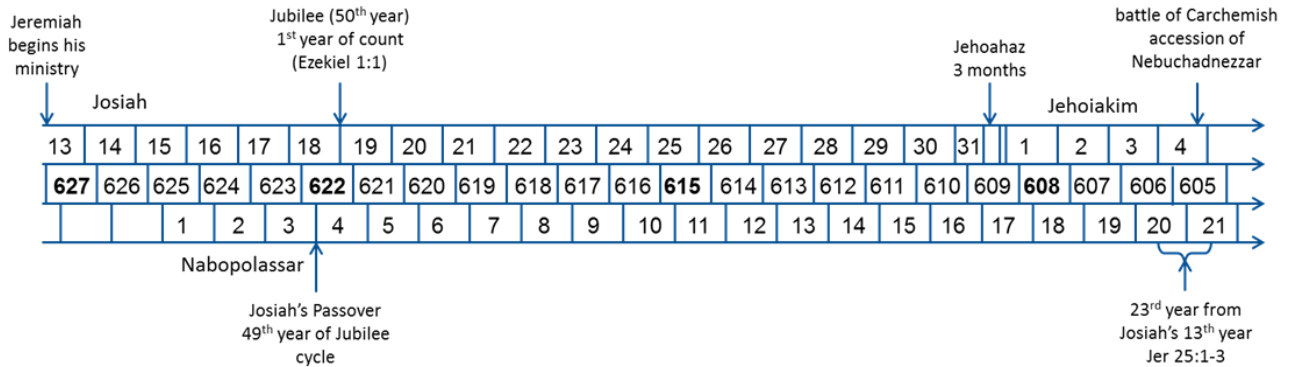
39:2 11th year of Zedekiah, 4th month, 9th day – July 19, 586

Destruction of the city and the temple

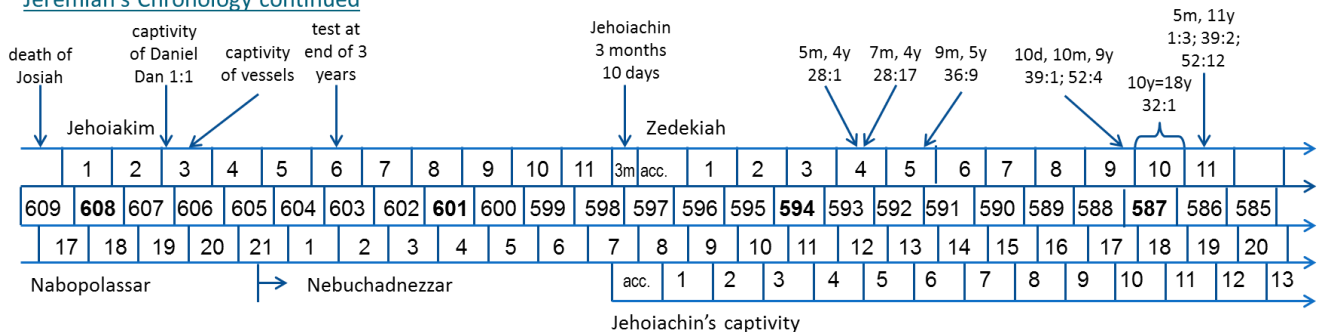
52:12 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar, 5th month, 10th day – August 18, 586

End of Jehoiachin's captivity

52:31 37th year of the captivity of Jehoiachin, 12th month, 25th day – April 3, 561<sup>2</sup>



Jeremiah's Chronology continued



<sup>2</sup> In comparing Jeremiah 52:31 with 2 Kings 25:27 and Jeremiah 25:1, we find that Jeremiah counts the accession year of Evilmerodach in the same way that he counted the accession year of Nebuchadnezzar. He simply calls it his first year, even though the first year of reign does not begin until the first month in the spring (Nisanu). “And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that **Evilmerodach** king of Babylon **in the year that he began to reign** did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison.” (2 Kings 25:27) “And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that **Evilmerodach** king of Babylon **in the first year of his reign** lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison.” (Jeremiah 52:31).



### **3A - CHRONOLOGY OF EZEKIEL**

The years are dated from either King Jehoiachin's captivity fall to fall (the same year Ezekiel was taken into exile as well) or of the reign of Zedekiah spring to spring, which was 597 B.C. The "30th year" (1:1), which was the equivalent of the "5th year" of Jehoiachin's captivity (1:2), is the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Jubilee cycle (the 18th year of Josiah's reign being the 49<sup>th</sup> year of the cycle). Dates<sup>3</sup> of Ezekiel's visions/prophecies are as follows:

Vision by the River Chebar

**1:2** 5th year of the captivity 4th month 5th day – July 21, 592 B.C.

Vision of Jerusalem

**8:1** 6th year of reign 6th month 5th day – September 7, 591 B.C.

Second meeting with elders

**20:1** 7th year of reign 5th month 10th day – August 2, 590 B.C.

Beginning of the siege

**24:1** 9th year of reign 10th month 10th day – January 6, 587 B.C.

Prophecy against Tyre

**26:1** 11th year of reign 5th month(?) 1st day – August 9, 586 B.C.

Prophecy against Pharaoh

**29:1** 10th year of reign 10th month 12th day – January 26, 586 B.C.

Egypt=Payment to Babylon for Tyre

**29:17** 27th year 1st month 1st day – April 15, 570 B.C.

Broken arm of Pharaoh

**30:20** 11th year 1st month 7th day – April 20, 586 B.C.

Allegory of the cedar

**31:1** 11th year 3rd month 1st day – June 11, 586 B.C.

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<sup>3</sup> Since Ezekiel is so meticulous in dating his visions, even to the exact day, it is assumed that all that follows a given date belongs to that date, until the next date is mentioned.

Lamentation over Pharaoh

32:1 12th year of reign 12th month 1st day – February 21, 584 B.C.

