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A WALL OF PROTECTION

"All should become familiar with God's Word; because Satan perverts and misquotes Scripture, and men follow his example by presenting part of God's Word to those whom they wish to lead in false paths, withholding the part that would spoil their plans. All have the privilege of becoming acquainted with a plain 'Thus saith the Lord.' God's commands and requirements are all calculated to promote **industry, economy, temperance, and wisdom**. When men yield to the temptation to disregard God's Word, they range themselves under Satan's banner. There are false shepherds who will say and do perverse things. Children should be so instructed that they will be familiar with God's Word, able to know when part of a scripture is read and part left unread, to make a false impression.

"We are guilty of the sin of presumption when we defile our bodies. Paul declares, 'If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' Our bodies are a wonderful exhibition of God's incomprehensible skill and unceasing goodness. They are not to be trifled with. With all the power of a sanctified mind and a purified soul, they are to be consecrated to God.

"Parents, warn your children against the sin of presumption. Teach them that it is presumption to educate an appetite for tobacco, liquor, or any hurtful thing. Teach them that their bodies are God's property. They are His by creation and by redemption. They are not their own; for they have been bought with a price. Teach them that the body is the temple of God, and that it is not to be made strengthless and diseased by the indulgence of appetite.

"The Lord did not create the disease and imbecility now seen in the bodies and minds of the human race. The enemy has done this. He desires to enfeeble the body, knowing that it is the only medium through which mind and soul can be developed for the upbuilding of a symmetrical character. Habits which are contrary to the laws of nature, war constantly against the soul.

"God calls upon you to do a work which through His grace you can do. How many sound bodies are there which can be presented to God as a sacrifice that He will accept in His service? How many are standing forth in their God-given manhood and womanhood? How many can show a purity of tastes, appetites, and habits that will bear comparison with Daniel's? How many have calm nerves, clear brain, unimpaired judgment? Instead, thousands are today health-destroyers, self-made invalids, because of their disregard of the laws of health.

"In the Ten Commandments God has laid down the laws of His kingdom. Any violation of the laws of nature is a violation of the law of God. **The Lord has given His commandments to be a wall of protection round His created beings**, and those who will keep themselves from the defilement of appetite and passion may become partakers of the divine nature. Their perceptions will be clear. They will know how to preserve every faculty in health, so that it may be presented to God in service. The Lord can use them; for they understand the words of the great apostle: 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.'" *Signs of the Times*, April 4, 1900.

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KINGS NEW & OLD

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*That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been;
and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15.*

THE KINGDOMS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

ALL THE EVENTS FORETOLD

“There is need of a much closer study of the word of God; **especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work.** We may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the **giving of the prophecy** and in the **events portrayed**, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. **Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented.** Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

“The light that Daniel received 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 come to pass.**”
Testimonies to Ministers, 112.

THE GREAT RIVERS OF SHINAR

The visions which Daniel saw by the Ulai and Hiddekel are portrayed in **Daniel 8** and **Daniel 10–12**. These visions cover the same kingdoms of Bible prophecy as **Daniel 2 and 7**. If “all of the events foretold will soon come to pass” and yet indeed are “now in the process of fulfillment” then we must see a present day application of Daniel 2, 7–12.

FOUR KINGDOMS

“**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.

Crown Removed	
Babylon	Overturn
Medo-Persia	Overturn
Greece	Overturn
Rome	Second Coming

“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.’

“**That time is at hand.** Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events.” *Education*, 179

REVELATION 17

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

THE SAME LINE OF PROPHECY

“Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it **the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

REVELATION 17:1–8

John is carried into the wilderness (1260 years; 538–1798 (Revelation 12:6, 14)). Woman **drunken** with the blood of the saints.

And is not– This means that the beast of Papal Rome is no longer (1798).

REVELATION 17:9, 10

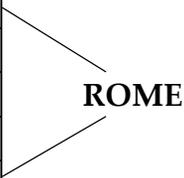
Seven Heads = Seven Mountains = Seven Kings

“The heads of the beast must, according to Daniel 7:6, compared with Daniel 8:8, 22, be explained as kingdoms or governments. Mountains, according to Daniel 2:35, 44; Jeremiah 51:25, denote kingdoms. But the version of Professor Whiting, which is a literal translation of the text, removes all obscurity from Revelation 17:9, 10. ‘The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth, **and they are seven kings.**’ **Thus it will be seen that the angel represents the heads as mountains, and then explains the mountains to be seven successive kings.** Thus we see that the angel transferred the meaning from one symbol to another, and then gave the explanation of the second symbol.” 1855 J.N Andrews, *The Three Angels of Revelation*, 43.

CONFLATION

1. The act of **blowing two or more instruments together**. 2. A melting or casting of metal. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.
2. Occurs when the identities of two or more individuals, concepts, or places, sharing some characteristics of one another, **seem to be a single identity** — the differences appear to become lost. *Wikipedia*.

Five have fallen	1	Babylon
	2	Medo–Persia
	3	Greece
	4	Pagan Rome
	5	Papal Rome
One is	6	United States
One is yet to come	7	United Nations
Eighth is of the seven	8	Modern Rome

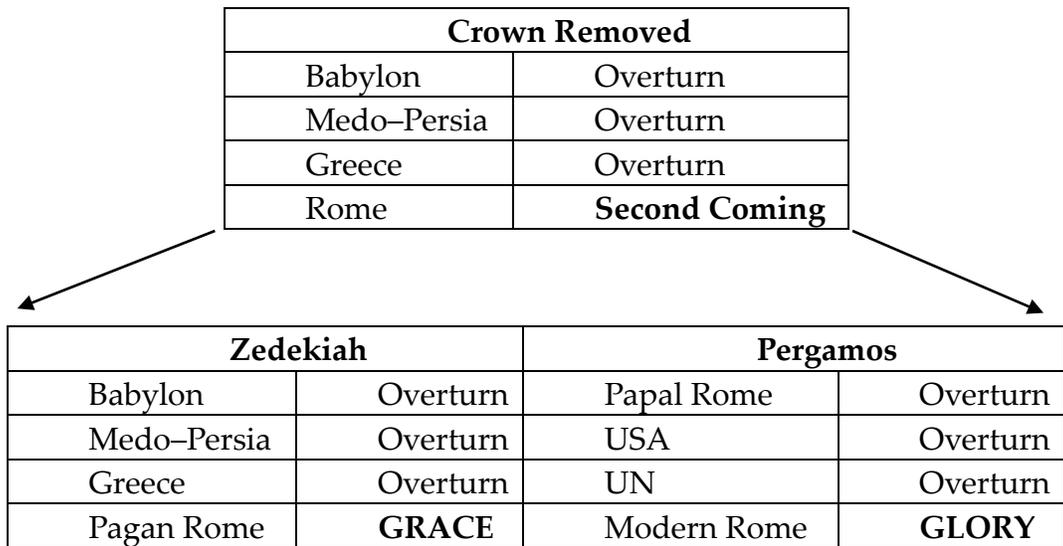


ANTONYM

1. **Divide**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly **dividing** the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

“It is these great truths that old and young need to learn. We need to study the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations and in the revelation of things to come, that we may estimate at their true value things seen and things unseen; that we may learn what is the true aim of life; that, viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may put them to their truest and noblest use. Thus, learning here the principles of His kingdom and becoming its subjects and citizens, we may be prepared at His coming to enter with Him into its possession.” *Education*, 184.



EZEKIEL 21:25-27

“Foremost among those who were rapidly leading the nation to ruin was **Zedekiah** their king. . . .

“To the ‘**profane wicked prince**’ had come the day of final reckoning. ‘Remove the diadem,’ the Lord decreed, ‘and take off the crown.’ Not until Christ Himself should **set up His kingdom** was Judah again to be permitted to have a king. ‘I will **overturn, overturn, overturn, it,**’ was the divine edict concerning the throne of the house of David; ‘and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Ezekiel 21:25-27.” *Prophets and Kings*, 450, 451.

CHRIST’S KINGDOM

“...As used in the Bible, the expression kingdom of God’ is employed to designate both the **kingdom of grace** and the **kingdom of glory**...In many of his parables, Christ uses the expression, ‘the kingdom of Heaven,’ to designate **the work of divine grace upon the hearts of men.**

“So the throne of glory represents the kingdom of glory, and this kingdom is referred to in the Savior’s words, ‘When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations.’ [Matthew 25:31, 32.] **This kingdom is yet future. It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ.**

“**The kingdom of grace was instituted immediately after the fall of man,** when a plan was devised for the redemption of the guilty race. It then existed in the purpose and by the promise of God; and **through faith, men could become its subjects. Yet it was not actually established until the death of Christ**... When the Savior yielded up his life, and with his expiring breath cried out, ‘**It is finished,**’ then the fulfillment of the plan of

redemption was assured. The promise of salvation made to the sinful pair in Eden was ratified. **The kingdom of grace, which had before existed by the promise of God, was then established.**" *The Great Controversy*, 346, 347.

SETTING UP THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

"I saw that all things are intensely looking and stretching their thoughts on the impending crisis before them. **The sins of Israel must go to judgment beforehand.** Every sin must be confessed at the sanctuary, then the work will move. It must be done now. The remnant in the time of trouble will cry, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

"The latter rain is coming on those that are pure—all then will receive it as formerly.

"When the four angels let go, Christ will set up His kingdom. None receive the latter rain but those who are doing all they can. Christ would help us. All could be overcomers by the grace of God, through the blood of Jesus. All heaven is interested in the work. Angels are interested." *Spalding Magan*, 2, 3.

"SET UP"—A PROGRESSIVE WORK

DANIEL 2:40-44

"So the throne of glory represents the kingdom of glory, and this kingdom is referred to in the Savior's words, 'When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations.' [Matthew 25:31, 32.] This kingdom is yet future. **It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ.**" *The Great Controversy*, 347.

"The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; **the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13;** and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25." *The Great Controversy*, 426.

"And, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and **glory, and a kingdom,** that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.' Daniel 7:13, 14. **The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator.** It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in

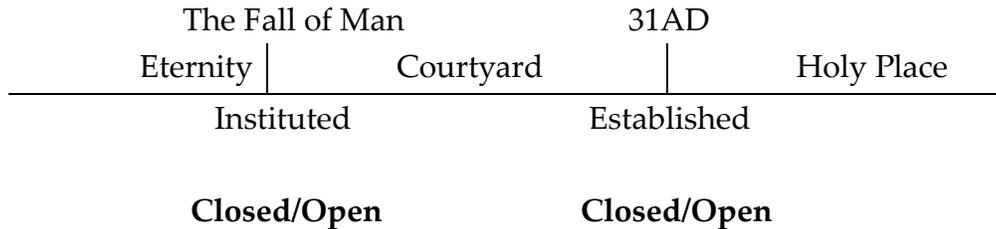
the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man—to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.” *The Great Controversy*, 479.

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

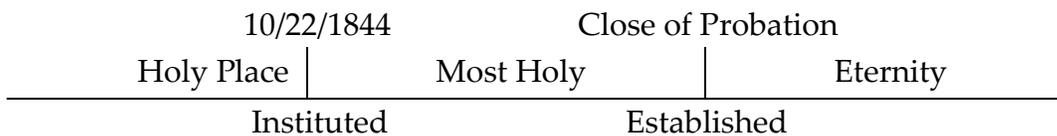
PSALMS 77:13

“When Jesus at his ascension entered by his own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon his disciples the blessings of his mediation, the Jews were left in total darkness, to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. **That door by which men had formerly found access to God, was no longer open.**” *The Great Controversy*, 430.

KINGDOM OF GRACE



KINGDOM OF GLORY



THE CHURCHES & THE SEALS

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

MILLER'S RULES

"Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon the **same plan** that Father Miller adopted." *Review and Herald*, November 25, 1884.

"Preachers and people have looked upon the book of Revelation as mysterious and of less importance than other portions of the Sacred Scriptures. But I saw that this book is indeed a revelation given for the especial benefit of those who should live in the last days, to guide them in ascertaining their true position and their duty. **God directed the mind of William Miller to the prophecies and gave him great light upon the book of Revelation.**" *Early Writings*, 231.

MILLER & THE CHURCHES

"The seven churches of Asia is a history of the church of Christ in her seven forms, in all her windings and turnings, in all her prosperity and adversity, from the days of the apostles down to the end of the world. The seven seals are a history of the transactions of the powers and kings of the earth over the church, and God's protection of his people during the same time. The seven trumpets are a history of seven peculiar and heavy judgments sent upon the earth, or Roman kingdom." William Miller, *Miller's Lectures*, volume 2, lecture 12, 178.

SISTER WHITE & THE CHURCHES

"The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in **different periods of the Christian Era**. The number 7 indicates completeness, and is symbolic of the fact that the messages **extend to the end of time**, while the symbols used reveal the condition of the church at different periods **in the history of the world.**" *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL

"While the seven churches present the internal history of the church, the seven seals bring to view the great events of its external history." Uriah Smith, *The Biblical Institute*, 253.

FOUR THREE COMBINATION

"We have now traced the churches, the seals, and the beasts, or living beings, as far as they will compare as covering **the same periods of time**. The seals are seven in

number, the beasts but four. And it may be well here to notice, that at the opening of the first, second, third and fourth seals the first, second, third and fourth beasts are heard to say ‘Come and see;’ but when the fifth, sixth and seventh seals are opened, there is no such voice heard. **Neither do the last three churches, and the last three seals, compare, as covering the same periods of time, as the first four churches, and the first four seals do.** But, as we have shown, the churches, seals and beasts do agree, as covering **the same periods of time** for the space of nearly 1800 years, till we come down to a little more than half a century of the present time.” James White, *Review and Herald*, February 12, 1857.

Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis
1 st Seal	2 nd Seal	3 rd Seal	4 th Seal	Philadelphia
Come & See	Come & See	Come & See	Come & See	Laodicea

EPHESUS & SMYRNA

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall **cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days:** be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10.

“Many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and **many will be martyrs for Christ’s sake in standing in defense of the truth.**” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 397.

PERGAMOS & THYATIRA

Revelation 2:12–29; 2 Thessalonians 2:5–8

Power (496) Seat (330) & Authority (533)

Revelation 13:2

A Host was Given Him—Power

Daniel 8:12

The Daily Taken Away (Removed)

Daniel 11:31; 12:11

They Place the Abomination that Maketh Desolate

Daniel 11:30–31

Daniel 11:40–45

“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 ‘verses thirty through thirty–six quoted.’

“Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place.” *Manuscript Releases*, number 13, 394.

SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

“Oh, what a description! How many there are in this fearful condition. I earnestly entreat every minister to study diligently **the third chapter of Revelation**, for in it is portrayed **the condition of things existing in the last days**. Study carefully every verse in this chapter, for through these words Jesus is speaking to you.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 193.

PIONEER UNDERSTANDING

“In all the land saith the Lord; *two parts* therein shall be cut off, and die; but the *third* shall be left therein. God says he will bring the *third part* through the fire, and refine them. They shall call upon him, and he will hear them. He will say *it is my people*; and they shall say the *lord is my god*.’ First part, **Sardis**, the nominal church or **Babylon**. Second part, **Laodicea**, the **nominal Adventist**. Third part, **Philadelphia**, the only **true church of God** on earth, for they ask to be translated to the city of God. Revelation 3:12; Hebrews 12:22–24. In the name of Jesus, I exhort you again to flee from the Laodiceans, as from Sodom and Gomorrah. Their teachings are false and delusive; and lead to utter destruction. Death! *Death!!** Eternal *death!!!* is on their track. Remember Lot’s wife.” Joseph Bates, *Review and Herald*, volume 1, November 1850.

SARDIS

“Sardis not only represents ‘**those escaping**’ or ‘that which remains’ after the great apostasy and terrible persecutions of the Middle Ages, but some authorities believe that the word *ardis* means ‘remnant’ of ‘**an escaped few**,’ and therefore represent **Protestantism after what was vital in it had evaporated so that there are only a few faithful ones remaining**. There would be a ‘remnant’ who would continue the work of reform even after the Reformation had waned and Protestantism in general was dead. There would be ‘a few names,’ or ‘a few souls’ (*Moffatt*), in Sardis who had ‘not defiled their garments.’” Taylor Bunch, *The Seven Epistles of Christ*, 186.

