

The Commencement of the Chain of Truth

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“God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer [**William Miller**] 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.” Early Writing 229.1.

The obvious question is, “What is the commencement of truth?”.

Some would have you believe that “The Great Controversy” identifies beginning of the 2300 year prophecy in 457 B.C. as the commencement of the chain of truth. An analysis of the quote clearly disproves this suggestion.

“The experience of the disciples who preached the "gospel of the kingdom" at the first advent of Christ, had its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of His second advent. **As the disciples** went out preaching, "The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand," **so Miller and his associates proclaimed that the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible was about to expire**, that the judgment was at hand, and the everlasting kingdom was to be ushered in. The **preaching of the disciples** in regard to time was **based on the seventy weeks** of Daniel 9. The message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, of which the seventy weeks form a part. **The preaching of each was based upon the fulfillment of a different portion of the same great prophetic period.**” Great Controversy 351.1.

Historically, Miller presented both the 2520 as well as the 2300 year prophecies. However, the above quote identifies that both the seventy weeks (490 years) and the 2300 year prophecy were a **different portion of the same great prophetic period**. The 2300 years cannot be a portion of itself. It must be a portion of a larger prophecy than 2300 years; i.e. 2520.

The first time prophecy Miler came to understand was the 2520. He explains it thus:

“I then resolved to study my Bible, believing I could find out what the Holy Spirit meant. But as soon as I had formed this resolution the thought came to me-'Suppose you find a passage that

you cannot understand, what will you do?' This mode of studying the Bible then came to my mind:-I will take the words of such passages, and trace them through the Bible, and find out their meaning in this way. I had Cruden's Concordance, which I think is the best in the world; so I took that and my Bible, and set down to my desk, and read nothing else, except the newspapers a little, for I was determined to know what my Bible meant. **I began at Genesis**, and read on slowly; and when I came to a text that I could [sic] not understand, I searched through the Bible to find out what it meant. After I had gone through the Bible in this way, O, how bright and glorious the truth appeared! I found what I have been preaching to you. **I was satisfied that the seven times terminated in 1843. Then I came to the 2300 days; they brought me to the same conclusion;** but I had no thought of finding out when the Saviour was coming, and I could not believe it; but the light struck me so forcibly I did not know what to do. Now, I thought, I must put on spurs and breeching; I will not go faster than the Bible, and I will not fall behind it. Whatever the Bible teaches, I will hold on to it. But still there were some texts that I could not understand." {1843 ApH, TSAM 65.3}.

According to the above passages, God sent His angel and other angels to constantly open to William Miller the prophecies which had previously been in darkness. And by his own words, he began at Genesis and first came to the 2520 in Leviticus 26 and thereafter understood that the 2300 days brought him to the same conclusion. He had two witnesses.

THE PERFECT CHAIN OF TRUTH

The Seven Times of Leviticus 26 and the 2300-year prophecy are inseparably linked.

There are at least Eight direct links to the seven times/2520 in the 2300-year prophecy.

Daniel recognized that he was under the seven times curse of Moses (see Dan 9:11—oath=H 7621=shebuah/Feminine passive participle of H 7650/sheba/seven; see also 2 Chronicles 36:20, 21) and that the 70 years was almost expired. After Daniel confessed his sins and the sins of the people, God's angel Gabriel came to him and said:

"Seventy weeks [490 days/prophetic years] are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Daniel 9:24.

Verse 25 identifies the starting date:

"Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Daniel 9:25.

Then in verse 27 Gabriel addresses the final week:

“And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (margin—desolator).” Daniel 9:27. Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” Daniel 9:27.

1. The 70th week consists of 2520 prophetic days.” According to Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34 a prophetic week is seven years. Seven years multiplied times 360 prophetic days per year is 2520 days.
2. In 27 A.D., Jesus began His ministry with a **symbolic death, burial and resurrection** at His baptism. And in 31 A.D., after 1260 prophetic days He experienced a **literal death, burial and resurrection**. The Jewish ceremonial system offered a morning and evening lamb and on that 1260th day the lamb escaped [HLv 505.3] and **Jesus became our 2520th sacrificial lamb**.
3. At Christ’s death, the veil between the Holy and Most Holy Place in the earthly sanctuary was rent from top to bottom by an unseen hand. Thus, signifying the end of the sacrificial system, yet they continued their useless sacrifices. Therefore 1260 prophetic days later, at the end of the week, **and at the stoning of Steven**, they had **sacrificed another 2520 lambs**.
4. Seventy times seven=490=probationary time.