Prophecy of the pit

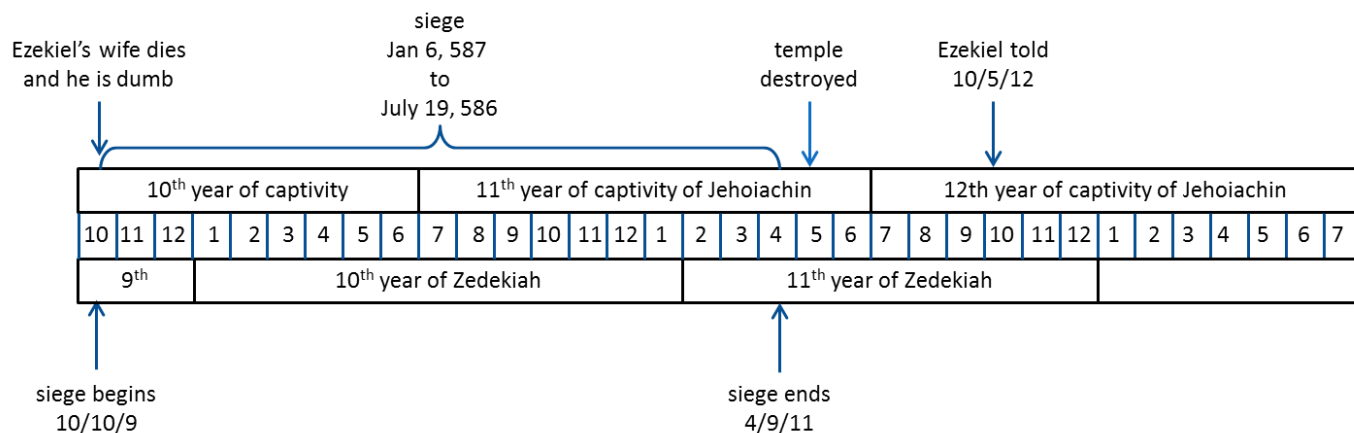
32:17 12th year of reign 12th (?) month 15th day – March 7, 584 B.C.

Fugitive brings the news

33:21 12th year of captivity 10th month 5th day – January 8, 585 B.C.

Temple vision

40:1 25th year of captivity 7th(?) month 10th day – October 22, 573 B.C.



## MIDNIGHT

**Ezekiel 1:1-3** (thirtieth year, fifth year of the captivity, fifth day of the fourth month)

Brother Snow thus questioned them; "Where are we in our Advent experience?"

Answer from the audience: "In the tarrying time."

Question: "How long was the vision to tarry?"

Answer: "Until midnight" }

Question: "What is a day in prophecy?"

Answer: "A year."

Question: "Then what would a night be?"

Answer: "Six months."

Question: "Then what would Midnight be?"

Answer: "Three months."

Question: "How long have we been in the tarrying time?"

Answer: "Just three months."

He said, "Then it is just the midnight now, and I am here with the midnight cry." In a few sentences he explained that it was the fall of 457 that the decree went forth, and so they were short six months in their reckoning, showing them that the 2300 days would terminate Oct. 22, 1844, instead of the spring as they had previously supposed. Then, in a strong voice he said, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh on the tenth day of the seventh month, Oct. 22, 1844. Go ye out to meet Him." *The Great Second Advent Movement*, 1905, 523.

2 Kings 23:23 (18th year Passover) 2 Chronicles 35:19

### **MIDNIGHT CRY**

**Ezekiel 26:1-2** (1st day of the 5th month)

A thirteen-year siege began shortly after Jerusalem was destroyed in 586 and ended in 573.

**Isaiah 23:15**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MONTH**

**Ezekiel 29:17-21** 27th year 1st month 1st day – April 15, 570 B.C.

"...Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it... I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon..."

### **THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MONTH**

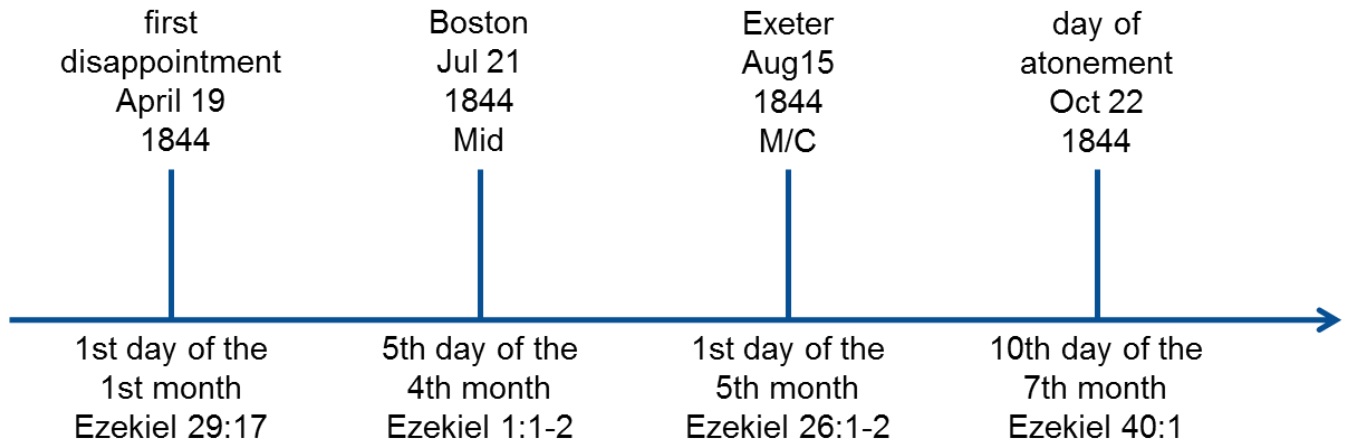
**Ezekiel 40:1-5** The measuring of the temple of God with a reed that is a "six cubits long by the cubit, and an hand breadth" That is, it is 126 inches.