Daniel 11:41

HASKELL

“It should be remembered that, as the experience of **Ephesus, Smyrna, and Pergamos, will be repeated in the last church** before the second coming of Christ, so the history of **Thyatira** will have its counterpart in the last generation.” Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 69.

“He applied the test, but all pointed forward to the year 1843 as the time when the world must welcome its Saviour. **The condition of the people at the first advent of Christ was now repeated.**” Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 75.

“There was a time in the history of **Pergamos**, when Christianity thought Paganism was dead; but in reality, the religion which was apparently vanquished, had conquered. Paganism baptized, stepped into the church. **In the days of Sardis this history was repeated.**” Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 75, 76.

EPHESUS, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, & LAODICEA

“**I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ.** John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus.... **[Ephesus]**

“...All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of **the first angel's message**...Those who rejected the **first** message could not be benefited by the **second**; neither were they benefited by the **midnight cry**, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting **the two former messages**, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in **the third angel's message, which shows the way into the most holy place**... **[Sardis & Philadelphia]**

“I saw that God has honest children among the **nominal Adventists** and **the fallen churches**, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth...” *Early Writings*, 258–261. **[Laodicea & Sardis]**

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. **The advent movement of 1840–44** was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by **the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.** **[Sardis, Philadelphia, & Laodicea]**

"The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest..." *The Great Controversy*, 611. [Ephesus]

MALACHI 3:1-4

John-Miller-144k = Ephesus-Philadelphia-Laodicea

ANCIENT ISRAEL

"The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, **illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ.**

"Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.**

"Their history should be a solemn warning to us. We need never expect that when the Lord has light for his people, Satan will stand calmly by and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. Let us beware that we do not refuse the light God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us. . . . If there are any who do not see and accept the light themselves, let them not stand in the way of others.

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live; that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.'

"This song was not historical but prophetic. While it recounted the wonderful dealings of God with his people in the past, **it also foreshadowed the great events of the future**, the final victory of the faithful when Christ shall come the second time in power and glory.

"The apostle Paul plainly states that the experience of the Israelites in their travels has been recorded for the benefit of those living in this age of the world, those upon whom the ends of the world are come. We do not consider that our dangers are any less than those of the Hebrews, but greater." *Healthful Living*, 280-281.

"The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have

been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

"Upon this last church—the remnant,—shine **the accumulated rays of all past ages.**" Stephen N. Haskell, *Story of the Seer of Patmos*, 69.

EPHESUS & LAODICEA

"As it was in the days of Christ, so it is now; the Pharisees do not know their spiritual destitution. To them comes the message, 'Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.' **Revelation 3:17, 18. Faith and love are the gold tried in the fire.** But with many the gold has become dim, and the rich treasure has been lost. **The righteousness of Christ is to them as a robe unworn, a fountain untouched. To them it is said,** 'I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.' **Revelation 2:4, 5.**" *Desire of Ages*, 280.

JOHN (A MESSAGE TO THE LAODICEANS)

"The work of John the Baptist, and the work of **those who in the last days go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah** to arouse the people from their apathy, are in many respects the same. His work is a type of the work that must be done in this age. Christ is to come the second time to judge the world in righteousness. The messengers of God who bear the last message of warning to be given to the world, are to prepare the way for Christ's Second Advent, as John prepared the way for his first advent. In this preparatory work, 'every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain' for **history is to be repeated**, and once again 'the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.'" *Southern Watchman*, March 21, 1905.

CHRIST (A MESSAGE TO EPHESUS)

"Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil **maketh himself a prey.**' Isaiah 59:14, 15. **This was fulfilled in the life of Christ on earth.** He was loyal to God's commandments, setting aside the human traditions and requirements which had been exalted in their place. **Because of this He was hated and persecuted. This history is repeated.**" *Christ's Object Lessons*, 170.

“The sealing is a pledge from God of perfect security to His chosen ones (Exodus 31:13–17). Sealing indicates you are God’s chosen. He has appropriated you to Himself. As the sealed of God we are Christ’s purchased possession, and no one shall pluck us out of His hands. **The seal given in the forehead is God, New Jerusalem.** ‘I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God’ (**Revelation 3:12**).” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 225.

John 6:27

THE SEALS

THE THIRD & FOURTH SEAL

“The same spirit is seen today that is represented in **Revelation 6:6–8. History is to be repeated. That which has been will be again.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7.

THE PALE HORSE (THYATIRA)

“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.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 714.

THE FIFTH SEAL

1798

“**And when he had opened the fifth seal . . .** [Revelation 6:9–11]. Here were scenes presented to John that were **not in reality but that which would be in a period of time in the future.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 197.

RESTORE HIS LOST ASCENDANCY

“The false sabbath, the first day of the week, will be accepted, and the rulers will unite with the man of sin to **restore his lost ascendancy.** Laws enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath will bring about a **national apostasy** from the principles of republicanism upon which the government has been founded...

“**When the fifth seal was opened,** John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon.** Revelation 18:1–5 quoted.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 14.

THE SUNDAY LAW

“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. Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. This **national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin....Then**

will **the voice be heard from the graves of martyrs**, represented by the souls that John saw slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ which they held..."
Review and Herald, June 15, 1897.

HOW LONG?

Zechariah 1:12–17; Isaiah 6:11–13; Psalm 74:1–10; 79:5–10; Daniel 8:13; Revelation 6:9–11

Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis
1 st Seal	2 nd Seal	3 rd Seal	4 th Seal	5 th Seal
White Horse	Red Horse	Black Horse	Pale Horse	How Long?
Lion	Calf	Face as a man	Flying Eagle	

THE 6TH KINGDOM OF BIBLE PROPHECY

REVELATION 13:11-18

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.” *The Great Controversy*, 440.

“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 [1798], 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.” *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

ISAIAH 23:15-17

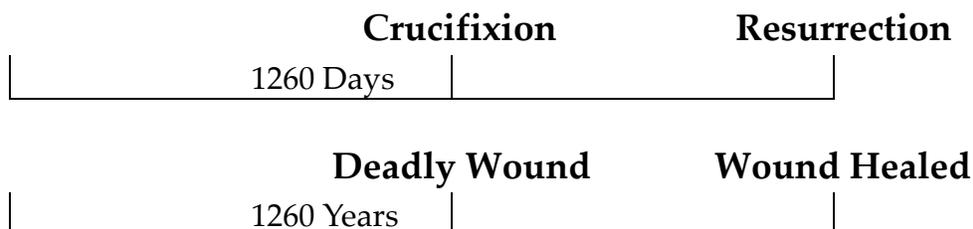
“**The days of one king**”—this is the time of the sixth kingdom, which is prophetically 70 years. This period of time is from 1798 to the National Sunday Law. Then, the Papacy will commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world, beginning with the United States.



REVELATION 17:2 & ISAIAH 23:17

The kings of the earth = The kingdoms of the world

THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN POWER: AS TYPIFIED BY CHRIST



THE SEVEN THUNDERS

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages.**” *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ **These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.” *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

7 LAST KINGS TYPIFYING 7 THUNDERS FROM 1798–1844

7. Manasseh– forget
6. Amon– architect
5. Josiah– foundation
4. Jehoahaz– seized
3. Jehoiakim– rise
2. Jehoiachin– erect; tarry
1. Zedekiah– cleanse

The seven thunders, as typified by the kings of Judah, represents the progressive fall of the glorious land. The glorious land is the USA (Daniel 11:41) and it has two horns that must be conquered; Protestantism and Republicanism (Revelation 13:11). The first horn was conquered in the Millerite history on 4/19/1844; the second was conquered on 9/11/2001. The thunder that sounded in 1798 is typified by Manasseh, and since this history must repeat to the very letter, 1989 is also represented by Manasseh. The seventh thunder in both the Millerite history and our history is represented by Zedekiah; these sound on 10/22/1844 and the SL respectively. Since Manasseh marks 1798 in the alpha of Advent history, and Zedekiah marks the SL in the omega of Advent history; and since the alpha and omega of Advent history correspond to the alpha and omega of US history, then is it reasonable to assume that 1798 to the SL is a macroscopic illustration of the seven thunders?



TWO HORNS

“**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.

“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. And the statement that the beast with two horns ‘causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast’ indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.” *Great Controversy*, 441, 442

EXAMPLES OF TWO HORNED POWERS

Judah (Judah and Benjamin), Israel (North and South), Medo–Persia (Daniel 7:5; 8:3, 20), France (Revelation 11:8), United States (Revelation 13:11)

A two horned power brings Babylon to the throne and a two horned power takes Babylon off the throne. King Hezekiah displayed the riches of Judah (a two horned power) to the Babylonian ambassadors and awoke the covetousness of that nation. So Judah placed Babylon upon the throne and Medo–Persia (a two horned power) removed Babylon from that throne. Likewise, the Franks under the leadership of Clovis placed the Papacy on the throne of the earth (538), and France, under the leadership of Napoléon, removed the Papacy from its throne (1798).

EZEKIEL 29:17–21

The first day of the first month marks the conquering of **Egypt**, the United States. The US has two horns—Protestantism, and Republicanism—both were conquered on the first day of the first month. Protestantism was conquered 4/19/1844 with the rejection of the message of the hour by the Protestants. Republicanism was conquered 9/11/2001 with the passing of the Patriot Act which undermines the principles of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution.

EZEKIEL 29:1–3

Pharaoh king of Egypt is the dragon.

REVELATION 12:9

“The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. 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. **Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.**” *The Great Controversy*, 438.

KINGS RULERS GOVERNORS

“**Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon** who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

REVELATION 11:3, 7, 8

Since France is spiritually Egypt then France is spiritually the dragon. The religion of France is Atheism and therefore the dragon’s religion is atheism.

The USSR was established on the atheistic principles of Communism, and was thus the dragon. If the dragon is Egypt then the USSR was Egypt. See Daniel 11:40B.

According to Daniel 11:42 Egypt is a representation of the world. The UN is the world’s representation, therefore the UN is Egypt. The religion of the UN is spiritualism, which is essentially atheism.

The USA is the head of the UN, and thus can be represented as Egypt. Furthermore, in Revelation 13:11 the USA speaks as a dragon which adds another witness to the United

States' prophetic connection to Egypt (in that it is associated prophetically with the dragon).

EXAMPLE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP

Ahab, the king of Israel—the 10 northern tribes; Clovis and the 10 divisions of Western Rome; Haman and his 10 sons.

TEN CITIES OF EGYPT

Ezekiel 30:6–19: Tower of Syene—“From **Migdol** to **Syene**”; **Noph**; **Pathros**; **Zoan**; **No**; **Sin**; **Aven**; **Pibeseth**; **Tehaphnehes**

DANIEL 7:7, 8

These verses portray the transition between Pagan Rome and Papal Rome and therefore show how the dragon power (the USA) places the Papacy at the end of the world. Three geographical locations were conquered. According to Revelation 13:2 this transition began in 330. First, in 330 AD, Pagan Rome gave up its capital and thus gave his **seat** to the beast. Then, in 496 AD, Pagan Rome began to give its **power** to the beast. Finally, in 533 AD, Justinian's decree gave absolute **authority** to the beast which began to exercise its tyranny just five years later, in 538 AD.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

1798– The Sedition Act was passed (a violation of the 1st and 10th Amendments). This is the alpha of the 70 years of Isaiah 23. The omega is the **National Sunday Law**, here we will once again see a violation of our 1st Amendment rights!

SEDITION ACT

“On this day [July 14] in 1798, **one of the most egregious [terrible] breaches of the U.S. Constitution in history becomes federal law when Congress passes the Sedition Act**, endangering liberty in the fragile new nation. While the United States engaged in naval hostilities with Revolutionary France, known as the Quasi-War, Alexander Hamilton and congressional Federalists took advantage of the public's wartime fears and drafted and passed the Alien and Sedition Acts, without first consulting President John Adams. (2nd president of the United States)

“The first three acts took aim at the rights of immigrants. The period of residency required before immigrants could apply for citizenship was extended from five to 14 years, and the president gained the power to detain and deport those he deemed enemies. President Adams never took advantage of his newfound ability to deny rights to immigrants. **However, the fourth act, the Sedition Act, was put into practice and became a black mark on the nation's reputation. In direct violation of the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech, the Sedition Act permitted the**

prosecution of individuals who voiced or printed what the government deemed to be malicious remarks about the president or government of the United States. Fourteen Republicans, mainly journalists, were prosecuted, and some imprisoned, under the act.

“In opposition to the Alien and Sedition Acts, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison drafted the Virginia and Kentucky Resolves, declaring the acts to be a violation of the First and Tenth Amendments...” *history.com*.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” *The First Amendment*.

DANIEL 8 & 9

“The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the **giving of the prophecy** and in the **events portrayed**, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

THE GIVING OF THE PROPHECY

Daniel 8:1, 2— Shushan; province of Elam: hidden

Nehemiah 1:1; Esther 1:1–3; Daniel 8:1; 7:1

THE EVENTS PORTRAYED

Daniel 8:17— Chazon Vision; Time of the End

HOW LONG?

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 and the host 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.

H5704—how long, **when**, while, properly a (peremptory) *terminus*, that is, (by implication) *duration*, in the sense of *perpetuity*.

“The scripture which above all others had been both the **foundation and central pillar of the Advent faith** was the declaration, ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’ [Daniel 8:14.] These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord’s soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith. All felt that upon the events therein foretold depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes. These prophetic days had been shown to terminate in the autumn of 1844. In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the

sanctuary. They understood that the cleansing of the sanctuary was the purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day, and that this would take place at the second advent. Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844.

“But the appointed time had passed, and the Lord had not appeared. The believers knew that God’s Word could not fail; their interpretation of the prophecy must be at fault; but where was the mistake? Many rashly cut the knot of difficulty by denying that the 2300 days ended in 1844. No reason could be given for this, except that Christ had not come at the time they expected him. They argued that if the prophetic days had ended in 1844, Christ would then have returned to cleanse the sanctuary by the purification of the earth by fire; and that since he had not come, the days could not have ended.” *The Great Controversy*, 409.

TIME APPOINTED

Daniel 8:19 (1844)

“Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the world are come.**’ **1 Corinthians 10:11.** ‘Not unto themselves, but **unto us** they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.’ **1 Peter 1:12.** . . .

“The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

Habakkuk 2:3; Revelation 10:5, 6; Ezekiel 12:21–28

THE BOOK OF RUTH

BY: HEATHER DEL ROSAL

Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people [shall be] my people, and thy God my God. Ruth 1:16

TREASURES FOR OUR TIME

“Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. **Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us.** ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11). ‘Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into’ (1 Peter 1:12).

“The Bible has been your study–book. It is well thus, for it is the true counsel of God, and it is the conductor of all the holy influences that the world has contained since its creation. We have the encouraging record that Enoch walked with God. If Enoch walked with God, in that degenerate age just prior to the destruction of the world by a flood, we are to receive courage and be stimulated with his example that we need not be contaminated with the world but, amid all its corrupting influences and tendencies, we may walk with God. We may have the mind of Christ.