“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I **forgive** him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until **seventy times seven**.” Matthew 18:21, 22.

The seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24 (above) is 490 years determined or cut off from the 2300 year prophecy which began in 457 B.C. and ended at the stoning of Steven in 34 A.D. **490 years is also linked to the 2520**.

In Leviticus 25 God, through Moses instructed Israel to allow the **land** to have a **sabbath rest** every seven years, as well as a 50th year jubilee allowing every man to return to his possessions. The jubilee was to announce that 50th year on the 10th day of the 7th month (day of atonement). Israel desired to be like the nations around them and wanted a king. Though God knew where this would lead, He honored their request. In 1097 B.C. Saul became Israel’s first king, the **pride of their power**. **490 years later**, in 607 Judah was carried captive (1st deportation) to Babylon.

Ezra chronicled the 70 years and associated it to Leviticus 25 and 26:

“And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: **To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths:** [for] as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, **to fulfil threescore and ten years.**” 2 Chronicles 36:20, 21.

First, consider this statement:

“The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” — Manuscript 107, 1897.

Then notice the **link to the 4th time the “seven times” is mentioned in Leviticus 26:**

“And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and **I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.** And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 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. And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. 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. **Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye [be] in your enemies' land; [even] then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.**” Leviticus 26:27-34.

“Scatter” is a term often used in God’s Word in connection to the curse of Moses/seven times/2520.

70 years in captivity multiplied times every 7th year that Israel was to allow the land to rest is 490 years. In 1097 B.C. Saul became king. 490 years later the first deportation occurred in 607 B.C.

In conjunction, 70 years prior to 607 leads back to the year 677 B.C.; the very year Manasseh was carried to Babylon by the Assyrians, **thus commencing the 2520 against the southern kingdom** in fulfilment of the first time the seven times is mentioned in Leviticus 26.

Notice:

“And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times** more for your sins. And **I will break the pride of your power;** and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: Leviticus 26:18, 19.

Therefore:

- A. 490 years=probationary time in which Israel did not allow the land to enjoy her sabbaths. Directly connecting to the 4th seven times in Leviticus 26:28-34. (above)
- B. Followed by 70 years captivity.
- C. Followed by the 3 decrees of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes.
- D. Followed by 490 years of probationary time for Israel beginning in 457 B.C. and ending in 34 A.D., at the stoning of Steven. Therefore, the 490 years from 1097 B.C. to 607 B.C. directly links to the 70 weeks (490 years) cut off from the 2300 day/year prophecy. And this connects the two time prophecies as demonstrated above in Leviticus 26:27-34 and 2 Chronicles 36:20, 21.

- 5. Both the seven times/2520 against the southern kingdom as well as the 2300 year prophecy concluded on the very same day; October **22**, 1844.

According to Daniel 8:13 (margin), Jesus is Palmoni, the Numberer of Secrets, the Wonderful Numberer. **22** is a significant number.

- 6. There are **220** years from 677 B.C. (Manasseh carried to Babylon, commencing the seven times against Judah) to 457 B.C. (third decree, initiating the 2300 year prophecy). **Both 220 and 22 are symbols linking Divinity with humanity.**

DIVINITY COMBINED WITH HUMANITY

Jesus is the perfect combination of Divinity and humanity.

Jesus is the Word:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1:1-5.

Therefore **God’s Word is also a combination of Divinity with humanity:**

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.** 2 Peter 1:21.

God has promised to preserve His Word:

“The words of the LORD [are] pure words: [as] silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. Thou shalt keep them, **O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**”
Psalm 12:6, 7.

Near the conclusion of the dark ages God did preserve His Word and it is found in its purest English form in the 1611 KJV Bible, derived from the Textus Receptus (received text).

However, as is Jesus, the KJV Bible is also divine and it is important to note that **220 years after the 1611 KJV Bible (Divine) was published, William Miller (a human) first published his predictions** about the 2nd coming of Christ in **1831**. Here is seen the combination of **Divinity with humanity linked to the number 220**.