### **THE YEAR/DAY PRINCIPLE**

**Ezekiel 4:4-6** (390 right - 40 left)

Ezekiel 4:5, 6

Leviticus 26	Ezekiel 4 – 6
v.22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children...	5:17 <u>So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee...</u>
v.25 I will bring a sword upon you... I will send the pestilence among you.	5:12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence... and I will draw out a sword after them.
v.26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread... and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight.	4:16; 5:16 I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight. I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread.
v.29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.	5:10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of <u>thee</u> , and the sons shall eat their fathers.
v.30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.	6:3, 5 Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. <u>And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols.</u>
v.31 And I will... bring your sanctuaries unto desolation	6:4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken
v.32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.	5:14, 15 <u>Moreover I will make ... a reproach among the nations that are round about thee... So it shall be a reproach ... and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee</u>
v.33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.	5:14; 6:6 <u>Moreover I will make thee waste... In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste.</u>



### 3B - THE PREDICTIONS AND THEIR FULFILMENTS

Joseph

Joseph's two dreams

Genesis 37:1-11; 42:1-38

The dreams of the butler and the baker

Genesis 40:1-23

Pharaoh's two dreams

Genesis 41:1-47

Ezekiel

The prophecy of Josiah

1 Kings 13:1-5 and 2 Kings 23:15-18; 2 Chronicles 34:3

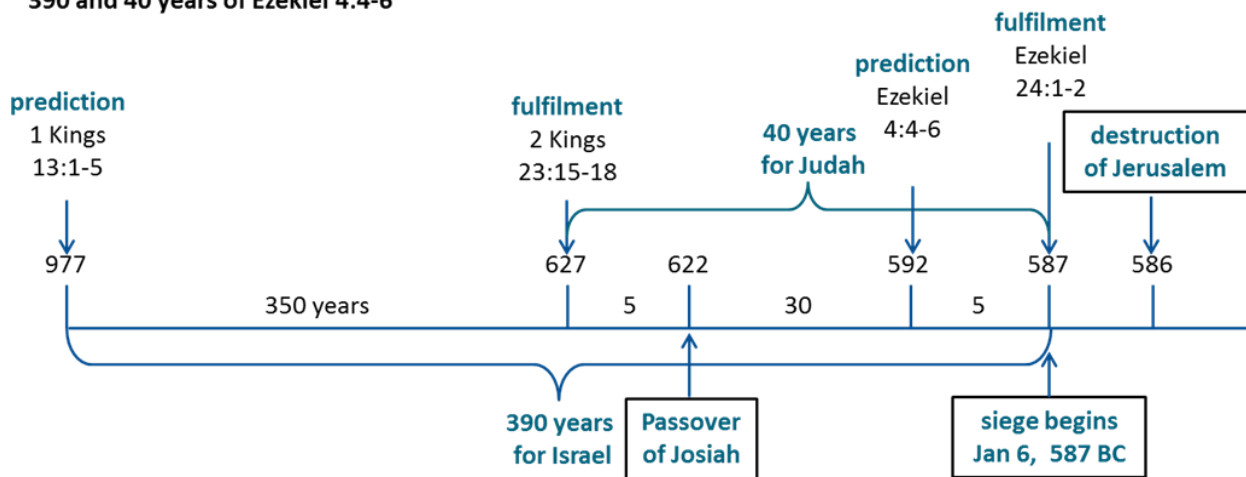
The siege (390 and 40 day prophecy)

Ezekiel 4:7 and 24:1, 2

The destruction of Jerusalem

Ezekiel 24:15-18 and 33:21

#### 390 and 40 years of Ezekiel 4:4-6

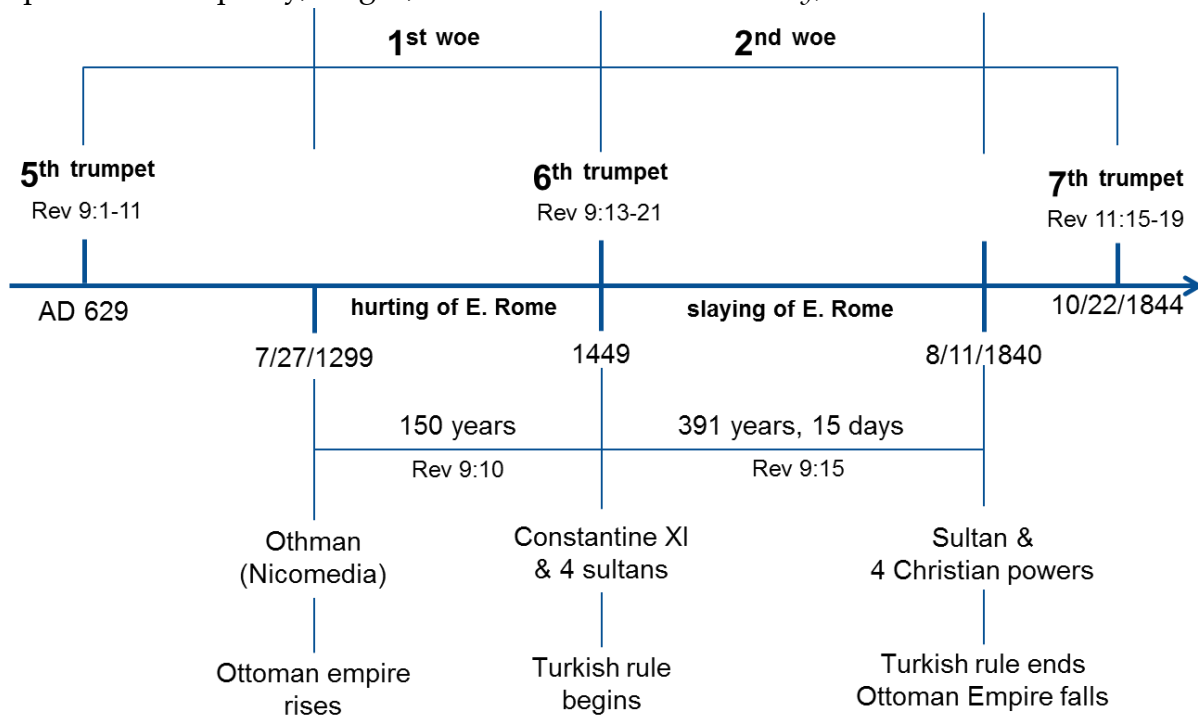


Millerites

The second woe (Litch)