“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was ever prophesying the coming of the Lord. This great event had been revealed to him in vision. Abel, though dead, is ever speaking of the blood of Christ which alone can make our offerings and gifts perfect. **The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.** There is Moses still speaking, teaching self–renunciation by wishing himself blotted from the Book of Life for his fellow men, that they might be saved. David is leading the intercession of the church for the salvation of souls to the ends of the earth. The prophets are still testifying of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. **There the whole accumulated truths are presented in force to us that we may profit by their teachings. We are under the influence of the whole. What manner of persons ought we to be to whom all this rich light of inheritance has been given. Concentrating all the influence of the past with new and increased light of the present, accrued power is given to all who will follow the light. Their faith will increase, and be brought into exercise at the present time, awakening an energy and an intensely increased earnestness, and through dependence upon God for His power to replenish the world and send the light of the Sun of Righteousness to the ends of the earth.**

“God has enriched the world in these last days proportionately with the increase of ungodliness, if His people will only lay hold of His priceless gift and bind up their every

interest with Him. There should be no cherished idols, and we need not dread what will come, but commit the keeping of our souls to God, as unto our faithful Creator. He will keep that which is committed to His trust.—Letter 74a, 1897.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

ELEVENTH HOUR WORKERS

Daniel 11:41, Moab escapes out of the hand of the King of the North

JOINING THE TWO STICKS

MEANING OF NAMES

1. Bethlehem Judah, house of bread, celebrated
2. Moab, from father
3. Elimelech, God of (the) king
4. Naomi, pleasant
5. Mahlon *sick* (Ruth’s husband, Ruth 4:10)
6. Chilion, (Kiljon) pining, destruction, from H3615 to end
7. Boaz, (uncertain meaning). He is a type of Christ
8. Ruth, *friend*, Probably for H7468: a female *associate*; generally an *additional* one: another, mate, neighbour.
9. Orpha, mane (from H6203, nape of neck or back)
10. Use of H6203 in the Bible: used as *back* and *neck*, is often used negatively, such as stiffnecked or turning their back toward God or enemies. Of 35 mentions, 19 refer to stiff/hard neck (examples: Deuteronomy 9:13, Nehemiah 9:17, Jeremiah 17:23, 32:33, 48:39)

CHAPTER 1

FAMINE

Ruth 1:1

What waymark is the famine? Genesis 8:13

Who has food in time of famine? Psalm 37:18–20, Isaiah 28:12, Jeremiah 6:16

Where should we be in the time of famine?

Abraham: Genesis 12:10, 21:22–32, Isaac: Genesis 26:1–24

Parallel Story: Numbers 9:15–23, Exodus 40:34–38, Revelation 10:1–2, Daniel 7:13

DEATHS

Ruth 1:3, 5 Elimelech, Mahlon, Chilion

TEN YEARS

Ruth 1:4

HEARING OF VISITATION & BREAD

Ruth 1:6

Purpose of visitation: Luke 1:68, 78–79

To give light (knowledge, 2 Corinthians 4:6, or spiritual bread, John 6:51)

To guide into the way (old paths, Exodus 18:20, 1 Kings 8:36, **Jeremiah 6:16**)

TWO CLASSES (RUTH & ORPHA)

Ruth 1:8–18

Test 1: verse 8

Response: verse 10, both say they will be faithful and stay with Naomi

Test 2: verses 11–12 (doubling “turn again”)

Response: verse 14, Orpha left but Ruth stayed (Matthew 21:28–32)

Test 3: verse 15

Response: verses 16–17, Ruth settles into her decision and refuses to leave

CLEAVE

Ruth 1:14

Cleave: Isaiah 14:1, Deuteronomy 11:22–23, 30:20, Romans 12:9

Cleave: *cling* or *adhere*; figuratively to follow close, be joined (together), pursue hard.

Joining the two sticks, Ezekiel 37:15–28

“The children of Israel were to occupy all the territory which God appointed them. Those nations that rejected the worship and service of the true God were to be dispossessed. **But it was God's purpose that by the revelation of His character through Israel men should be drawn unto Him.** To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look unto Him should live. **All who, like Rahab the Canaanite and Ruth the Moabitess, turned from idolatry to the worship of the true God were to unite themselves with His chosen people.** As the numbers of Israel increased, they were to enlarge their borders until their kingdom should embrace the world.”
Prophets and Kings, 19.

JOURNEY (OUT OF MOAB) & INQUIRY

Ruth 1:19

NAME CHANGE

Ruth 1:20, Naomi to Mara, Levites enter covenant relationship

BEGINNING OF HARVEST (AFTER 1D1M & PASSOVER)

Ruth 1:22

BARLEY HARVEST (EARLY MAY)

“The **Passover** was followed by the seven day's feast of unleavened bread. The first and the seventh day were days of holy convocation, when no servile work was to be performed. **On the second day of the feast, the first fruits of the year's harvest were presented before God.** Barley was the earliest grain in Palestine, and at the opening of the feast it was beginning to ripen. **A sheaf of this grain was waved** by the priest before the altar of God, as an acknowledgment that all was His. **Not until this ceremony had been performed was the harvest to be gathered.**

“Fifty days from the offering of first fruits, came the Pentecost, called also the feast of harvest and the feast of weeks. As an expression of gratitude for the grain prepared as

food, two loaves baked with leaven were presented before God. The Pentecost occupied but one day, which was devoted to religious service." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 539–540

"When the first heads of grain ripened in the field, they were carefully gathered, and when the people went up to Jerusalem, they were presented to the Lord, waving the ripened sheaf before Him as a thank offering. **After this ceremony the sickle could be put to the wheat, and it could be gathered into sheaves** (MS 115, 1897)." *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 6, 1092.

Leviticus 23:5, Passover, 14th day 1st month

Leviticus 23:10–11, sheaf of barley (firstfruits) waved 16th day 1st month (morrow after the Sabbath)

Leviticus 23:14 parched corn

WHEAT HARVEST (MAY AND JUNE)

"At the time of wheat harvest, in May and June, no rain fell in the East. The sky was cloudless, and the air serene and mild. ..." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 615

"It being the time of wheat harvest, when the air is usually serene and mild," *The Signs of the Times*, July 27, 1882.

CHAPTER 2

GLEANING

Deuteronomy 24:19, Leviticus 19:9–10

THE CHARACTER OF THE ELEVENTH HOUR WORKERS

BOAZ INSTRUCTS/INVITES

Ruth 2:8–9, abide and drink of his water

BOWING

Ruth 2:10

Examples: Isaiah 2:11, 17 (humility), 2 Chronicles 7:3 (worship), Psalm 35:14, Psalm 38:6 (mourning)

ALL THAT THOU HAST DONE

Ruth 2:11

“Many who enter Christ's service at the **eleventh hour** will labor with **great earnestness** for him. They will appreciate the wonderful truths of the Word of God, and will bring these truths into the daily life.” *The Review and Herald*, June 17, 1902 17

“There are **diligent students of the word of prophecy** in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and of all peoples. **These will come from the grossest error, and will take the place of those who have had opportunities and privileges and have not prized them.** These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they should become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, through the perversity of their own natural heart, turned away from Christ because they were displeased with his requirements. But God will not be left without witnesses. **The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work. These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle, and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the word of God imposes, and make void his law, others will come in to fill their places and take their crown.**

“Great is the work of the Lord. Men are choosing sides. Even those supposed to be heathen will choose the side of Christ, while those who become offended, as did the disciples, will go away and walk no more with him, and others will come in and occupy the place they have left vacant. The time is very near when man will reach the prescribed limits. He has now almost exceeded the bounds of the long-suffering of

God, the limits of his grace, the limits of his mercy. The record of their works in the books of heaven is, 'Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.' The Lord will interfere to vindicate his own honor, to repress the swellings of unrighteousness and bold transgression." *The Review and Herald*, June 15, 1897.

FULL REWARD

Ruth 2:12

"There will be those who will come in at the **eleventh hour**, and they will receive an **equal reward** with those who have long known the truth. And why is this?—It is because **they used all their talents to the utmost of their ability, and brought all their powers to bear on the work of advancing the light of the truth.** When the truth was brought to their attention, **they accepted it with joy, and God could trust them with a large measure of light and power.** ..." *The Review and Herald*, July 2, 1889.

OUR WORK IN THE HARVEST (WORKING FOR THE SAME REWARD)

"When God calls, let us each go willingly to labor in his vineyard. We cannot estimate the possibilities of usefulness that lie undeveloped in hand and brain and heart. We must go to work. The Lord will use human feebleness as well as human strength. It is purity, truth, faithfulness, and love, that sanctifies the work. With hearts full of love to God, we shall not work for human praise, but for the glory of the Master, and the good of souls. If we do our work with fidelity, the benediction from Christ, 'Well done, good and faithful servant,' will be our **full reward.**" *The Review and Herald*, October 7, 1884.

"...When the faith we profess is exemplified in the life and character of those who believe the truth they will exert an influence that cannot be easily resisted. Men may combat and defy your logic, they may resist your appeals; but a life of holy purposes, of disinterested love manifested in their behalf, is an argument in favor of the truth that they cannot gainsay. **Earnest, unselfish effort will garner sheaves for Jesus.** A consistent life, characterized by the meekness and lowliness of Christ, is a power in the world. But Christ says, 'Without me ye can do nothing.' If we will only believe, he will do great things for us..." *The Review and Herald*, January 15, 1884.

"Let us earnestly entreat the Lord that laborers may be raised up, for the fields are white to the harvest; the harvest is great, and the laborers are few." *The Review and Herald*, April 3, 1913.

COMFORTED

Ruth 2:13

MEALTIME, BREAD & PARCHED CORN

Ruth 2:14

2 Chronicles 30:1–5, second Passover

OUTPOURING

Ruth 2:15–16

GUIDED BY NAOMI (LEVITES)

Ruth 2:20–22

STAY THROUGH BARLEY & WHEAT HARVEST

Ruth 2:21–23

CHAPTER 3

SEEKING REST

Ruth 1:9, 3:1

Rest: H4494, *quiet*, that is, (concretely) a *settled spot*, or (figuratively) a *home*: – (place of) rest.

“Only in allegiance to the living God, the Creator of all and the Ruler over all, can man find rest and peace.” *Prophets and Kings*, 97

Isaiah 28:9–12, rest and refreshing

THRESHING FLOOR

Ruth 3:2, winnowing: separating grain from the chaff

“...There must be a thorough transformation of character. The clear, sharp testimony of living truth will separate the wheat from the chaff, the half-hearted from the humble and devoted.” *The Signs of the Times*, June 26, 1884 8

WASH, ANOINT, RAIMENT

Ruth 3:3

2 Samuel 12:20, fourth anointing of David

MIDNIGHT

Ruth 3:8–9, unhidden

Ruth 3:11, acceptance: virtuous woman

TARRY

Ruth 3:13

SIX MEASURES IN THE VAIL

Ruth 3:15

CHAPTER 4

TWO KINSMEN

Ruth 4:1

Nearer kinsman, Ruth 3:12

Who will redeem? Christ or Satan?

GATE

Ruth 4:1

TEN ELDERS

Ruth 4:2, 11, witnesses

REDEEMING THE NAME

Ruth 4:10

MARRIAGE

Ruth 4:13

LINEAGE

Ruth 4:11–22

THE MARRIAGE FEAST

BY: MARK BRUCE

And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage:

and the door was shut. Matthew 25:10

THE THIRD WOE

FALLEN STAR

Revelation 9:1

Revelation 12:3, 4

BOTTOMLESS PIT

“‘When they shall have finished [are finishing] their testimony.’ The period when the two witnesses were to prophesy clothed in sackcloth, ended in 1798. As they were approaching the termination of their work in obscurity, war was to be made upon them by the power represented as ‘the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit.’ In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in church and state had for centuries been controlled by Satan through the medium of the papacy. But here is brought to view a new manifestation of satanic power.

“It had been Rome’s policy, under a profession of reverence for the Bible, to keep it locked up in an unknown tongue and hidden away from the people. Under her rule the witnesses prophesied ‘clothed in sackcloth.’ But another power—the beast from the bottomless pit—was to arise to make open, avowed war upon the word of God.’ *The Great Controversy*, 268, 269.

THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE

“The Jewish teachers had taken away from the people the key of knowledge. The rabbis had shut the kingdom of heaven against the poor and ignorant, leaving them to perish. Christ came to proclaim the Gospel to all humanity, high and low, rich and poor, learned and unlearned.’

“Christ is the originator of all truth. By the work of the enemy the precious gems of truth had been torn from their setting and placed in a frame-work of error. Christ came to replace the jewels of truth in their rightful position. He rescued them from the rubbish of error, gave them a new power, and bade them stand fast forever. He could use these truths with perfect freedom; for He was their author. He had cast them into the minds of each generation; and when He came to the world, He vitalized and re-arranged the truth which Satan had robbed of life. Clothing them with more than their original freshness and power, He gave them to the world for the benefit of future generations.’ *Signs of the Times*, May 1, 1901.

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 3, 105.

“A star fell from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.’

“While the Persian monarch contemplated the wonders of his art and power, he received an epistle from an obscure citizen of Mecca, inviting him to acknowledge Mahomet as the apostle of God. He rejected the invitation, and tore the epistle. ‘It is thus,’ exclaimed the Arabian prophet, ‘that God will tear the kingdom, and reject the supplication of Chosroes.’ Placed on the verge of these two empires of the east, Mahomet observed with secret joy the progress of mutual destruction; and in the midst of the Persian triumphs he ventured to foretell, that, before many years should elapse, victory should again return to the banners of the Romans.’ ‘At the time when this prediction is said to have been delivered no prophecy could be more distant from its accomplishment (!) since the first twelve years of Heraclius announced the approaching dissolution of the empire.’” Josiah Litch (1842), *Predeaux*, book 3, 163.

Battle of Nineveh between Heraclius (Eastern Rome) & Chosroes (Persia)

A TWO HORNED POWER

Medes and Persians = Persia

1798 France (Sodom and Egypt) = 1989 USSR

Daniel 11:40

CARCHEMISH

Long drawn out war between the King of the South (Egypt) and the King of the North (Assyria/Babylon) 625 BC – 606 BC

2 Chronicles 35:20–23

ARCHERS

Genesis 21:16–20

THIRD DECREE

Jeremiah 22:18–25

1989 The Rise of Islam

Revelation 9:2, 3, 10, 15

SHIA AND SUNNI

Ali ibn Abi Talib Shia successor by appointment from Allah

Abu Bekr Sunni successor through selection by the people

THIRD WOE

Revelation 7:1–3

EARTH/USA

Revelation 13:11

SEA/GENTILES

Revelation 17:15

Isaiah 60:5

TREES

Joel 1:11, 12

Isaiah 55:12

SEAL OF GOD

Jeremiah 15:16

Revelation 14:1

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world, are receiving the worldly mold, and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth, —these are receiving the heavenly mold, and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth, and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.” *Christian Experience and Teachings*, 191.

A WOMAN IN TRAVAIL

Numbers 22:21–27

“I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!’ Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.’}

“I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.” *Early Writings*, 38.

THE LORD SPEAKS

Numbers 22:28

2 Peter 2:15, 16

Ezekiel 33:21, 22

Jeremiah 52:11–13

FIVE MONTHS

Luke 1:24

FIRST WOE REPEATS/POWER TO HURT THE UNGODLY

Revelation 9:4, 5

THE RESTRAINT TO NOT HURT

“Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.”
Manuscript Releases, volume 20, 216.

Revelation 9:11

“Four mighty angels hold back the powers of this earth till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. The nations of the world are eager for conflict; but they are held in check by the angels. When this restraining power is removed, there will come a time of trouble and anguish. Deadly instruments of warfare will be invented. Vessels, with their living cargo, will be entombed in the great deep. All who have not the spirit of truth will unite under the leadership of satanic agencies. But they are to be kept under control till the time shall come for the great battle of Armageddon.” *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 967.

ANY GREEN THING

Isaiah 40:1

Isaiah 40:5–7

Deuteronomy 32:2

Hosea 14:8

Mark 8:23, 24

GOD'S PEOPLE PROTECTED

1 Samuel 25:15, 16

Luke 24:49

Luke 10:19

THE 6TH TRUMPET SECOND WOE/LOOSING BY A MESSAGE

Revelation 9:12–15

SOVEREIGNTY SURRENDERED TO THE TURKS

Constantine XI Palaiologos

“The Four Angels. – These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed.’

“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.¹ 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.’

“Let this historical fact be carefully examined in connection with the prediction given above. This was not a violent assault made on the Greeks, by which their empire was overthrown and their independence taken away, but simply a voluntary surrender of that independence into the hands of the Turks. The authority and supremacy of the Turkish power was acknowledged when Constantine virtually said, ‘I cannot reign unless you permit.’” Uriah Smith (1897), *Daniel and the Revelation*, 508.