Another 220 linked to the combination of Divinity with humanity is found in the central pillar of Adventism; and it is addressing both the Seven Times/2520/host (humanity) as well as the 2300 days/sanctuary. (Divinity)

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain [saint] which spake, **How long [shall be] the vision [concerning] the daily [sacrifice], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary (Divinity) and the host (humanity) to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**” Daniel 8:13, 14.

The word cleansed in Hebrew means “(causative make) right.” In order for the sanctuary to be made right, it must have a host. The sanctuary must not be separated from the host.

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8.

The question is not “when”, but one of duration. One could logically assume that there are two questions being asked. First “How long will the sanctuary be trodden down?” And secondly, “How long will the host be trodden down? The answer in verse 14 is **partially** addressing the first question only. Upon careful analysis, one is led to the conclusion that both the sanctuary and host were trodden prior to 457 B.C. The 2300 years does not address the fact that the sanctuary itself had already been destroyed by Babylon. Also, Israel had been trodden down and scattered since 723 B.C. by Assyria and Judah since 677 B.C.

The scattering is addressed by Jeremiah:

“Israel [is] a **scattered** sheep; the lions have driven [him] away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.” Jeremiah 50:17.

It is also addressed in 2 Kings:

“Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, [and] hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which [were] before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I [am] bringing [such] evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And **I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria**, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as [a man] wipeth a dish, wiping [it], and turning [it] upside down.” 2 Kings 21:11-13.

Manasseh was also addressed by Jeremiah:

“And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for [that] which he did in Jerusalem.” Jeremiah 15:4.

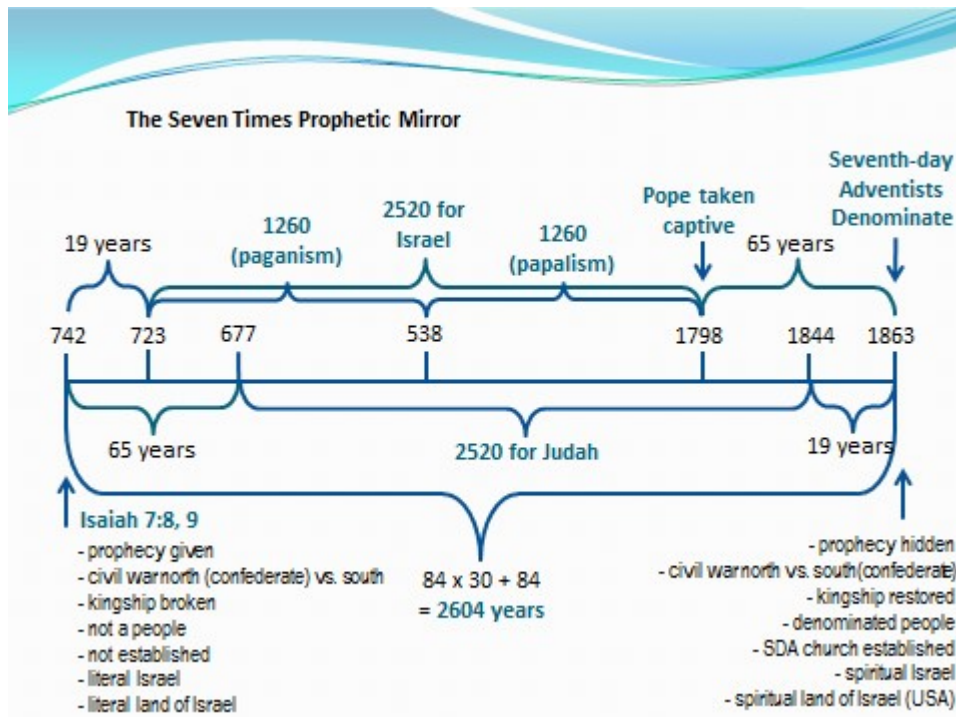
In the above passage from Daniel 8, the sanctuary and the host are interconnected. **2520 (host) minus 2300 (sanctuary) yields another 220 combining Divinity with humanity**

God said:

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8.