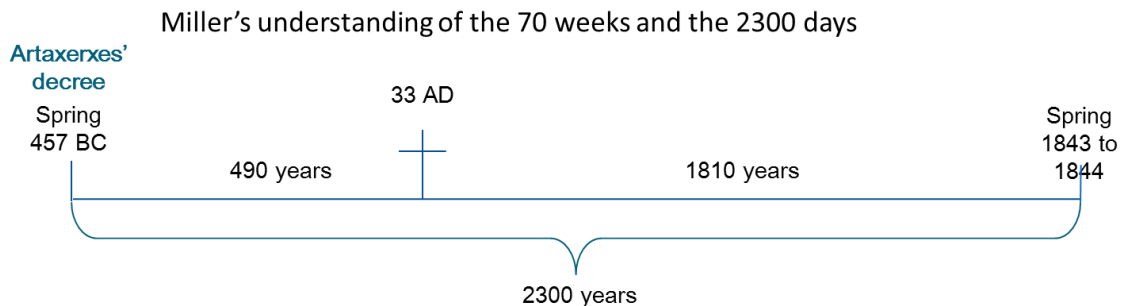
Revelation 9:12-15; *Signs of the Times*, Aug. 1, 1840 and GC 334

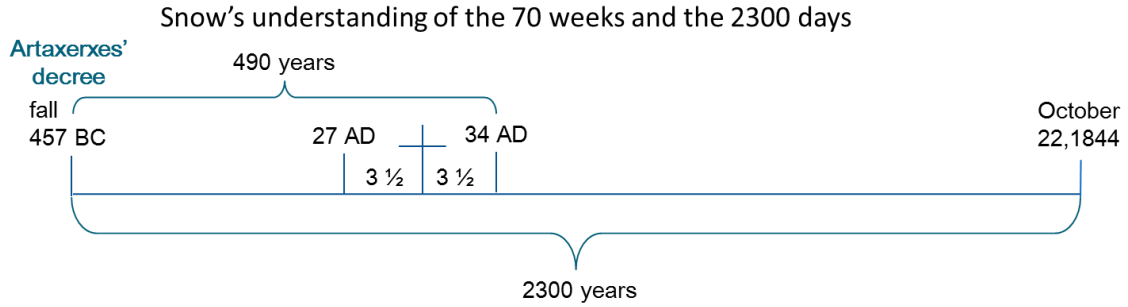
“In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes [Dracozes] ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840." *The Great Controversy*, 334.4



70 weeks and the 2300 days (Miller; Snow)

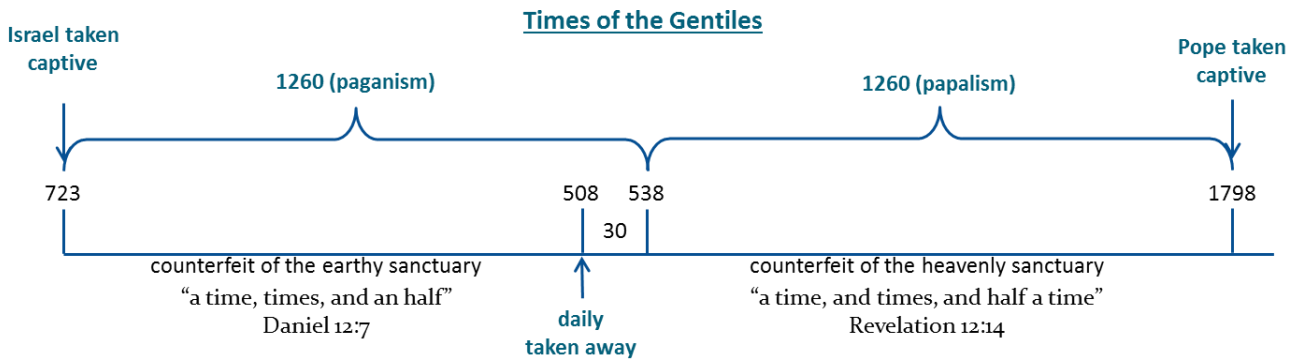
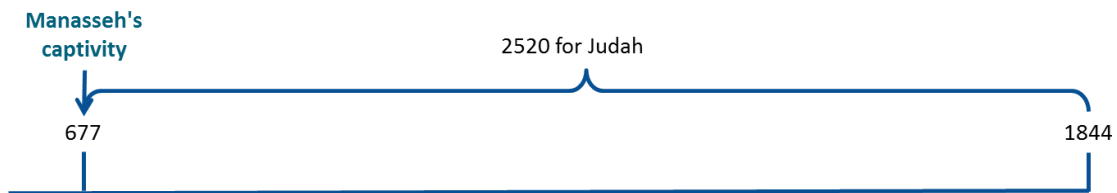
Daniel 9:24-27 and Mark 1:15; Daniel 8:14 and Revelation 11:19





The 2520 and The Times of the Gentiles (Snow; Edson)