ISLAM LOOSED BY GOD'S PEOPLE

Mark 11:1, 2

Genesis 41:28

FOUR DAYS/LAZARUS

John 11:17

John 11:40–44

BETHPHAGE

“The afternoon was half spent when Jesus sent his disciples to the village of Bethphage, saying: ‘Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.’” *Youth Instructor*, February 21, 1901.

Bethphage = House of the unripe fig.

RIPEN

“Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.’ ‘He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.’ In the East the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 506.

PERFECTION THROUGH SUFFERINGS

Hebrews 5:8, 9

THE RESTRAINT

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TWO WALLS

Exodus 14:21, 22

1846 SABBATH/MARRIAGE

“In 1846, on a visit to New Bedford, Mass., I became acquainted with Bro. Joseph Bates. He was keeping the Sabbath, and urged its importance. I did not feel its importance, and thought that Bro. B. erred in dwelling upon the fourth commandment more than the other nine. But the Lord gave me a vision. I was conducted to the second vail. It was lifted, and I beheld the ark, and on it the mercy-seat. Jesus raised the cover of the ark, and I beheld the tables of stone on which the ten commandments were written. I

was amazed as I saw the fourth commandment. A halo of glory was all around it; for it was the only one of the ten which points out to man who the living God is, the maker of heaven and earth.'

"August 30th, 1846 I was married to Elder James White." *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, 82.

SABBATH WALL

"The first day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. But I saw that it read the same as when written on the tables of stone by the finger of God, and delivered to Moses on Sinai, 'But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.' 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." *Christian Experience and Teachings*, 93.

MARRIAGE WALL

"When a woman relates her family troubles or complains of her husband to another man, she violates her marriage vows; she dishonors her husband and breaks down the wall erected to preserve the sanctity of the marriage relation; she throws wide open the door and invites Satan to enter with his insidious temptations." *Adventist Home*, 338.

SODOM/LICENTIOUSNESS/COUNTERFEIT MARRIAGE

"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 for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 80.

FOUR YEARS

"**And** the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying 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, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.' Rev. 9:13-15.'

"In the year 1449, at the death of the emperor of the Eastern Empire of Rome, that empire had dwindled almost to the very walls of the capital itself. And so certain did it seem that the capital itself must shortly fall, that the successor to the throne would not accept the place without the knowledge and permission of Amurath, the sultan of the Turks. And thus that empire at that time really passed under the control of the Turkish power; and all that remained to complete the blotting out of the empire in every respect, was the actual taking of the capital, which was accomplished in 1453." Alonzo Trevier Jones (September 11, 1900), *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, 584.

“Those whom His voice had awakened from the sleep of death were in that throng. Lazarus, whose body had seen corruption in the grave, but who now rejoiced in the strength of glorious manhood, led the beast on which the Saviour rode.” *Desire of Ages*, 572.

Revelation 11:14, 15

Revelation 10:7

THE THIRD WOE

“I saw that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished his work in the Sanctuary, he will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the Sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues.” *Review and Herald*, August 1, 1849.

“December 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shaking of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the Lord said ‘heaven,’ in giving the signs recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He meant heaven, and when He said ‘earth,’ He meant earth. The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God.’

“Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will come down through that open space. I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken, and that events come in order. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth, then the voice of God will shake the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the shaking of the angry nations.” *Christian Experience and Teachings*, 111.

“‘Nations angry’ thirty–eight years ago. He thinks ‘it takes them a long time to get fighting mad.’ The anger of the nations began with the great revolution of 1848. They have been ‘fighting mad’ much of the time since; but the winds have been held. Rev.7:1.” Uriah Smith (1895), *Replies to Elder Canrights Attacks on SDA's*, 79.

“We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars, and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. But while already nation is rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads. Then the powers of earth will marshal their forces for the last great battle.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 14.

THE SIGN OF JONAH THE PROPHET

EVIL GENERATION

Luke 11:29, 30

Acts 3:19, 20

“The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan.” SDA Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971.

THE SIGN/JONAH = DOVE

Matthew 3:15–17

FOURTH GENERATION

Mark 1:15

“After His baptism He went into Galilee, ‘preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, **The time is fulfilled.**’ Mark 1:14, 15.’

“And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week.’ The ‘week’ here brought to view is the last one of the seventy; **it is the last seven years of the period allotted especially to the Jews.** During this time, extending from A.D. 27 to A.D. 34, Christ, at first in person and afterward by His disciples, extended the gospel invitation especially to the Jews. As the apostles went forth with the good tidings of the kingdom, the Saviour's direction was: **‘Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’** Matthew 10:5, 6.” *The Great Controversy*, 327.

Matthew 18:21, 22

JUDGMENT IS UPON THE FOURTH GENERATION

Exodus 20:4, 5

“In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Law-giver. **It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone.** By misrepresenting the attributes of God, Satan leads men to conceive of Him in a false character. With many, a philosophical idol

is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the living God, as He is revealed in His word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few. Thousands deify nature while they deny the God of nature. **Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah.** The god of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists—the god of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia.” *The Great Controversy*, 583.

Matthew 23:29–36

THE LAST GENERATION

“Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. **Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us.** ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11). ‘Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into’ (1 Peter 1:12).” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338.

TIME OF VISITATION

Jeremiah 29:10

Isaiah 45:1–4

Jeremiah 15:16

CHRIST WITH US

Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:23

“Are you not halting between two opinions? Are you not neglecting to heed the light which God has given you? Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. You know not the time of your visitation. The great sin of the Jews was that of neglecting and rejecting present opportunities. As Jesus views the state of His professed followers today, He sees base ingratitude, hollow formalism, hypocritical insincerity, pharisaical pride and apostasy.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 72.

“Every man is brutish in his knowledge; every founder is confounded by his graven image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is his name.’ [Jeremiah 10:1, 2, 10–16.]” *Christian Education*, 103.

“As the message of Christ's first advent announced the kingdom of His grace, so the message of His second advent announces the kingdom of His glory. **And the second message, like the first, is based on the prophecies.** The words of the angel to Daniel relating to the last days were to be understood in the time of the end. At that time, ‘many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’ **‘The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.’** Daniel 12:4, 10. The Saviour Himself has given signs of His coming, and He says, ‘When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.’ ‘And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.’ ‘Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.’ Luke 21:31, 34, 36.’

“We have reached the period foretold in these scriptures. The time of the end is come, the visions of the prophets are unsealed, and their solemn warnings point us to our Lord's coming in glory as near at hand.’

“The Jews misinterpreted and misapplied the word of God, and they knew not the time of their visitation. The years of the ministry of Christ and His apostles, —the precious last years of grace to the chosen people, —they spent in plotting the destruction of the Lord's messengers. Earthly ambitions absorbed them, and the offer of the spiritual kingdom came to them in vain. So today the kingdom of this world absorbs men's thoughts, and they take no note of the rapidly fulfilling prophecies and the tokens of the swift-coming kingdom of God.” *Desire of Ages* 234, 235.

BUDDING TREES OF SPRING

Luke 21:7

Luke 21:29–32

Isaiah 27:8

“Christ had bidden His people watch for the signs of His advent and rejoice as they should behold the tokens of their coming King. ‘When these things begin to come to pass,’ He said, ‘then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.’ **He pointed His followers to the budding trees of spring**, and said: ‘When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.’ Luke 21:28, 30, 31.” *The Great Controversy*, 308.

Luke 21:20–22

“After the Romans under Cestius had surrounded the city, they unexpectedly abandoned the siege when everything seemed favorable for an immediate attack. The besieged, despairing of successful resistance, were on the point of surrender, when the Roman general withdrew his forces, without the least apparent reason. But God’s merciful providence was directing events for the good of his own people. The promised sign had been given to the waiting Christians,” *The Great Controversy*, 30.

Psalm 48–4–7

THIRD ANGEL

John 1:1, 2

“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.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

Jonah 1:3

JOPPA (BEAUTIFUL)

Acts 10:1–5

Acts 3:1, 2

TARSHISH

Ezekiel 27:12–26

Jonah 1:4

MIGHTY TEMPEST

Acts 27:14

911 TARSHISH IS BROKEN

Psalms 48:2–7

Isaiah 27:1, 8, 9

EGYPT IS THE DRAGON/TENTH PART

Ezekiel 29:3

“**Kings and rulers and governors** have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, **and are represented as the dragon** who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

AHAB AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

Prophets of Baal = Protestant Horn (USA)

Ahab = Republican Horn (USA)

Ahab = King of ten nations (UN)

Jezebel = Papacy

Pharaoh = Ahab the King of Egypt

Genesis 40:9–13

STATE = MILITARY AND ECONOMIC

Daniel 11:40

CASTING OUR WARES

Jonah 1:5

“Jesus did not seek you and me because we were his friends; for we were estranged from him, and unreconciled to God. It was while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. **But he has promised to give us his Holy Spirit, that we might become assimilated to his nature, changed into his image.** Therefore we must put away everything like passion, impatience, murmuring, and unrest, and find a place for Jesus in the heart. **We must have the buyers and the sellers cleared out of the soul-temple,** that Jesus may take up his abode within us. Now he stands at the door of the heart **as a heavenly merchantman;** he says, ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and will open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.’ **‘Open unto me; buy of me the heavenly wares; buy of me the gold tried in the fire.’** Buy faith and love, the precious, beautiful attributes of our Redeemer, which will enable us to find our way into the hearts of those who do not know him, who are cold and alienated from him through unbelief and sin. He invites us to buy the white raiment, which is his glorious righteousness: and the eyesalve, that we may discern spiritual things. O, shall we not open the heart's door to this heavenly visitor?” *Bible Echo*, January 15, 1892.

“As the mariners were beseeching their heathen gods for help, the master of the ship, **distressed beyond measure,** sought out Jonah and said, **‘What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God,** if so be that God will think upon us, **that we perish not.’** Verse 6.” *Prophets and Kings*, 267.

FEAR OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Deuteronomy 2:14, 24, 25

Deuteronomy 18:22

DISTRESS OF NATIONS

“Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. As He warned His disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, **giving them a sign of the approaching ruin,** that they might make their escape; **so He has warned the world of the day of final destruction and has given them tokens of its approach,** that all who will may flee from the wrath to come. Jesus declares: ‘There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth **distress of nations.**’ Luke 21:25; Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24–26; Revelation 6:12–17. Those who behold these harbingers of His

coming are to 'know that it is near, even at the doors.' Matthew 24:33. 'Watch ye therefore,' are His words of admonition. Mark 13:35. They that heed the warning shall not be left in darkness, that that day should overtake them unawares. But to them that will not watch, 'the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.' 1 Thessalonians 5:2–5." *The Great Controversy*, 37.

CASTING LOTS

Jonah 1:7

Joel 3:3

"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. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. **So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God.** It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied.' *Christ's Object Lessons*, 412.

BINDING OFF/NUMBER 4

Jonah 1:8

FIRST ANGELS MESSAGE

Jonah 1:9

Revelation 14:6, 7

A LONG JOURNEY

Jonah 1:10

Numbers 9:10, 11

THE WIND IS RESTRAINED

Jonah 1:11–13

“There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. **They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.** If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them.’

“The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. Of the men who by robbery and extortion are amassing great riches, it is written: ‘Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.’ James 5:3–6.’

“But who reads the warnings given by the fast-fulfilling signs of the times? What impression is made upon worldlings? What change is seen in their attitude? No more than was seen in the attitude of the inhabitants of the Noachian world. Absorbed in worldly business and pleasure, the antediluvians ‘knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away.’ Matthew 24:39. They had heaven-sent warnings, but they refused to listen. And today the world, utterly regardless of the warning voice of God, is hurrying on to eternal ruin.’ *Testimonies*, volume 9, 14, 15.

MIDNIGHT CRY

Jonah 1:14, 15

Psalm 2:1–5

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

Jonah 1:16, 17

Matthew 12:39–41

PERSECUTION

Jonah 2:1–7

HOLY TEMPLE

Psalm 5:4-7

Psalm 138:1-8

“With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals, men 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 Sunday laws. But those who fear God, cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield will be fought the last great conflict in the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Today, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.” *Conflict and Courage*, 245.

Jonah 2:8-10

THE RAISING OF ELISHA

A PROPHECY FULFILLED

Deuteronomy 18:18

“Moses, near the close of his work as a leader and teacher of Israel, plainly prophesied of the Messiah to come. ‘The Lord thy God, ’ he declared to the assembled hosts of Israel, ‘will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken.’ And Moses assured the Israelites that God Himself had revealed this to him while in Mount Horeb, saying, ‘I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him.’ Deuteronomy 18:15, 18.” *Acts the Apostles, 222.*

1 Corinthians 15:46

TWO WITNESSES/ELIJAH MOSES

Moses died and replaced by Joshua

JOHN TO JESUS

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. **Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus.’**

“Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.” *Early Writings, 260.*

ELIJAH TO ELISHA

1 Kings 19:15, 16

“God had bidden Elijah anoint another to be prophet in his stead. ‘Elisha the son of Shaphat . . . shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room’ (1 Kings 19:16), He had said; and in obedience to the command, Elijah went to find Elisha. As he journeyed northward, how changed was the scene from what it had been only a short while before! Then the ground was parched, the farming districts unworked, **for neither dew nor rain had fallen for three and a half years. Now on every hand vegetation was springing up as if to redeem the time of drought and famine.” *Prophets and Kings, 217.***

WATERS DRIED UP

Genesis 8:13

1 Kings 17:1

Luke 4:25

1260 YEARS

“Then, said the angel, **‘He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [seven years].’** For seven years after the Saviour entered on His ministry, the gospel was to be preached especially to the Jews; for three and a half years by Christ Himself; and afterward by the apostles. ‘In the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.’ Daniel 9:27. In the spring of A. D. 31, Christ the true sacrifice was offered on Calvary.” *Desire of Ages*, 233.

OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

‘In all the journeyings of Israel, ‘the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them, . . . to search out a resting place for them.’ Numbers 10:33. Borne by the sons of Kohath, the sacred chest containing God's holy law was to lead the van. **Before it went Moses and Aaron; and the priests**, bearing silver trumpets, were stationed near. **These priests received directions from Moses, which they communicated to the people by the trumpets.** It was the duty of the leaders of each company to give definite directions concerning all the movements to be made, as indicated by the trumpets. **Whoever neglected to comply with the directions given was punished with death.**’ *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 375.

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1 Kings 19:19–21

TWO WALLS

2 Kings 2:8, 9

Exodus 14:21, 22

SPIRIT OF CHRIST

“Elisha received a double portion of the spirit that had rested on Elijah. **In him the power of Elijah's spirit was united with the gentleness, mercy, and tender compassion of the Spirit of Christ** (Letter 93, 1902).” *SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 2, 1037.

2 Kings 2:12–25

CHRIST TYPIFIED THE 144000

“They rejoiced in the promise that God had made to his servant Moses: **‘I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth;** and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.’” Again they read how the Lord should anoint Him to preach good tidings unto the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. They read how he would set judgment in the earth, how the isles should wait for his law, **how the Gentiles would come to his light, and kings to the brightness of his rising.**” *Signs of the Times*, January 20, 1890.

Isaiah 60:1–5

EATING HIS WORD

Deuteronomy 18:18

Jeremiah 15:16–18

Habakkuk 2:1–3

Jeremiah 15:19–21

Acts 3:19–24

SAMUEL PRECIOUS AND THE VILE

1 Samuel 3:1, 2

John 9:37–41

1 Samuel 3:3–13

“Three times Samuel was called, and thrice he responded in like manner. And then Eli was convinced that the mysterious call was the voice of God. The Lord had passed by His chosen servant, the man of hoary hairs, to commune with a child. This in itself **was a bitter** yet deserved rebuke to Eli and his house.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 581.

CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

“Again the piercing look of Jesus swept over the desecrated **court of the temple**. All eyes were turned toward Him. Priest and ruler, Pharisee and Gentile, looked with astonishment and awe upon Him who stood before them with the majesty of heaven's King. **Divinity flashed through humanity**, investing Christ with a dignity and glory He

had never manifested before. Those standing nearest Him drew as far away as the crowd would permit. Except for a few of His disciples, the Saviour stood alone. Every sound was hushed. The deep silence seemed unbearable. Christ spoke with a power that swayed the people like a mighty tempest: 'It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.' His voice sounded like a trumpet through the temple. The displeasure of His countenance seemed like consuming fire. With authority He commanded, 'Take these things hence.' John 2:16." *Desire of Ages*, 590.

Ezekiel 9:1, 2

"Who are standing in the counsel of God at this time? Is it those who virtually excuse wrongs among the professed people of God and who murmur in their hearts, if not openly, against those who would reprove sin? Is it those who take their stand against them and sympathize with those who commit wrong? No, indeed! Unless they repent, and leave the work of Satan in oppressing those who have the burden of the work and in holding up the hands of sinners in Zion, they will never receive the mark of God's sealing approval. They will fall in the general destruction of the wicked, represented by the work of the five men bearing slaughter weapons. Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those 'that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done' in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel.'

"But the general slaughter of all those who do not thus see the wide contrast between sin and righteousness, and do not feel as those do who stand in the counsel of God and receive the mark, is described in the order to the five men with slaughter weapons: 'Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.'

"In the case of Achan's sin God said to Joshua: 'Neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.' How does this instance compare with the course pursued by those who will not raise their voice against sin and wrong, but whose sympathies are ever found with those who trouble the camp of Israel with their sins? Said God to Joshua: 'Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.' He pronounced the punishment which would follow the transgression of His covenant." *Testimonies*, volume 3, 267.

FOURTH ABOMINATION

Ezekiel 8:16

TEMPLE CLEANSING

Ezekiel 9:3–6

IMAGE TO/OF THE BEAST

IMAGE OF THE BEAST

“But 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. 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.” *The Great Controversy*, 443.

IMAGE TO THE BEAST

“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. The ‘mark of the beast’ still remains to be defined.” *The Great Controversy*, 445.

“But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.” *The Great Controversy*, 448.

Revelation 13:11, 12

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 442.

“Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38.

THE GREAT TEST SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY

“Several times, during our conversation, in which you became very much in earnest, you repeated the sentence, ‘O consistency, thou art a jewel!’ I repeat the same with decided force to you. You say that Anna's visions place the forming of the image of the beast after probation closes. This is not so. You claim to believe the testimonies; let them set you right on this point. **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 for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 80.

HEART OF A DRAGON

“Religious powers, allied to heaven by profession, and claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, **will show by their acts that they have the heart of a dragon** and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan.’ Testimonies Volume 9 Page 229

“One of the marked characteristics of these false religious powers in that while they profess to have the character and features of a lamb, while they profess to be allied to heaven, they reveal by their actions that they have the heart of a dragon, that they are instigated by and united with satanic power, the same power that created war in heaven when Satan sought the supremacy and was expelled from heaven.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 30.

Luke 6:45

THE CAUSE

John 8:43, 44

1 John 3:9

TRUE MARRIAGE

“**By the marriage is represented the union of humanity with divinity;** the wedding garment represents the character which all must possess who shall be accounted fit guests for the wedding.” *Christ's Object Lessons*, 307.

2 Peter 1:3, 4

“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. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and

the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, **something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God.** It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. **The great final test comes at the close of human probation,** when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 412.

FALSE MARRIAGE

"The second commandment forbids the worship of the true God by images or similitudes. Many heathen nations claimed that their images were mere figures or symbols by which the Deity was worshiped, but God has declared such worship to be sin. The attempt to represent the Eternal One by material objects would lower man's conception of God. The mind, turned away from the infinite perfection of Jehovah, would be attracted to the creature rather than to the Creator. And as his conceptions of God were lowered, so would man become degraded.'

"I the Lord thy God am a jealous God.' The close and sacred relation of God to His people is represented under the figure of marriage. Idolatry being spiritual adultery, the displeasure of God against it is fitly called jealousy." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 306.

A FALLING AWAY/PERGAMOS

"Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines. **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. An example of this is given in the long-continued persecution of dissenters by the Church of England. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, thousands of nonconformist ministers were forced to flee from their churches, and many, both of pastors and people, were subjected to fine, imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom.'

"It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. Said Paul: 'There' shall 'come a falling away, . . . and that man of sin be revealed.' 2 Thessalonians 2:3. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.'

"The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord there will exist a state of religious declension similar to that in the first centuries. 'In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of

godliness, but denying the power thereof.' 2 Timothy 3:1–5. **'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.'** 1 Timothy 4:1. Satan will work 'with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.' And all that 'received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, ' will be left to accept 'strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.' 2 Thessalonians 2:9–11. **When this state of ungodliness shall be reached, the same results will follow as in the first centuries.'** *The Great Controversy*, 444.

MIRACLES DURING THE MIDNIGHT CRY

"Those who have had the light on the law of God, and yet have refused to accept that light, are not under the influence of the Spirit of God, whatever professions they may make or **whatever wonderful works may be done through them**. They are deceived by the sophistry of Satan. **But they love his deceptions; for he exalts self, and leads them to trust in their own goodness;** and this is more pleasing than to see themselves as they appear before a just and holy God.'

"Said Christ: 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'"

"These may profess to be followers of Christ, but they have lost sight of their Leader. They may say, 'Lord, Lord;' they may point to the sick who are healed through them, and to other marvelous works, and claim that they have more of the Spirit and power of God than is manifested by those who keep his law. **But their works are done under the supervision of the enemy of righteousness, whose aim it is to deceive souls,** and are designed to lead away from obedience, truth, and duty. In the near future there will be still more marked manifestations of this miracle-working power; for it is said of him, 'and he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.'" *Sign of the Times*, February 26, 1885.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

"The change of the Sabbath is the sign or mark of the authority of the Romish church. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. **The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment.'**

“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.**” *Evangelism*, 234.

“We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. 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.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 380.

SECOND IMAGE

Revelation 13:11–14

FIRE FROM HEAVEN

“Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. **Miracles will be wrought**, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. **Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven** in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.” *Evangelism*, 700.

“These persons overlook the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the wonders wrought by Satan and his agents. **It was by satanic aid that Pharaoh's magicians were enabled to counterfeit the work of God**. Paul testifies that before the second advent of Christ there will be similar manifestations of satanic power. The coming of the Lord is to be preceded by ‘the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10. And the apostle John, describing the miracle-working power that will be manifested in the last days, declares: ‘He doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those

miracles which he had power to do.' Revelation 13:13, 14. **No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do.**" *The Great Controversy*, 553.

"It is stated in the Word that the enemy **will work through his agents who have departed from the faith**, and they will seemingly work miracles, even to the bringing down of fire out of heaven in the sight of men." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 54.

WORLD IMAGE TO THE BEAST

Revelation 13:15–17

WORLD SUNDAY LAW

"Never did this message apply with greater force than it applies today. More and more the world is setting at nought the claims of God. Men have become bold in transgression. The wickedness of the inhabitants of the world has almost filled up the measure of their iniquity. This earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it. 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.

DEATH DECREE

"I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. **A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance.** This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters, 'Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting.' I asked who this company were. The angel said, 'These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up.' ..." *Early Writings*, 36.

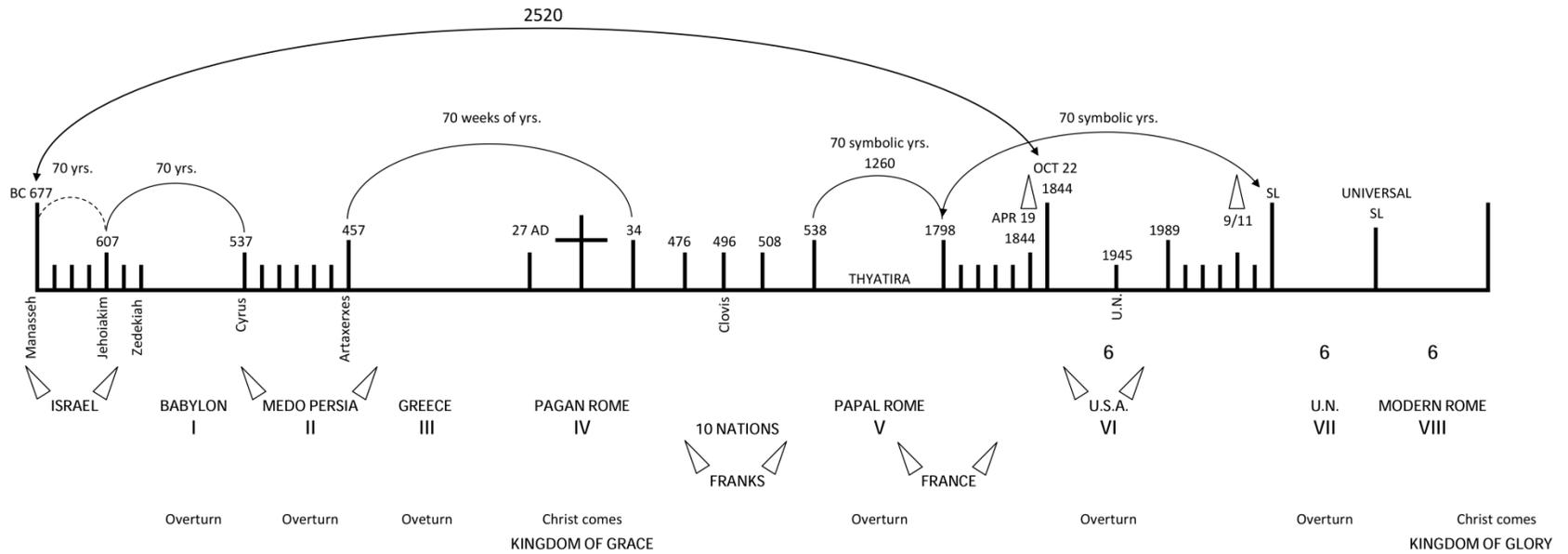
PROPHETIC HISTORY

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*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words
of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written
therein: for the time [is] at hand. Revelation 1:3.*

KINGDOMS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

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THE RISE & FALL OF NATIONS

“The Bible is the most ancient and the most comprehensive history that men possess. It came fresh from the fountain of eternal truth, and throughout the ages a divine hand has preserved its purity. It lights up the far-distant past, where human research in vain seeks to penetrate. In God's word only do we behold the power that laid the foundations of the earth and that stretched out the heavens. **Here only do we find an authentic account of the origin of nations.** Here only is given a history of our race unsullied by human pride or prejudice.

“In the annals of human history the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as dependent on the will and prowess of man. The shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, **behind, above, and through all the play and counterplay of human interests and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will.**

“The Bible reveals the true philosophy of history. In those words of matchless beauty and tenderness spoken by the apostle Paul to the sages of Athens is set forth **God's purpose in the creation and distribution of races and nations:** He ‘hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him.’ Acts 17:26, 27. **God declares that whosoever will may come ‘into the bond of the covenant.’** Ezekiel 20:37. In the creation it was His purpose that the earth be inhabited by beings whose existence should be a blessing to themselves and to one another, and an honor to their Creator. All who will may identify themselves with this purpose. Of them it is spoken, ‘This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise.’ Isaiah 43:21.

“**God has revealed in His law the principles that underlie all true prosperity both of nations and of individuals.** ‘This is your wisdom and your understanding,’ Moses declared to the Israelites of **the law of God.** ‘It is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life.’ Deuteronomy 4:6; 32:47. **The blessings thus assured to Israel are, on the same conditions and in the same degree, assured to every nation and every individual under the broad heavens.**

“The power exercised by every ruler on the earth is Heaven-imparted; and upon his use of the power thus bestowed, his success depends. To each the word of the divine Watcher is, ‘I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me.’ Isaiah 45:5. And to each the words spoken to Nebuchadnezzar of old are the lesson of life: ‘Break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.’ Daniel 4:27.

“To understand these things,—to understand that ‘righteousness exalteth a nation;’ that ‘the throne is established by righteousness’ and ‘upholden by mercy’ (Proverbs 14:34; 16:12; Proverbs 20:28); to recognize the outworking of these principles in the manifestation of His power who ‘removeth kings, and setteth up kings’ (Daniel 2:21),—this is to understand the philosophy of history.

“In the word of God only is this clearly set forth. Here it is shown that the strength of nations, as of individuals, is not found in the opportunities or facilities that appear to make them invincible; it is not found in their boasted greatness. It is measured by the fidelity with which they fulfill God's purpose.

“An illustration of this truth is found in the history of ancient Babylon. **To Nebuchadnezzar the king the true object of national government was represented under the figure of a great tree**, whose height ‘reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: the leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all;’ under its shadow the beasts of the field dwelt, and among its branches the birds of the air had their habitation. Daniel 4:11, 12. **This representation shows the character of a government that fulfills God's purpose—a government that protects and upbuilds the nation.**

“God exalted Babylon that it might fulfill this purpose. Prosperity attended the nation until it reached a height of wealth and power that has never since been equaled—fitly represented in the Scriptures by the inspired symbol, a ‘head of gold.’ Daniel 2:38.

“**But the king failed of recognizing the power that had exalted him.** Nebuchadnezzar in the pride of his heart said: ‘Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?’ Daniel 4:30.

“Instead of being a protector of men, Babylon became a proud and cruel oppressor. The words of Inspiration picturing the cruelty and greed of rulers in Israel reveal the secret of Babylon's fall and of the fall of many another kingdom since the world began: ‘Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.’ Ezekiel 34:3, 4.

“To the ruler of Babylon came the sentence of the divine Watcher: O king, ‘to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.’ Daniel 4:31.

‘Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, Sit on the ground: there is no throne.... Sit thou silent, And get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; For thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.’ Isaiah 47:1–5.

'O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, Thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness,' 'Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, Shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.'

"I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.' Jeremiah 51:13; Isaiah 13:19; 14:23.

"Every nation that has come upon the stage of action has been permitted to occupy its place on the earth, that it might be seen whether it would fulfill the purpose of 'the Watcher and the Holy One.' Prophecy has traced the rise and fall of the world's great empires—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. With each of these, as with nations of less power, history repeated itself. Each had its period of test, each failed, its glory faded, its power departed, and its place was occupied by another.

"While the nations rejected God's principles, and in this rejection wrought their own ruin, it was still manifest that the divine, overruling purpose was working through all their movements.

"This lesson is taught in a wonderful symbolic representation given to the prophet Ezekiel during his exile in the land of the Chaldeans. The vision was given at a time when Ezekiel was weighed down with sorrowful memories and troubled forebodings. The land of his fathers was desolate. Jerusalem was depopulated. The prophet himself was a stranger in a land where ambition and cruelty reigned supreme. As on every hand he beheld tyranny and wrong, his soul was distressed, and he mourned day and night. But the symbols presented to him revealed a power above that of earthly rulers.

"Upon the banks of the river Chebar, Ezekiel beheld a whirlwind seeming to come from the north, 'a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber.' A number of wheels, intersecting one another, were moved by four living beings. High above all these 'was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.' 'And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.' Ezekiel 1:4, 26; 10:8. The wheels were so complicated in arrangement that at first sight they appeared to be in confusion; but they moved in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings, sustained and guided by the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, were impelling these wheels; above them, upon the sapphire throne, was the Eternal One; and round about the throne a rainbow, the emblem of divine mercy.

"As the wheellike complications were under the guidance of the hand beneath the wings of the cherubim, so **the complicated play of human events is under divine**

control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations, He that sitteth above the cherubim still guides the affairs of the earth.

“The history of nations that one after another **have occupied their allotted time and place**, unconsciously witnessing to the truth of which they themselves knew not the meaning, speaks to us. To every nation and to every individual of today God has assigned a place in His great plan. **Today men and nations are being measured by the plummet** in the hand of Him who makes no mistake. All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and **God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes.**

“The history which the great I AM has marked out in His word, uniting link after link in the prophetic chain, from eternity in the past to eternity in the future, tells us where we are today in the procession of the ages, and what may be expected in the time to come. All that prophecy has foretold as coming to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled in its order.