The sanctuary is divine and though Solomen’s temple had already been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, it was to be trodden down for another 2300 years beginning at the third decree in 457 B.C. The “**host**”, which is **human** was to be trodden down for 2520 years. For the northern tribe, the treading down began with 1260 years of paganism from 723 B.C. to 538 A.D., followed by 1260 years of papalism from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. Very interesting, but also Judah lost the pride of its power in 677 B.C. and 2520 years later ended on October **22**, 1844.

Below is a chart illustrating the proclamation of the prophecies in Isaiah 7:8 and the scattering of both the Northern and Southern tribes:



Again, the scattering of Judah as well as the 2300 year prophecies both ended on October **22**, 1844. The sanctuary (2300 years) is Divinity and the host (Judah) is humanity. Here again is seen **220** years (677 B.C. to 457 B.C.=220 years) between the treading down of the host and the sanctuary **linking Divinity with humanity**.

Jesus desires our sanctification by combining His Divinity with our humanity.

“For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.”
John 6:33.

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”
John 6:53-56.

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17.

Jesus is also the Truth:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6.

The Hebrew word “truth” consists of 3 Hebrew letters. Aleph (1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet), mem (13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet) and tav (the last or **22nd** letter of the Hebrew alphabet).

22 is 1/10th of 220

After Isaiah received a vision of God’s glory (Revelation 18:1), recognized his true condition, was given a coal from off the altar and was converted, he was given a work to do for God. Then he asked, “how long.” The antitypical answer, applying to us is, “until the Sunday Law.”

Isaiah is told:

“Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and [there be] a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But **yet in it [shall be] a tenth**, and [it] shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance [is] in them, when they cast [their leaves: so] the holy seed [shall be] the substance thereof. Isaiah 6:11-13.

A tenth is God’s portion: monetarily, symbolically human or numerically for “Palmoni.”

Between aleph (alpha) and tav (omega) you find mem, the 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet. 1st mention of 13 in God’s Word links to rebellion.

“Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.” Genesis 14:4.

Jesus came to a planet in rebellion. It should not go unnoticed that the Holy Spirit moved upon Jesus’s mother and placed Jesus into a symbol of rebellion. The name Mary is a derivative of Miriam and means “rebellion.” At the cross, there were three Marys. The first person to see Jesus after His Resurrected was Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus had cast seven devils,

Also notice how Jesus identifies himself:

“I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8.

And again in the final chapter, chapter **22**:

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

From Isaiah chapter 40 onward, God states that there are no other gods as He. And that He is the first and the last; telling the end from them beginning.

God’s ultimate desire is for His people to be one with Him; combining His Divinity with our humanity.

In Leviticus 26, after enumerating the conditions of the covenant He states:

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;” Leviticus 26:3.

Then after numbering the blessings, God says:

“And **I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.**” Leviticus 26:12.

At Mount Sinai, God’s people said: “All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.”, however very soon thereafter they broke the covenant and were worshipping a golden calf.

Jeremiah gives the promise of a new covenant:

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [that] I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But **this [shall be] the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.** Jeremiah 31:31-33.

7. At the conclusion of the 2520 against Judah as well as the 2300 year prophecy, two trumpets sounded. Samuel Snow proclaimed as part of the “True Midnight Cry” that the Great Jubilee trumpet would sound and that 2450 years after Judah’s captivity in 607 B.C., on October 22, 1844 Christ would come and set His people (humanity) free.

The seventh trumpet of Revelation 10, also sounded on October **22**, 1844:

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer**: But **in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” Revelation 10:5-7.

What is the mystery of God?

“[Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**: Colossians 1:26, 27.

7. 220 years from 1776 to 1996, linking Divinity with humanity. America is a subject of prophecy. It is the earth beast of Revelation 13:11-17. It is also the earth of Revelation 12:16 that swallowed up the flood the dragon cast out of its mouth.

America and the U.S. constitution was the refuge preordained by God for those fleeing papal persecution in the old world.

In 1776, The United States of America, under **Divine** direction, declared its independence. **220** years later, in 1996 a ministry entitled "Future for America" (**humanity**), published a magazine entitled "The Time of the End" which addresses the last six verses of Daniel 11. Daniel 11:40a identifies the deadly wound inflicted when the pope was taken captive by Napoleon's general Berthier in 1798. Daniel 11:40b foretold how the healing began in 1989 with the papacy in collusion with America's military and economic began the healing process by overthrowing the USSR (king of the south at the time).