Leviticus 26:18-21 and 2 Chronicles 33:11; Isaiah 7:8-9; 2 Kings 17:4



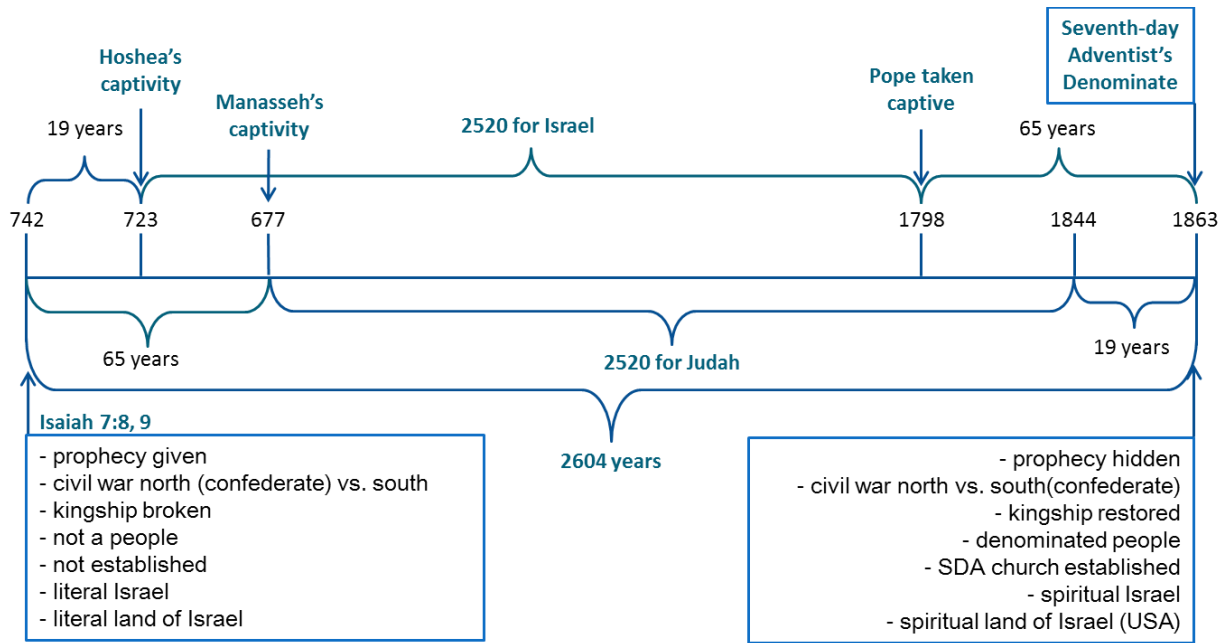
The Final Generation

1989 and 9/11

Daniel 11:40; Revelation 9 and 11

The 2520 Prophetic Mirror

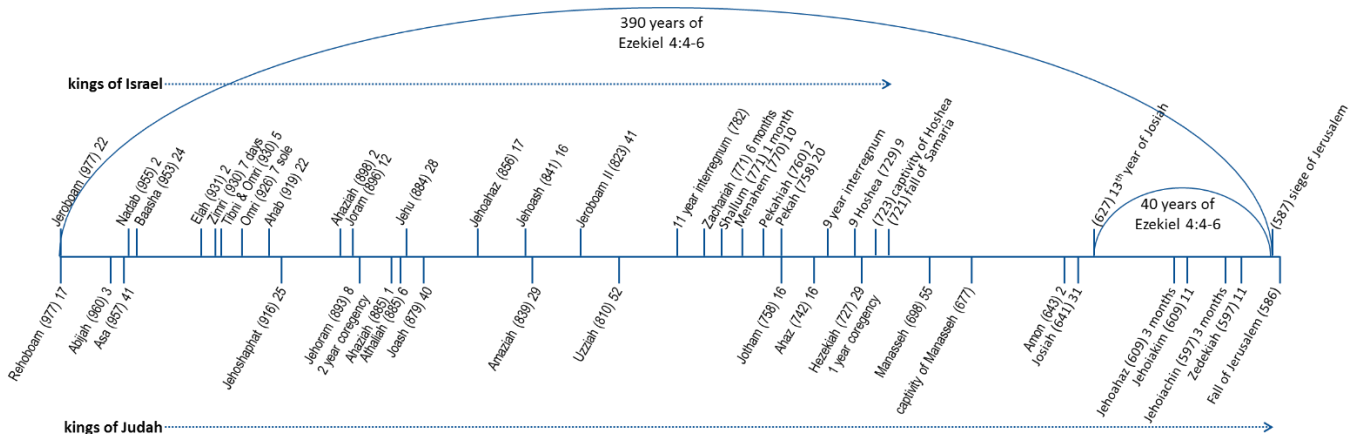
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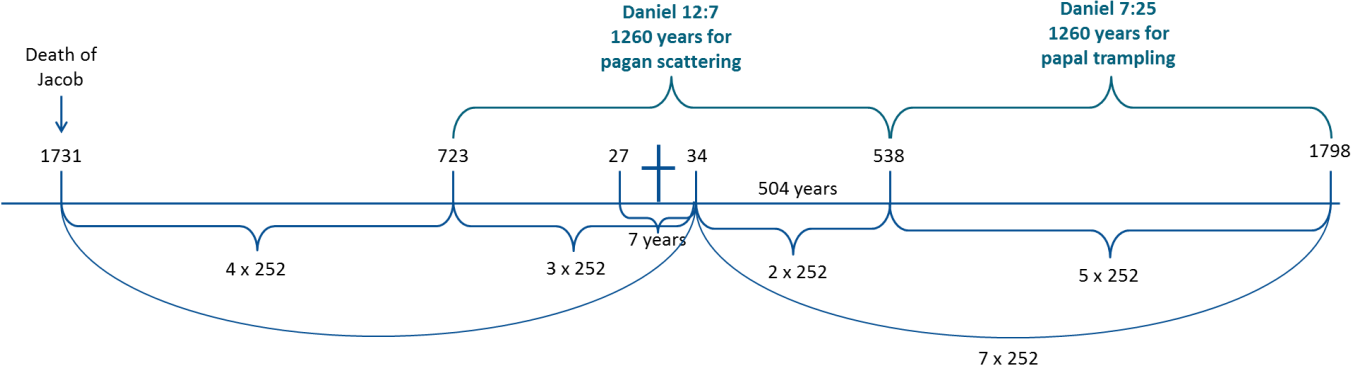
Midnight and the Midnight Cry  
 Matthew 25:1-13; Ezekiel 1:1-2; etc.

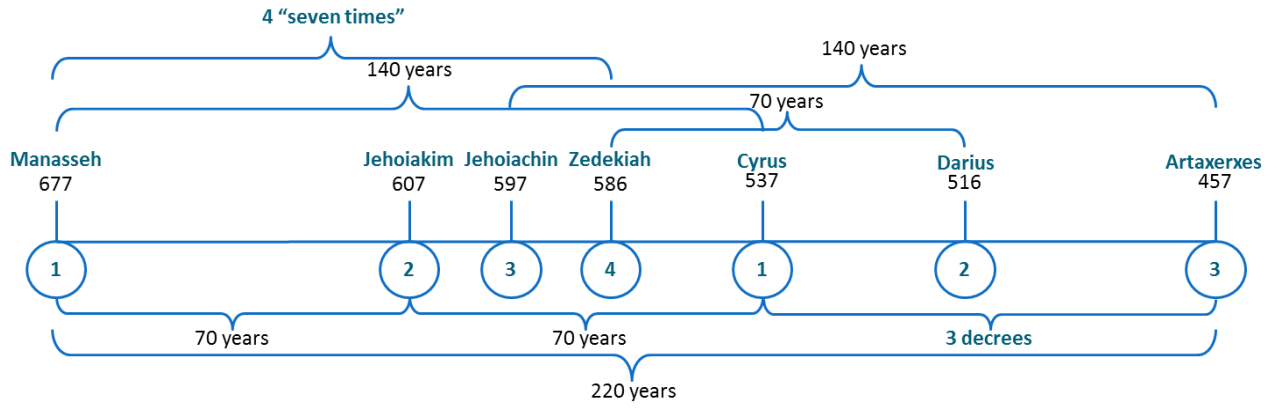
## APPENDIX - CHRONOLOGY OF THE KINGS OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