“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.’

“**That time is at hand.** Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation. **Before our eyes is fulfilling the Saviour's prophecy of the events to precede His coming:** ‘Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.’ Matthew 24:6, 7. . . .

“**Angels are now restraining the winds of strife**, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.” *Education*, 173–179.

SEVEN TIMES SCATTERING

“God specified also the sure result of a disregard for His commands. ‘If ye will not hearken unto me,” He said, “and will not do all these commandments, ... 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. 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. 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, 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.’

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. *Manuscript 40–1898, March 13, 1898.*

SEVEN TIMES: PERFECTION OF INTENSITY AND DURATION

JOSHUA V. HIMES (1844)

“We find the following able argument on the chronology of the seven times, in the prophetic writings of M. Habershon—an English writer of considerable distinction. This will show that this prophetic period, is not peculiar to Mr. Miller, and that those who are familiar with the Hebrew, do not all reject it.

“‘In the book of Daniel as well as the Revelation the word time is used to express an acknowledged chronological period of a determined and unequivocal duration, the meaning of which has been already explained; and to my mind, after a very close consideration of the subject, the perfection of calamity which has fallen upon the whole Jewish nation, has a perfection of duration attached to it, in the clear intelligible, and divinely accredited term of seven times, named in four several places in this important prophecy of the 26th of Leviticus: “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.” (verses 27, 28; likewise 18—21, and 24). And although the Hebrew term here used is not exactly the same expression, as seven times in the latter prophets; yet, I conclude, from the peculiarity of its phraseology; and from its standing in this remarkable position, that, although the term is rather more obscure than that which is subsequently employed, yet, notwithstanding, it has a direct reference to a determined period.” Joshua V. Himes, *The Advent Herald and Signs of the Times Reporter*, 54; March 20, 1844.

JAMES WHITE (1864)

“...Now what is meant by this repeated expression of seven times? We reply, It denotes, not the duration of the punishment, but its **intensity and severity**. It is well expressed in the language of verse 21, thus: ‘I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.’ **The number seven denoting perfection, we are undoubtedly to understand by this expression, the fullness of their punishment;** that the measure of their national sins, would in every case be fully equaled by the measure of their national calamities.” James White, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, 68, January 26, 1864.

SEVEN TIMES

STRONG’S H7651

sheh’-bah, shib-aw’

From H7650; a primitive cardinal number; *seven* (as the sacred *full* one); also (adverbially) *seven times*; by implication a *week*; by extension an *indefinite* number: – (+ **by seven** [–fold], –s, [–teen, –teenth], –th, times).

STRONG’S H7650

shaw-bah’

A primitive root; properly to *be complete*, but used only as a denominative from H7651; to *seven* oneself, that is, *swear* (as if by repeating a declaration seven times): – adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for H7646], take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.

PUNISHMENT BY SEVEN

2520 = 360 x 7

1260 = 180 x 7

126 = 18 x 7 (Belshazzar)

70 = 10 x 7

7 years of madness of Nebuchadnezzar

7 last plagues

7 trumpets

7000 years of the curse upon the earth before sin is destroyed

DATING SABBATICAL AND JUBILEE YEARS

“Special laws were given to the Israelites in regard to the tilling of the soil. [**Leviticus 25:1–7**, quoted.]

“These laws seem peculiar to those who have not known God's statutes; but the Lord knew better than man what arrangements to make with His people. These laws were written down, and **the seventh year after they settled in Canaan was to be a Sabbath year.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 394.

THE SEVEN LAST KINGS OF JUDAH

(Chronology Based on “The Annals of the World” by James Ussher)

- 677 BC Captivity of **Manasseh [forget]** by Assyria (2 Chronicles 33:9, 11)
- 643 BC Manasseh dies, and his son **Amon [architect]** becomes king. Amon reigns for 2 years and is murdered (2 Kings 21:18–24)
- 641 BC **Josiah [foundation]**, son of Amon becomes king (2 Kings 22:1–2)
- 610 BC Josiah dies at Megiddo [assemble] (2 Kings 23:29, 2 Chronicles 35:20–24)
Jehoahaz [seized] (also known as Shallum [retribution]) son of Josiah is made king by the people. Pharaoh Nechoh removes him after 3 months and carries him to Egypt, where he dies (2 Chronicles 36:1–4)
Jehoiakim [raise] (also known as Eliakim [raise]) son of Josiah is made king by Pharaoh Nechoh (2 Kings 23:34–37)
- 607 BC Jeremiah prophesies the destruction of Jerusalem and the 70 years of Babylonian captivity (Jeremiah 25:1–12)
Battle of Carchemish, where Egypt was defeated (fourth year of Jehoiakim) (Jeremiah 46:1–2)
First siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar; Daniel and his friends taken and brought to Babylon (Daniel 1:1–4). Beginning of the 70 years of captivity (Jeremiah 25:11–12)
- 604 BC Jehoiakim rebels against Nebuchadnezzar after three years of submission (2 Kings 24:1–2) it takes Nebuchadnezzar a few years to be able to respond.
- 599 BC [597] Jehoiakim dies (Jeremiah 22:18–19)
Jehoiakim's son **Jehoiachin [establish, tarry]** (also known as Jeconiah [establish, tarry]) is made king. He reigned 3 months and 10 days, and was captured by the Chaldeans and deposed. Then taken to Babylon where he lived and died. (2 Kings 24:8–16)
Second siege of Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar made Mattaniah [gift of Jah] the son of Josiah, king in place of Jehoiachin his uncle and changed his name to **Zedekiah [cleansed]** (2 Kings 24:17–20)
- 589 BC Last siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings 24: 8–16)
- 588 BC [587 or 586] Destruction of the first temple

PUNISHMENT PROVOKED BY MANASSEH’S SINS

2 Kings 21:7, 11–16

FIRST 7 TIMES (MANASSEH)

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: 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 26:18–20.

677 BC CAPTIVITY OF MANASSEH BY ASSYRIA

2 Chronicles 33: 9–11

AN EARNEST

“Faithfully the prophets continued their warnings and their exhortations; fearlessly they spoke to Manasseh and to his people; but the messages were scorned; backsliding Judah would not heed. **As an earnest** of what would befall the people **should they continue impenitent**, the Lord permitted their king to be captured by a band of Assyrian soldiers, who ‘bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon,’ their temporary capital. This affliction brought the king to his senses; ‘he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto Him: and He was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord He was God.’ 2 Chronicles 33:11–13. **But this repentance, remarkable though it was, came too late to save the kingdom from the corrupting influence of years of idolatrous practices.** Many had stumbled and fallen, never again to rise.” *Prophets and Kings*, 382.

NOT ENOUGH TO UNDO MANASSEH’S INFLUENCE

2 Kings 23:25–27

SECOND 7 TIMES (JEHOIAKIM)

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring **seven times** more plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send **wild beasts** among you, which **shall rob you of your children**, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. Leviticus 26:21–22.

ROBBED OF YOUR CHILDREN

2 Kings 20:16–18

FIRST SIEGE; DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS TAKEN TO BABYLON

Daniel 1:1–4

BEGINNING OF THE 70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON

Jeremiah 25:1, 9–12

“The first years of **Jehoiakim's** reign were filled with warnings of approaching doom. The word of the Lord spoken by the prophets was about to be fulfilled. The Assyrian power to the northward, long supreme, was no longer to rule the nations. Egypt on the south, in whose power the king of Judah was vainly placing his trust, was soon to receive a decided check. All unexpectedly a new world power, the Babylonian Empire, was rising to the eastward and swiftly overshadowing all other nations.

“Within a few short years the king of Babylon was to be used as the instrument of God's wrath upon impenitent Judah. Again and again Jerusalem was to be invested and entered by the besieging armies of Nebuchadnezzar. Company after company—at first a few only, but later on thousands and tens of thousands—were to be taken captive to the land of Shinar, there to dwell in enforced exile. Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah—all these Jewish kings were in turn to become vassals of the Babylonian ruler, and all in turn were to rebel. Severer and yet more severe chastisements were to be inflicted upon the rebellious nation, until at last the entire land was to become a desolation, Jerusalem was to be laid waste and burned with fire, the temple that Solomon had built was to be destroyed, and the kingdom of Judah was to fall, never again to occupy its former position among the nations of earth.” *Prophets and Kings*, 422.

“God had pleaded with Judah not to provoke Him to anger, but they had **hearkened not. Finally sentence was pronounced against them. They were to be led away captive to Babylon.** The Chaldeans were to be used as the instrument by which God would chastise His disobedient people. The sufferings of the men of Judah were to be in proportion to the light they had had and to the warnings they had despised and rejected. Long had God delayed His judgments, but now He would visit His displeasure upon them as a last effort to check them in their evil course.” *Prophets and Kings*, 425.

WILD BEASTS

2 Kings 24:1–4

“It was God's purpose that Jehoiakim should heed the counsels of Jeremiah and thus win favor in the eyes of Nebuchadnezzar and save himself much sorrow. The youthful king had sworn allegiance to the Babylonian ruler, and **had he remained true to his promise he would have commanded the respect of the heathen**, and this would have led to precious opportunities for the conversion of souls.

“Scorning the unusual privileges granted him, Judah's king willfully followed a way of his own choosing. He violated his word of honor to the Babylonian ruler, and rebelled. This brought him and his kingdom into a very strait place. **Against him were sent ‘bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon,’** and he was powerless to prevent the land from being overrun by these marauders. 2 Kings 24:2. Within a few years he closed his disastrous reign in ignominy, rejected of Heaven, unloved by his people, and despised by the rulers of Babylon whose confidence he had betrayed—and all as the result of his fatal mistake in turning from the purpose of God as revealed through His appointed messenger.” *Prophets and Kings*, 437, 438.

THIRD 7 TIMES (JEHOIACHIN)

And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet **seven times** for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and **ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy**. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied. Leviticus 26:23–26.

SECOND SIEGE OF JERUSALEM

2 Kings 24:8–16

FOURTH 7 TIMES (ZEDEKIAH)

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.** As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. Leviticus 26:27-35.

LAST SIEGE; THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

2 Chronicles 36:11-21

THE KINGDOMS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

SCATTERING OF JUDAH

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‘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.

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EZEKIEL 21:25–27

And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: 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.

OVERTURN

“The Creator has given abundant evidence that his power is unlimited, that **he can establish kingdoms, and overturn kingdoms.** He upholds the world by the word of his power....” *Youth Instructor*, April 4, 1905.

THRONE OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID

“To the ‘profane wicked prince’ had come the day of final reckoning. ‘Remove the diadem,’ the Lord decreed, ‘and take off the crown.’ **Not until Christ Himself should set up His kingdom was Judah again to be permitted to have a king.** ‘I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it,’ **was the divine edict concerning the throne of the house of David;** ‘and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Ezekiel 21:25–27.” *Prophets and Kings*, 451.

CROWN REMOVED FROM ISRAEL

Babylon	Overturn
Medo–Persia	Overturn
Greece	Overturn
Rome	Christ Comes

NOTE IN THE APPENDIX OF PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS (1890)

“...In the days of Samuel the people asked that they might have a king. This was allowed, and God chose Saul, and Samuel anointed him king of Israel. Saul failed to do the will of God; and as he rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord rejected him from being king and sent Samuel to anoint David king of Israel; and David’s throne God established forevermore. When Solomon succeeded to the kingdom in the place of David his father, the record is: **‘then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father.’ 1 Chronicles 29:23.** David’s throne was the throne of the Lord, and Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king over the earthly kingdom of God. The succession to the throne descended in David’s line to Zedekiah, who was made subject to the king of Babylon, and who entered into a solemn covenant before God that he would loyally render allegiance to the king of Babylon. But Zedekiah broke his covenant, and then God said to him:

“‘Thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord God; remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: 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 21:25–27. See also chapter 17:1–21.

“The kingdom was then subject to Babylon. When Babylon fell, and Medo–Persia succeeded, it was overturned the first time. When Medo–Persia fell and was succeeded by Greece, it was overturned the second time. When the Greek empire gave way to Rome, it was overturned the third time. And then says the word, ‘it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.’ who is he whose right it is? ‘Thou . . . Shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.’ Luke 1:31–33. And while he was here as ‘that prophet,’ a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, the night in which he was betrayed he himself declared, ‘my kingdom is not of this world.’ thus the throne of the Lord has been removed from this world and will ‘be no more, until he come whose right it is,’ and then it will be given him. And that time is the end of this world, and the beginning of ‘the world to come.’

“To the twelve apostles the Saviour said, ‘I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’ Luke 22:29, 30. From Matthew’s account of Christ’s promise to the twelve we learn when it will be fulfilled; ‘in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’ Matthew 19:28. In the parable of the

talents, Christ represents himself under the figure of a nobleman who 'went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.' Luke 19:12. And he himself has told us when he will sit upon the throne of his glory: 'when the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations.' Matthew 25:31, 32.

"To this time the revelator looks forward when he says, 'the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our lord, and of his christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.' Revelation 11:15...." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 761–763.

TRUE CORONATION OF CHRIST

"...The Saviour knew that His days of personal ministry on earth were nearly ended, and that few would receive Him as their Redeemer. In travail and conflict of soul He prayed for His disciples. They were to be grievously tried. Their long-cherished hopes, based on a popular delusion, were to be disappointed in a most painful and humiliating manner. **In the place of His exaltation to the throne of David they were to witness His crucifixion. This was to be indeed His true coronation....** *The Desire of Ages*, 379.

KINGDOM OF GRACE AND KINGDOM OF GLORY

"The announcement which had been made by the disciples in the name of the Lord was in every particular correct, and the events to which it pointed were even then taking place. 'The time is fulfilled, **the kingdom of God is at hand,**' had been their message. At the expiration of 'the time'—the sixty-nine weeks of Daniel 9, which were to extend to the Messiah, 'the Anointed One'—Christ had received the anointing of the Spirit after His baptism by John in Jordan. And **the 'kingdom of God' which they had declared to be at hand was established by the death of Christ. This kingdom was not, as they had been taught to believe, an earthly empire.** Nor was it that future, immortal kingdom which shall be set up when 'the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;' that everlasting kingdom, in which 'all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' Daniel 7:27. **As used in the Bible, the expression 'kingdom of God' is employed to designate both the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of glory.** The kingdom of grace is brought to view by Paul in the Epistle to the Hebrews. After pointing to Christ, the compassionate intercessor who is 'touched with the feeling of our infirmities,' the apostle says: 'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace.' Hebrews 4:15, 16. **The throne of grace represents the kingdom of grace;** for the existence of a throne implies the existence of a kingdom. In many of His parables Christ

uses the expression 'the kingdom of heaven' to designate the work of divine grace upon the hearts of men.

"So the throne of glory represents the kingdom of glory; and this kingdom is referred to in the Saviour's words: 'When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations.' Matthew 25:31, 32. This kingdom is yet future. It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ.

"The kingdom of grace was instituted immediately after the fall of man, when a plan was devised for the redemption of the guilty race. It then existed in the purpose and by the promise of God; and through faith, men could become its subjects. Yet it was not actually established until the death of Christ. Even after entering upon His earthly mission, the Saviour, wearied with the stubbornness and ingratitude of men, might have drawn back from the sacrifice of Calvary. In Gethsemane the cup of woe trembled in His hand. He might even then have wiped the blood-sweat from His brow and have left the guilty race to perish in their iniquity. Had He done this, there could have been no redemption for fallen men. But when the Saviour yielded up His life, and with His expiring breath cried out, 'It is finished,' then the fulfillment of the plan of redemption was assured. The promise of salvation made to the sinful pair in Eden was ratified. The kingdom of grace, which had before existed by the promise of God, was then established." *The Great Controversy*, 346, 347.

REVELATION 17

THE SAME LINE OF PROPHECY

"Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. **In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel.** Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7-8.

7 KINGDOMS + 1

Revelation 17

Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome

FIFTH KINGDOM: PAPAL ROME (538–1798)

“five are fallen”

Wilderness = 1260 years of the reign of the papacy (Revelation 12:6)

Revelation 13:1–5, 10

SIXTH KINGDOM: U.S.A.