Southern Kingdom Spring to Spring reign (fall to fall) <sup>t</sup>	years reigning in Jerusalem		Northern Kingdom Fall to Fall reign	years reigning in Samaria (interregnum) <sup>t</sup>	
SK1 Rehoboam (977)*	17	2 Chron. 12:13	NK1 Jeroboam (977)	22	1 Kings 14:20
SK2 Abijah (960)*	3	1 Kings 15:1	NK2 Nadab (955)	2	1 Kings 15:25
SK3 Asa (957)*	41	1 Kings 15:9-10	NK3 Baasha (953)	24	1 Kings 15:33
SK4 Jehoshaphat (916)*	25	1 Kings 22:42	NK4 Elah (931)	2	1 Kings 16:8
SK5 Jehoram (893)*	8 (2co)	2 Kings 8:16-17	NK5 Zimri (930)*	7d	1 Kings 16:15
SK6 Ahaziah (885)*	1	2 Kings 8:26	NK6 Tibni & NK7 Omri (930)*	5	1 Kings 16:10-23
SK7 Athaliah (885)*	6	2 Kings 11:3	NK7 Omri (926)*	7 (sole)	1 Kings 16:23
SK8 Joash (879)*	40	2 Kings 12:1	NK8 Ahab (919)*	22	1 Kings 16:29
SK9 Amaziah (839)*	29	2 Kings 14:1-2	NK9 Ahaziah (898)*	2	1 Kings 22:51
SK10 Azariah/ Uzziah (810)*	52	2 Chron. 26:3	NK10 Joram (896)	12	2 Kings 3:1
SK11 Jotham (758)*	16	2 Kings 15:32-33	NK11 Jehu (884)	28	2 Kings 10:36
SK12 Ahaz (742)*	16	2 Kings 16:1-2	NK12 Jehoahaz (856)	17	2 Kings 13:1
SK13 Hezekiah (727)*	29 (1co)	2 Kings 18:1-2	NK13 Jehoash (841)*	16	2 Kings 13:10
SK14 Manasseh (698) <sup>t</sup>	55	2 Kings 21:1	NK14 Jeroboam II (823)	41	2 Kings 14:23
SK15 Amon (643) <sup>t</sup>	2	2 Kings 21:19	NK15 Zechariah (771)	6m (11y) <sup>t</sup>	2 Kings 15:8
SK16 Josiah (641) <sup>t</sup>	31	2 Kings 22:1	NK16 Shallum (771)	1m	2 Kings 15:13
SK17 Jehoahaz (609) <sup>t</sup>	3m	2 Kings 23:31	NK17 Menahem (770)	10	2 Kings 15:17
SK18 Jehoiakim (609) <sup>t</sup>	11	2 Kings 23:36	NK18 Pekahiah (760)	2	2 Kings 15:23
SK19 Jehoiachin (598) <sup>t</sup>	3m	2 Chron. 36:9	NK19 Pekah (758)	20	2 Kings 15:27
SK20 Zedekiah (597)*	11	2 Chron. 36:11	NK20 Hoshea (729)*	9 (9y) <sup>t</sup>	2 Kings 17:1
*accession years	390y 6m		(non-accession year)*	256y 1m	



Name	Born	Mother	Name means	Authority
Reuben	2251 AM (1794 BC)	Leah	see a son	Genesis 29:32
Simeon	2252AM (1793 BC)	Leah	God has heard	Genesis 29:33
Levi	2253 AM (1792 BC)	Leah	joining	Genesis 29:34
Judah	2254 AM (1791 BC)	Leah	to praise	Genesis 29:35
Dan	2254 AM (1791 BC)	Bilhah	judged	Genesis 30:5-6
Naphtali	2255 AM (1790 BC)	Bilhah	my struggle	Genesis 30:7-8
Gad	2256 AM (1789 BC)	Zilpah	troop, company	Genesis 30:10-11
Asher	2257 AM (1788 BC)	Zilpah	happy	Genesis 30:12-13
Issachar	2257 AM (1788BC)	Leah	reward, recompense	Genesis 30:17-18
Zebulun	2258 AM (1787 BC)	Leah	gifts, honor	Genesis 30:19-20
Joseph	2258 AM (1787 BC)	Rachel	let him add	Genesis 30:23-24
Benjamin	2270 AM (1775BC)	Rachel	son of my right hand	Genesis 35:16-18







**GEORGE SEAMAN**

## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TEMPLE CLEANSING

*As Described in Three Chapters of Desire of Ages*

### WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAS

The Birth of Jesus prefigures the year 1989

Matthew 2:1–14; Luke 2:8–12; Exodus 1:22; *The Desire of Ages*, 47

30 years for priests: Numbers 4:2, 3

### JOHN THE BAPTIST TEACHES “LINE UPON LINE” (REFORM LINES)

*The Desire of Age*, 132; Joshua 6:20

Bethabara G962 (H1004 & H5679): house of crossing

Jordan G2446 (H3383): descender

John 3:30; *The Desire of Age*, 137

### THE SANHEDRIN INVESTIGATES

Waning in power: *The Desire of Age*, 132, 133

70 Weeks nearly ended: *The Desire of Age*, 135; Daniel 9:24, 27

### BAPTISM

*The Desire of Age*, 136–138

Latchet unloosed: *The Desire of Age*, 136; Revelation 5:2; Acts 13:25; Ephesians 6:15

### THE DISCIPLES

John and Andrew come and see: *The Desire of Age*, 138–139

John: G2491 & H3110 “favored by God”

Andrew: G406 “man”