“one is”

Revelation 13:11

“But the beast with lamblike horns was seen ‘coming up out of the earth.’ Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented must arise in territory previously unoccupied and grow up gradually and peacefully. It could not, then, arise among the crowded and struggling nationalities of the Old World—that turbulent sea of ‘peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.’ It must be sought in the Western Continent.

“What nation of the New World was in **1798** rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. **One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy;** it points unmistakably to the United States of America...” *Great Controversy*, 440

THE DAYS OF ONE KING

Isaiah 23:15–17

“**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 [1798], 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.**” *Signs of the Times*, November 1, 1899.

SEVENTH KINGDOM: TEN HORNS = UNITED NATIONS

“is not yet come”

WIKIPEDIA: UNITED NATIONS

“The United Nations (UN) is an intergovernmental organization established 24 October 1945 to promote international co-operation. A replacement for the ineffective League of Nations, the organization was created following the Second World War to prevent another such conflict. At its founding, the UN had 51 member states; there are now 193. The headquarters of the United Nations is in Manhattan, New York City, and enjoys extraterritoriality”

“Extraterritoriality is the state of being exempted from the jurisdiction of local law, usually as the result of diplomatic negotiations.”

EIGHTH KINGDOM: MODERN ROME

“is of the seven”

THE SEVEN THUNDERS

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages...**” *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: “Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.” **These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order.** Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.” *SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 971.*

A TWO HORNED POWER; PROTESTANTISM & REPUBLICANISM

“‘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.

“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. And the statement that the beast with two horns ‘causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast’ indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.” *Great Controversy*, 441, 442.

- A two horned power brings Babylon into the throne and a two horned power takes it away.
- All the two horned powers typify the U.S.A.

Israel + Judah
Judah + Benjamin

Ancient (Literal) Babylon

Medo+Persia

ALPHA AND OMEGA

1798 U.S.A. spoke through the **Sedition Act**, which transgressed the 4th amendment of the Bill of Rights

WEBSTER’ S 1828

“**sedition** is a local or limited insurrection in opposition to civil authority”

SEDITION ACT

“On this day [July 14] in 1798, one of the most egregious [terrible] breaches of the U.S. Constitution in history becomes federal law when Congress passes the Sedition Act, endangering liberty in the fragile new nation. While the United States engaged in naval hostilities with Revolutionary France, known as the Quasi-War, Alexander Hamilton and congressional Federalists took advantage of the public’s wartime fears and drafted and passed the Alien and Sedition Acts, without first consulting President John Adams. (2nd president of the United States)

“The first three acts took aim at the rights of immigrants. The period of residency required before immigrants could apply for citizenship was extended from five to 14 years, and the president gained the power to detain and deport those he deemed enemies. President Adams never took advantage of his newfound ability to deny rights to immigrants. **However, the fourth act, the Sedition Act, was put into practice and became a black mark on the nation’s reputation. In direct violation of the Constitution’s guarantee of freedom of speech, the Sedition Act permitted the prosecution of individuals who voiced or printed what the government deemed to be malicious remarks about the president or government of the United States. Fourteen Republicans, mainly journalists, were prosecuted, and some imprisoned, under the act.**

“In opposition to the Alien and Sedition Acts, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison drafted the Virginia and Kentucky Resolves, declaring the acts to be a violation of the First and Tenth Amendments....” www.history.com/this-day-in-history/sedition-act-becomes-federal-law

THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION (1791)

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

70 CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON (1260 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY)

“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. *Prophets and Kings*, 714

THE DRAGON: PAGAN ROME

“The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. 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. Thus **while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome.**” *Great Controversy*, 438.

THE DRAGON: POLITICAL POWERS

Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and **are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints**—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ. *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38

SODOM AND EGYPT (FRANCE)

“‘The great city’ in whose streets the witnesses are slain, and where their dead bodies lie, is ‘spiritually’ Egypt. Of all **nations** presented in Bible history, **Egypt most boldly denied the existence of the living God and resisted His commands**. No monarch ever ventured upon more open and highhanded rebellion against the authority of Heaven than did the king of Egypt. When the message was brought him by Moses, in the name of the Lord, Pharaoh proudly answered: ‘Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.’ Exodus 5:2, A.R.V. **This is atheism, and the nation represented by Egypt would give voice** to a similar denial of the claims of the living God and would manifest a like spirit of unbelief and defiance. “The great city” is **also** compared, “spiritually,” to **Sodom**. The corruption of Sodom in breaking the law of God was especially manifested in **licentiousness**. And this sin was also to be a pre-eminent characteristic of the nation that should fulfill the specifications of this scripture.

“According to the words of the prophet, then, a little before the year 1798 some power of satanic origin and character would rise to make war upon the Bible. And in the land where the testimony of God's two witnesses should thus be silenced, there would be manifest **the atheism of the Pharaoh and the licentiousness of Sodom**.

“This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. During the Revolution, in 1793, "the world for the first time **heard an assembly of men**, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their **united voice** to deny the most solemn truth which man's soul receives, and renounce unanimously **the belief and worship of a Deity**.”—Sir Walter Scott, *Life of Napoleon*, vol. 1, ch. 17...” *Great Controversy*, 269

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

BY: BRITTANI KREBEC

*Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom
for such a time as this? Esther 4:14.*

7 THUNDERS REVIEW & ESTHER

INTRODUCTION

7 THUNDERS SEALED

Revelation 10:3, 4

7 THUNDERS UNSEALED

Revelation 22:10, 11

“The mighty Angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ..

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the instruction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel's prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the Angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 19, 319–320.

DEFINING THE 7 THUNDERS

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events** which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages.” *Ibid.*

“figurative”: representing something else; representing by resemblance; **typical**; representing by resemblance; **not literal or direct**... *Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary.*

“delineate”: to draw the lines which exhibit the form of a thing; to mark out with lines; to make a draught; to sketch or design... *Ibid.*

“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 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 angel's 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.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 17, 1.

SISTER WHITE TELLS US:

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To accept the light of the seven thunders (which encompasses the essence of the appointed method of study – line upon line), the way-marks contained therein, as well as the characters assigned to them, is an act of faith! It requires faith to understand these things, especially when at the surface level the Scriptures may appear to be contradictory to the deep prophetic meaning of the passage. (*Counsels for the Church*, 359.)

HISTORY REPEATS

End from the Beginning:

Revelation 1:8

Isaiah 46:9, 10

Isaiah 41:21-23

Ecclesiastes 3:14, 15

Ecclesiastes 1:9

Change Not:

Malachi 3:6

Hebrews 13:8

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a **striking similarity** in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their **parallel** in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

“**striking**”: strong; **exact**; adapted to make impression... *Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

“And he said unto me, Thou must **prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” Revelation 10:11.

“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.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

“The Old and New Testaments are linked together by the golden clasp of God. We need to become familiar with the Old-Testament Scriptures. **The unchangeableness of God should be clearly seen; the similarity of his dealings with his people of the past dispensation and of the present, should be studied**. Under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, Solomon wrote, ‘That which hath been is now: and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.’ **In mercy God repeats his past dealings**. He has given us a record of his dealings in the past. **This we need to study carefully; for history is repeating itself**. We are more accountable than were those whose experience is recorded in the Old Testament; for their mistakes, and the results of those mistakes, have been chronicled for our benefit. The danger-signal has been lifted to keep us off forbidden ground, and we should be warned not to do as they did, lest a worse punishment come upon us. The blessings given to those of past generations who obeyed God are recorded that we may be encouraged to walk circumspectly, **in faith and obedience**. The judgments brought against wrong-doers are **delineated** that we may fear and tremble before God. This Scripture biography is a great blessing. This precious instruction, the experience of ages, is bequeathed to us.” *The Review and Herald*, April 20, 1897.

“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord 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.**” *Life Sketches*, 196.

THE 7 THUNDERS DELINEATED

1798–1844 (Millerite History)

2520 OF 723 – 1798: SCATTERING OF ISRAEL

- Leviticus 26
- The 2520 begins at end of the last 7 kings (*Testimonies*, volume 2, 661)
- Wanders among the nations (Hosea 9:15-17)

“The prophecies of judgment delivered by Amos and Hosea were accompanied by predictions of future glory. To the ten tribes, long rebellious and impenitent, was given no promise of complete restoration to their former power in Palestine. Until the end of time, they were to be ‘wanderers among the nations.’ But through Hosea was given a prophecy that set before them the privilege of having a part in the final restoration that is to be made to the people of God at the close of earth's history, when Christ shall appear as King of kings and Lord of lords. ‘Many days,’ the prophet declared, the ten tribes were to abide ‘without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim.’ ‘Afterward,’ the prophet continued, ‘shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.’ Hosea 3:4, 5.

“In symbolic language Hosea set before the ten tribes God's plan of restoring to every penitent soul who would unite with His church on earth, the blessings granted Israel in the days of their loyalty to Him in the Promised Land.” *Prophets and Kings*, 298.

Jeroboam II	Contend/2 nd Flock
Zachariah	Mark/Remember
Shallum	Reward/Retribution
Manahem	Comforter
Pekaniah	Observed/Open/Watch
Pekah	Observed/Open/Watch
Hoshea	Deliverer

2520 OF 677–1844: GATHERING OF JUDAH, THE HOST

- Leviticus 26
- Pride of their power (national sovereignty) broken
- Manasseh (Jeremiah 15:4) = earnest (*The Review and Herald*, July 8, 1915)
- Progressive fall illustrated
- The 2520 begins with the beginning of the last 7 kings
- Curse ends; host established
- John 4:22, 23 (salvation of the Jews; then 11th hour workers come in)

Manasseh	Causing to Forget
Amon	Architect
Josiah	Foundation
Jehoahaz	To Seize
Jehoiakim	Jehovah will Raise
Jehoiachin	Jehovah will Establish/Tarry
Zedekiah	Cleansed, Make Right

2300 OF 457–1844: THE SANCTUARY

- 457 = 3rd decree of Persian kings (Ezra 7:12, 13)
- 1844 = arrival of 3rd angel's message (Revelation 14)
- End of the last 7 kings
- Establish the sanctuary (Daniel 8:13, 14; *The Great Controversy*, 325–326)

Cyrus	Humiliator of the enemy; contest; lord; thron; sun
Cambyses	Handsome king
False Smerdis	Exalted
Darius	Presever; to possess; good; rich and kingly
Xerxes the Great	Ruler over heroes
Artabanus	The glory of truth
Artaxerxes	Righteous ruler

LINE UPON LINE: 7 THUNDERS OF LITERAL & SPIRITUAL JUDAH

MANASSEH: CAUSING TO FORGET (1798 / 1989)

1798	Papacy receives deadly wound; forgotten until SL (Isaiah 23:15-17; Revelation 18:5)
1989	Ronald Reagan forgets who the anti-christ is

- Papacy (5th kingdom) comes to end
- “Days of one king” begin (Isaiah 23:15); United States (6th kingdom)
- 2 horned power; lamb-like beast arises (Revelation 13:11)

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AMON: ARCHITECT (HOLY SPIRIT ARRANGED 1798–1844 / 1989–SL)

1816 William Miller’s Concordance

JOSIAH: FOUNDATION

1831 William Miller’s first lecture

1833 Falling of the stars (Revelation 6:12, 13)

1996 Publication of *The Time of the End Magazine*

“He began to present his views in private as he had opportunity, praying that some minister might feel their force and devote himself to their promulgation. But he could not banish the conviction that **he had a personal duty to perform in giving the warning**. The words were ever recurring to his mind: ‘Go and tell it to the world; their blood will I require at thy hand.’ For nine years he waited, the burden still pressing upon his soul, **until in 1831 he for the first time publicly gave the reasons of his faith**.” *The Great Controversy*, 330.

“**Shortly after the fulfilment of some of the signs that the Saviour foretold would be seen before his second coming**, there took place throughout the Christian world a great religious awakening. Students of prophecy came to the conclusion that the time of the end was at hand. In the book of Daniel they read: ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.’ Thinking that the earth was the sanctuary, they understood that the cleansing foretold in Daniel 8:14 represented the purification of the earth by fire at the second coming of Christ.

Searching the Scriptures for further light, and comparing this prophetic period with the records of historians, they learned that the twenty-three hundred days extended to the year 1844.

“This was the foundation of the great advent movement of 1844. The falling of the stars in 1833 gave added force to the proclamation of the message of a soon-coming Saviour. Through the labors of William Miller and many others in America, of seven hundred ministers in England, of Bengel and others in Germany, of Gaussen and his followers in France and Switzerland, of many ministers in Scandinavia, of a converted Jesuit in South America, and of Dr. Joseph Wolff in many Oriental and African countries, the advent message was carried to a large part of the habitable globe.” *Southern Watchman*, January 24, 1905.

JEHOAHAZ: SEIZE

August 11, 1840	Isalm restrained
September 11, 2001	Islam restrained

JEHOIAKIM: GOD WILL RAISE

August 11, 1840	Angel of Revelation 10 comes down with the little book
September 11, 2001	Angel of Revelation 14 comes down with the message for our time

“The chronology of the events of Revelation ten is further ascertained from the fact that **this angel is identical with the first angel of Revelation fourteen**. The points of identity between them are easily seen...” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts of Daniel and the Revelation*, 522.

JEHOIACHIN: TARRY

April 19, 1844	Tarrying time of the Millerites (Habakkuk 2:3)
September 11, 2001	Tarrying time of the first fruits

ZEDEKIAH: CLEANSED

October 22, 1844	Sanctuary cleansed/made right (Daniel 8:14). “Zedekiah” = “cleansed”
Sunday Law	Sanctuary of first fruits cleansed/made right

WHERE IS CHRIST?

Manasseh: 1AM arrival is Christ (1798/1989)

Amon: Lion of the tribe of Judah unseals (Revelation 22:10, 11; Daniel 12:4); Christ is the architect of the temple (Hebrews 11:10; Job 38:6; Isaiah 28:6);

Josiah: Christ is the foundation; Rock of Ages (1 Corinthians 10:4; Job 38:6; Ephesians 2:20)

Jehoahaz: Christ sets up kings and brings them down (Daniel 2:21)

Jehoiakim: The Lord rises to shake terribly the earth (Isaiah 2:19)

Jehoiachin: Bridegroom tarries (Matthew 25:5)

Zedekiah: Christ moves from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place

JOINING THE 2 STICKS

- Ezekiel 37:21-24: gather from the heathen; one nation; no longer two; David is king over them.
- Hosea 3:5: the north seeks David, their king; latter days
- Isaiah 55:3-5: everlasting covenant; David
- Ruth 1:1-18: 11th hour workers clings to God's people; joining of the 2 sticks

THEMES OF THE 7 THUNDERS

Last 7 Kings of Judah

Progressive fall of literal glorious land
(external)

Millerite Time Period

Opening of the judgment **(internal)**

144,000 Time Period

Progressive fall of spiritual glorious land; close
of judgment **(external/internal)**

7 Kings of Persia

The 3 decrees of a 2 horned power **(external)**;
horn = power (Zechariah 1:18, 19)

Last 7 Kings of Israel

Beginning of the 2520 = scattering

Last 7 Kings of Israel

End of the 2520 = gathering/joining 2 sticks/11th
hour workers

THE 7 THUNDERS IN HISTORY

- Last 7 kings of Israel
- Last 7 kings of Judah
- 7 Persian kings
- Millerite history
- 144,000 history
- 11th hour workers history
- 1798 – SL (Manasseh – Zedekiah; 2 horns)
- 1 week of Christ confirming the covenant (1260 days)
- 1260 pagan desolation + 1260 papal desolation
- The entire 2520 (677 – 1844)

ESTHER'S TIME PARALLELS OUR TIME

“The decree that will finally go forth against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews. Today the enemies of the true church see in the little company keeping the Sabbath commandment, a Mordecai at the gate. The reverence of God's people for His law is a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling on His Sabbath.