Peter, name change, martyr, living stone: *The Desire of Age*, 139; 1 Peter 2:5

Simon: G4613 & H8095 “hearing”

son of Jona: G2495 & H3124 “dove”

Peter/Cephas: G4074/G2786 & H3710 “stone” (living stone)

Philip, Galilee, “follow me”

Philip: G5376 “fond of horses”

Nathaniel, disappointment, fig tree, hidden: *The Desire of Age*, 139; Zechariah 3:10

Nathaniel: G3482 & H5417 “given of God”

Come and see: *The Desire of Age*, 140, 141

Line upon line, ladder, ascending, descending: *The Desire of Age*, 142, 143

## **MAN, WHOM GOD FAVORS, BECOMES THE LIVING STONES OF THE TEMPLE BY HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WARNING**

Andrew      John      Peter      Simon      Jona & Philip

### **MESSAGE EMPOWERED AT 9-11 THAT WAS GIVEN BY GOD.**

Jona & Philip      Nathaniel

Matthew 17:1-8

James: G2384, greek for "Jacob"

Jacob: H6117, "supplanter"

### **THE LIVING STONES REPLACE THE FAVORED PEOPLE OF GOD.**

Peter      James/Jacob      John

At the Marriage Feast

Marriage at Cana

Galilee (a turning point) and a wedding feast: *The Desire of Age*, 144

Galilee: H1551 & H1550 "circle" or "hinge"

"There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil—between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens." *Bible Echo*, August 26, 1895

Mary represents the levites: *The Desire of Age*, 145, 148

Guests are preoccupied, Jesus becomes the center of attention: *The Desire of Age*, 145

Mary is not "more than human"

The supply of wine fails: *The Desire of Age*, 145; Amos 8:11; Isaiah 32:10–15; Joel 1:5

What have I to do with thee? *The Desire of Age*, 147

Mine hour is not yet come: *The Desire of Age*, 147

The binding off is a time of bitter suffering, death and resurrection: Ezekiel 37:10–14

Implicit faith represents the conversion of the levites: *The Desire of Age*, 147

## **SIX STONE WATER JARS**

Divinity combines with humanity: *The Desire of Age*, 148, 151  
1 Kings 18:33; Acts 2:1, 2

## **A SYMBOL**

Sins blotted out: *The Desire of Age*, 148, 149

## **FIRST AND LAST**

The Midnight Cry is both the first and last supper: *The Desire of Age*, 149

## **INQUIRY**

An inquiry at the Midnight Cry: *The Desire of Age*, 149

Other inquiries: John 12:20, 21; Ruth 1:19

Attention turns to the disciples: *The Desire of Age*, 150

## **TIME OF IGNORANCE**

Midnight to Midnight Cry is the time of ignorance for the 11<sup>th</sup>-hour-workers (gentiles): John 2:9

Compare John 2:6 with Esther 2:9, 12

## **IN HIS TEMPLE**

A Prevailing False Message

*The Desire of Age*, 154

Passover: *The Desire of Age*, 154

## **WHAT HAPPENS IN THE TEMPLE**

A place of merchandise: *The Desire of Age*, 155

Enrichment at the expense of the people: 1 Samuel 2:13-16; Amos 6:4; Micah 3:3

Unbalanced Scales: Proverbs 11:1; 20:23

The love of money: *The Desire of Age*, 155

## **JESUS ARRIVES**

A promiscuous throng: *The Desire of Age*, 154, 157

Promiscuous: consisting of parts, elements, or individuals of different kinds brought together without order; casual, irregular, haphazard.

The Temple Cleansed: *The Desire of Age*, 157, 158

Take These Things Hence: Luke 3:17

“Then, while he brushed the dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin, all rose and went out of the window like a cloud, and the wind carried them away. In the

bustle I closed my eyes for a moment; when I opened them, the rubbish was all gone. The precious jewels, the diamonds, the gold and silver coins, lay scattered in profusion all over the room." *Future News* July 2012 page21.1

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.

When trees without fruit are cut down as cumberers of the ground, when multitudes of false brethren are distinguished from the true, then the hidden ones will be revealed to view, and with hosannas range under the banner of Christ. Those who have been timid and self-distrustful will declare themselves openly for Christ and His truth. The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David—willing to do and dare. The deeper the night for God's people, the more brilliant the stars. Satan will sorely harass the faithful; but, in the name of Jesus, they will come off more than conquerors. Then will the church of Christ appear 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'" *Testimonies*, volume 5, 81.

The high destiny open to every soul: *The Desire of Age*, 161; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

Divinity Combines with Humanity: *The Desire of Age*, 161

Dispersion of the nation: *The Desire of Age*, 162

Character displayed: *The Desire of Age*, 162–164

Perfect Conversion: *The Desire of Age*, 162, 163

## **FOR OUR SAKES**

*The Desire of Age*, 164, 165



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## INTRODUCTION

### WHAT DO WE NEED MOST?

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow his blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our Heavenly Father is more willing to give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us his blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect. Guided by the teachings of God's word, with the manifestation of his Spirit, in the exercise of sound discretion, those who attend our meetings will gain a precious experience, and returning home will be prepared to exert a healthful influence....

"What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas, what **pride** is prevailing in the church, what **hypocrisy**, what **deception**, what **love of dress, frivolity**, and **amusement**, what **desire for the supremacy!** All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned. Shall we not search the Scripture, that we may know where we are in this world's history? Shall we not become intelligent in regard to the work that is being accomplished for us at this time, and the position that we as sinners should occupy while this work of atonement is going forward? If we have any regard for our souls' salvation, we must make a decided change. We must seek the Lord with true penitence; we must with deep contrition of soul confess our sins, that they may be blotted out." *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887.

### REVIVAL

"A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. **Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from the spiritual death.** Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the **revival of the Spirit.** Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend." *Review and Herald*, February 25, 1902.

## HOW ARE WE TO BE REVIVED?

“Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,’ God declares, ‘and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.’ **When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival.** We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it...

**“When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience.** They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 113, 114.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 14:32, 33

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one.” *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

## AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but **that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days.** The Scripture says, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased’ (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 105.

The light that Daniel received direct from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon have come to pass. *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1166.

“In the first angel's message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but **there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

“So **in the prophecies** the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. **The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation** for the time of trouble, are clearly presented...

“When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message. The fearful judgments denounced against the worship of the beast and his image (Revelation 14:9-11), **should lead all to a diligent study of the prophecies to learn what the mark of the beast is, and how they are to avoid receiving it.**” *Great Controversy*, 594.

## **THE MAN OF SIN**

“There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment in their order. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth's history. **The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth's history.** The people now have a special message to give to the world, **the third angel's message.** Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground, and acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 102.

“The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns shall cause ‘the earth and them which dwell therein’ to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast ‘like unto a leopard.’ The beast with two horns is also to say ‘to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;’ and, furthermore, it is to command all, ‘both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,’ to receive ‘the mark of the beast.’ [Revelation 13:11-16.] It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which

Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. 'I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.' [Revelation 13:3.] The infliction of the deadly wound points to the abolition of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, 'His deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.' **Paul states plainly that the man of sin will continue until the second advent.** [2 Thessalonians 2:8.] **To the very close of time he will carry forward his work of deception.** And the Revelator declares, also referring to the papacy, 'All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life.' [Revelation 13:8.] In both the Old and the New World, papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Romish Church." *The Great Controversy*, 578.

## **THE FINAL SCENES**

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." *Testimonies*, volume 9, 14.

"We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. **The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.** In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that 'shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.' [**Verses 31-36**, quoted.]...

"**Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.** We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 394.



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# THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 1788 – The royal treasury is declared empty
- 1789 –
  - June 20 – National Assembly established
  - July 14 – Storming of the Bastille
  - August 23 & 24 – Declaration of freedom of religion & speech
  - August 26 – **Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen**
  - October 5 & 6 – Women's March on Versailles
  - December 19 – Church property confiscated to create the Assignat
- 1790 –
  - Food riots
  - February 13 – The Assembly forbids the taking of religion vows
  - July 28 – The Assembly refuses to allow Austrian troops to cross French territory to suppress an uprising in Belgium, inspired by the French Revolution
  - September 4 – The National Assembly takes charge of the public treasury
  - December 3 – King Louis XVI writes to the King of Prussia, Frederick-William II, asking for a military intervention by European monarchs to restore his authority
- 1791 –
  - March 25 – Diplomatic relations broken between France and the Vatican
  - June 20 & 21 – King Louis XVI secretly tries to flee the country
  - June 25 – King Louis XVI returns to Paris. The Assembly suspends his functions until further notice
- 1792 –
  - February 7 – Austria and Prussia sign a military convention to invade France and defend the monarchy
  - March 20 – The Assembly declares war on the **Bohemia and Hungary**
  - August 13 – Royal family imprisoned in temple
  - September Massacres
  - November 19 – The Convention claims the right to intervene in any country "where people desire to recover their freedom"
  - December 3 – Robespierre demands that the King be put to death
- 1793 –
  - January 21 – King Louis XVI beheaded
  - February 1 – The Convention declares war on **England and the Dutch Republic**
  - February 14 – The Convention annexes the Principality of **Monaco**
  - March 1 – Decree of the Convention annexes **Belgium** to France
  - March 7 – The Convention declares war against **Spain**
  - April 6 – Committee of Public Safety created
  - July 27 – Robespierre elected to the Committee of Public Safety
  - August 22 – Robespierre is elected the president of the Convention
  - September – **Reign of Terror begins**

## TIBERIUS (DECEMBER 15, 1793)

“The third number of the *Vieux Cordelier*... purported to quote without comment passages from the Annals of the Roman historian Tacitus concerning **the oppressive reign of the emperor Tiberius**... these terse portraits – describing a civilization turned sick by fear and brutality – were effective in drawing a powerful **parallel between Rome under Tiberius and France during the Terror.**” Wikipedia

## POPULISM

“Populism is a political ideology which holds that the virtuous citizens are being mistreated by a small circle of elites, who can be overthrown if the people recognize the danger and work together. The elites are depicted as trampling in illegitimate fashion upon the rights, values, and voice of the legitimate people.

In the late 18th century, **the French Revolution**, though led by wealthy intellectuals, could also be described as a manifestation of populist sentiment against the elitist excesses and privileges of the Ancien Régime.” Wikipedia

“Donald Trump, the Perfect Populist” - POLITICO Magazine

“Is Donald Trump a populist?” - The Economist

“Sorry, Obama: Donald Trump Is a Populist, and You're Not” – New York Magazine

“Obama goes on "rant" about Donald Trump's populism” – CBS News

“It’s not just Trump. Authoritarian populism is rising across the West.”

– The Washington post

“As the youth go out into the world to encounter its allurements to sin,--the passion for money getting, for amusement and indulgence, for display, luxury, and extravagance, the overreaching, fraud, robbery, and ruin,--what are the teachings there to be met?

Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that ‘each mind will judge itself;’ that ‘true knowledge places men above all law;’ that ‘all sins committed are innocent;’ for ‘whatever is, is right,’ and ‘God doth not condemn.’ The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, ‘It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home.’ Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself.

With such teaching given at the very outset of life, when impulse is strongest, and the demand for self-restraint and purity is most urgent, where are the safeguards of virtue? what is to prevent the world from becoming **a second Sodom?**

At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. **The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.**” *Education*, 227, 228.

“The goal of the constitutional government is to conserve the republic; the aim of the revolutionary government is to found it... The revolutionary government owes to the good citizen all the protection of the nation; it owes nothing to the enemies of the people but death... These notions would be enough to explain the origin and the nature of laws that we call revolutionary ... If the revolutionary government must be more active in its march and more free in his movements than an ordinary government, is it for that less fair and legitimate? No; it is supported by the most holy of all laws: the salvation of the people.” – Robespierre

“If the basis of popular government in peacetime is virtue, the basis of popular government during a revolution is both virtue and terror; virtue, without which terror is baneful; terror, without which virtue is powerless. Terror is nothing more than speedy, severe and inflexible justice; it is thus an emanation of virtue; it is less a principle in itself, than a consequence of the general principle of democracy, applied to the most pressing needs of the patrie.” – Robespierre