“Satan will arouse indignation against the minority who 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, men 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 Sunday laws. But those who fear God, cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. **On this battlefield will be fought the last great conflict in the controversy between truth and error.** And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. **Today, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.”**
Prophets and Kings, 605.

ESTHER 1

3rd Year of Ahasuerus: 1st Decree

9/11

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Palace; Holy Place; Priests ~ Est. 1:2;
2 Chron. 29:16, 17

Shushan ~ Est. 1:2; Dan. 8:2; Neh. 1:1

Feast ~ Est. 1:3; Rev. 10:10; Jer. 15:16;
Exo. 12:11

180 Day Feast (6 months) – Ahasuerus
~ Est. 1:4; Luke 1

Court; Courtyard; Levites ~ Est. 1:5;
2 Chron. 29:16, 17

Double Feasts ~ Est. 1:5, 9

7 Day Feast – Ahasuerus ~ Est. 1:5
7 Day Feast – Vashti ~ Est. 1:9

7th Day: Called ~ Est. 1:10,11

7 Chamberlains (church power) ~ Est.
1:10

**Vashti: Disobedient Church – Called
on 7th Day** ~ Est. 1:12

King's Wrath: Day of the Lord
~ Est. 1:12; Matt. 21:42, 43; 22:7; Rev. 14:10

7 Wise Men (state power) ~ Est. 1:14

Divorce ~ Est. 1:19; Matt. 21:42, 43

Reverence ~ Est. 1:20 ; Eph. 5:33

Decree ~ Est. 1:22

Worldwide Message ~ Est. 1:22

PRIESTS

180 days

LEVITES

7 days

6 months

ESTHER 1

3RD YEAR OF AHASUERUS: 1ST DECREE

BIBLICAL RULES ESTABLISHED

LITERAL / SPIRITUAL

John 3:3	How to enter into the kingdom of Heaven (human illustrated/natural to spiritual)
John 3:8	How the Holy Spirit works (nature illustrated/natural to spiritual)
John 3:12	Principle: natural must come first, then you can understand the spiritual
Daniel 9:23	Our duty is "bîyn" → mentally separate the moral (mareh) and the prophetic (chazon)
2 Timothy 2:15	Rightly dividing
1 Corinthians 15:46-50	Natural (first), Spiritual (second)
Leviticus 10:8-1	Must differentiate! If you mix, you are on the verge of drinking the wine of Babylon

LINE UPON LINE & PARABLES

Isaiah 28:9-11	Precept upon precept
Matthew 13:9-11	Parables to know the mysteries

"In Christ's parable teaching the same principle is seen as in His own mission to the world. That we might become acquainted with His divine character and life, Christ took our nature and dwelt among us. Divinity was revealed in humanity; the invisible glory in the visible human form. **Men could learn of the unknown through the known; heavenly things were revealed through the earthly;** God was made manifest in the likeness of men. So it was in Christ's teaching: **the unknown was illustrated by the known;** divine truths by earthly things **with which the people were most familiar.**

The Scripture says, 'All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; . . . that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.' Matthew 13:34, 35. **Natural things were the medium for the spiritual;** the things of nature and the life-experience of His hearers were connected with the truths of the written word. **Leading thus from the natural to the spiritual kingdom, Christ's parables are links in the chain of truth that unites man with God, and earth with heaven."** *Christ's Object Lessons*, 17.

“The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. **Not a peg or pin is to be removed.** No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old. **The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols.** The New Testament is the substance. One is as essential as the other. *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 52.

“Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples: and they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” 1 Corinthians 10:11.

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

SEARCH TO CONFIRM

“The very same Satan is at work to undermine the faith of the people of God at this time. There are persons ready to catch up every new idea. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work, are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. **If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first, second, and third angels' messages.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 111.

ESTHER 1

INTRODUCTION

- According to **Esther 1:3**, Esther 1 takes place in the third year of Ahasuerus (Xerxes the Great)
- Only 2 female books in the Bible: Esther (first fruits = Priests + Levites) and Ruth (11th hour workers)

ESTHER 1:1-4

“Ahasuerus”: “lion king” + prince of the people

“And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.” Revelation 5:5.

“Yea, he magnified himself even to the **prince of the host**, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.” Daniel 8:11.

127 PROVINCES

“Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)...” Esther 1:1.

- Sarah only other mention of 127 in Bible
- Sarah dies at Kirjathbara

“And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.” Genesis 23:1–2.

- Woman = church
- “Kirjathbara” = city of four (fourth generation)
- Church dies at 9/11
- ISSAC & REBEKKAH??

SHUSHAN

“That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in **Shushan the palace**...” Esther 1:2.

Nehemiah Praying the Prayer of Leviticus 26:

“The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in **Shushan the palace**...” Nehemiah 1:1.

DANIEL TAKEN IN VISION TO SHUSHAN – TIME OF THE PERSIAN KINGDOM

“And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at **Shushan in the palace**, which is in the **province of Elam**; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.” Daniel 8:2.

“SHUSHAN”: LILY + TRUMPET

“I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.” Song of Solomon 2:1.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first...” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

“SHUSHAN THE PALACE”

Palace = Holy Place = Priests

- See chapter 2.

180 DAY FEAST IN THE PALACE

- 180 days = 6 months
- Line of Mary & Elisabeth

“And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and **hid herself five months**...And in the **sixth month** the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth...” Luke 1:24, 26.

- Little book

“And I took the **little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up**; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.” Revelation 10:10.

- “Thy words were found...”

“**Thy words were found, and I did eat them**; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.” Jeremiah 15:16.

- Passover

“And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord'S passover.” Exodus 12:11.

ESTHER 1:5-7, 9

DOUBLING

- **7 Day Feast in the Court:** Ahasuerus
- **7 Day Feast:** Vashti

GOLDEN, DIVERSE VESSELS

- Vessels = Cups for drinking
- Parallels vessels Holy Place

“But in a great house there are not only **vessels of gold** and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20, 21.

“Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the **golden and silver** vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.” Daniel 5:2.

“And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces **all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord**, as the Lord had said.” 2 Kings 24:12, 13.

ESTHER 1:8

ROYAL WINE, NOT COMPELLED

“**God never forces the will or the conscience**; but Satan's constant resort--to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce--is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God.” *The Great Controversy*, 591.

“In the experience of God's people, there are always times of test and trial; and God does not design that men, women, or youth shall be shielded from the liabilities which test the character. Satan will reveal his workings, and will supply every soul he tempts with his evil-surmising, his evil-speaking, and accusing of the brethren. From this condition of things the Lord can not possibly shield those who place themselves on the enemy's side; **for God does not compel the human mind**. He gives his bright beams of light to guide all who will walk in the rays shining from him. But if men disregard the path lighted by the heavenly beams, and choose the way suited to their own natural hearts, they will stumble on in darkness, not knowing at what they stumble. *Youth Instructor*, November 10, 1898.

ESTHER 1:10

7 CHAMBERLAINS: 7 CHURCHES

“And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were **seven lamps of fire** burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.**” Revelation 4:5.

“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the **seven candlesticks** which thou sawest are the **seven churches.**” Revelation 1:20.

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.” Revelation 5:6.

“For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those **seven; they are the eyes of the Lord**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.” Zechariah 4:10.

Mehuman	Faithful; Trustworthy
Biztha	Booty, plunder, to take as spoil
Harbona	Ass driver
Bigtha	In the wine press
Abagtha	God given
Zethar	Star
Carcas	Severe

ESTHER 1:11

7TH DAY: THE CALL

“The parable of the wedding garment opens before us a **lesson of the highest consequence**. By the marriage is represented the union of humanity with divinity; the wedding garment represents the character which all must possess who shall be accounted fit guests for the wedding.

“In this parable, as in that of the great supper, are illustrated the gospel invitation, its rejection by the Jewish people, and the call of mercy to the Gentiles. But on the part of those who reject the invitation, this parable brings to view a deeper insult and a more dreadful punishment. **The call to the feast is a king's invitation**. It proceeds from one who is vested with power to command. It confers high honor. **Yet the honor is unappreciated**. The king's authority is despised. While the householder's invitation

was regarded with indifference, the king's is met with insult and murder. They treated his servants with scorn, despitefully using them and slaying them. *Christ's Object Lessons*, 307.

ESTHER 1:12

KING'S WRATH

"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness... Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the **day of the Lord's wrath**; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." Zephaniah 1:15, 18.

"But when the king heard thereof, **he was wroth**: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city." Matthew 22:7.

"The same shall drink of the wine of **the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb..." Revelation 14:10.

ESTHER 1:13, 14

7 WISE MEN: 7 ANGELS

Carshena	Illustrious
Shethar	Star
Admatha	A testimony to them
Tarshish	Yellow jasper, beryl, merchant vessel
Meres	Lofty
Marsena	Worthy
Memucan	Dignified

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their **angels do always behold the face of my Father** which is in heaven. Matthew 18:10

"An old English version of the passage reads, "But that day and hour no man maketh known, neither the angels which are in Heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." This is the correct reading, according to several of the ablest critics of the age. The word know is used in the same sense here that it is by Paul in 1 Cor.2:2: 'For I

determined not to know [make known] anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified.' Men will not make known the day and hour, **angels will not make it known**, neither will the Son; but the Father will make it known." James White, *Bible Adventism*, 54.

ESTHER 1:16-18

NEED OF VINDICATION FOR CHRIST AND ALL PEOPLE

"The Lord has sent to our world a message of warning, even the Third Angel's Message. **All heaven is waiting to hear us vindicate God's law, declaring it to be holy, just, and good.** Where are those who will do this work? God calls upon His people to gain a deeper insight into His plans and His law. His law is the transcript of His character. It is unchangeable; for God will not alter the thing that has gone out of His lips. Christ has declared that the law is perfect; and with David we may say, 'It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.'" *The Review and Herald*, June 18, 1901.

ESTHER 1:19-22

DIVORCE

"If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and **let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.**" Esther 1:19.

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**" Matthew 21:42, 43.

REVERENCE

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and **the wife see that she reverence her husband.**" Ephesians 5:33.

1ST DECREE = WORLDWIDE / SL ANNOUNCED WORLDWIDE

"For he sent letters into **all the king's provinces**, into **every province** according to the writing thereof, and to **every people** after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to **the language of every people.**" Esther 1:22.

ESTHER 2

6th & 7th Years of Ahasuerus: 2nd Decree

9/11

MC

Remember ~ Est. 2:1; Jer. 6:16; Gen. 41:9

Virgins Sought (9/11 and 1840)

~ Est. 2:2; Matt. 25; Rev. 14:4

Gathering ~ Est. 2:3, 8; Jer. 32:37; Eze. 37;
Joe. 1:14; 2:16; Zeph. 2:1

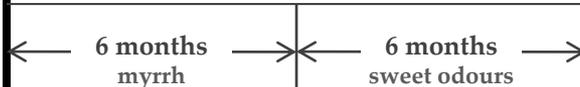
Purification ~ Est. 2:3, 12; 2 Chron. 29:16, 17

Decree ~ Est. 2:2-4, 8

"Esther" = "Star" → 1st Woe begins
~ Est. 2:7; Rev. 9:1

"Esther" = "Hidden" ~ Est. 2:10, 20; Jn.
12:24; Luk. 1:24

10M6Y ~ Est. 2:12, 16



12 months

10M7Y ~ Est. 2:16

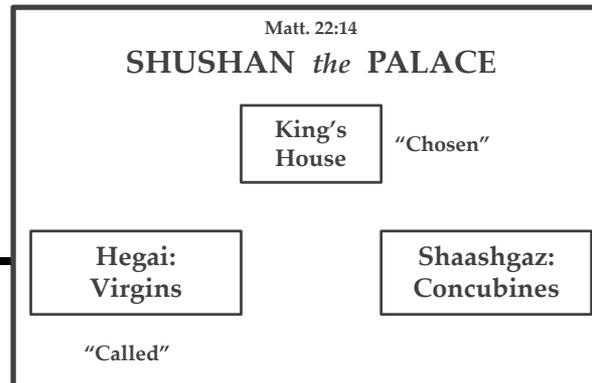
Marriage – No longer virgin, made a bride (priests) ~ Est. 2:17; Matt. 25:10

Name Change ~ Est. 2:7, 17; Jer. 15:16;
Rev. 3:12; Luk. 1:60

Release in 7th Year ~ Est. 2:16, 18; Deut. 15:9

Gifts ~ Est. 2:18; Acts 1:26

2nd Gathering ~ Est. 2:19; Eze. 37:16, 17



Bigthan & Teresh
~ Est. 2:21-23; Lev.
10:1; 1 Sam. 2:12;
4:11; Rut. 1:5; 1 Kings
18:19

ESTHER 2

6TH & 7TH YEARS OF AHASUERUS: 2ND DECREE

ESTHER 2:1-4

REMEMBERS

Ahasuerus remembers divorcing Apostate Protestantism

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” Jeremiah 6:16.

“Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day...” Genesis 41:9.

GATHERING

- Virgins gathered at August 11, 1840
- Virgins gathered at September 11, 2001

“Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, **gather** the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord...” Joel 1:14.

“**Gather the people**, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.” Joel 2:16.

“**Gather yourselves together**, yea, gather together, O nation not desired...” Zephaniah 2:1.

PURIFICATION

- (See “Esther 2:12-14”)

“**Hezekiah appealed directly to the priests to unite with him in bringing about the necessary reforms.** ‘Be not now negligent,’ he exhorted them; ‘for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.’ ‘**Sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers.**’ Verses 11, 5.

“It was a time for quick action. **The priests began at once. Enlisting the cooperation of others of their number who had not been present during this conference,** they engaged heartily in the work of cleansing and sanctifying the temple.

Because of the years of desecration and neglect, this was attended with many difficulties; but **the priests and the Levites labored untiringly**, and within a remarkably short time they were able to report their task completed. The temple doors had been repaired and thrown open; the sacred vessels had been assembled and put into place; and all was in readiness for the reestablishment of the sanctuary services.”
The Review & Herald, April 22, 1915.

2ND DECREE

The USA PATRIOT Act: **Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001.**

ESTHER 2:5-11

“HADASSAH”: MYRTLE

“Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up **the myrtle tree**: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” Isaiah 55:13.

“ESTHER”: STAR + HIDDEN

- 1st Woe begins

“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a **star** fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.”

“And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and **hid herself** five months...” Luke 1:24.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat **fall into the ground and die**, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” John 12:24.

“By the casting of the grain into the soil, Christ represents **the sacrifice of Himself** for our redemption. ‘Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,’ He says, ‘it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.’ John 12:24. So the **death of Christ will result in fruit** for the kingdom of God. In accordance with the law of the vegetable kingdom, **life will be the result of His death.**

“**And all who would bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ must first fall into the ground and die.** The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. Self-love, self-interest, must perish. But the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation. **The seed buried in the ground produces fruit, and in turn this is planted. Thus the harvest is multiplied...**” *Christ's Object Lessons*, 86.

“Those who till the soil have the illustration ever before them. Year by year man preserves his supply of grain by apparently throwing away the choicest part. **For a time it must be hidden under the furrow, to be watched over by the Lord.** Then appears the blade, then the ear, and then the corn in the ear. **But this development cannot take place unless the grain is buried out of sight, hidden, and to all appearance, lost.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 623.

“Thus Christ by definite instruction **prepared** his disciples for their work. **He is our Master, as he was theirs, and this instruction we are to follow.** We are to work earnestly and vigilantly to **prepare** the way for the second coming of the Lord. **There is much to be done in preparation for that solemn event.** Waiting, watching, praying, and working, -- this is what we are to do as servants of God. **Personal consecration is necessary,** and we can not have this unless heart-holiness is cultivated and cherished.

“**God requires us to be faithful in his service. Let there be no spiritual declension.** The apostle exhorts us to be ‘not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.’ **All are to strive to increase their capabilities,** that they may continually do better work for the Master. He has provided every facility, so that his servants can labor intelligently.” *The Review & Herald*, October 2, 1900.

ESTHER 2:12-14

PURIFICATION: MYRRH + SWEET ODOURS

- **Myrrh:** bitter
- **Sweet odours:** sweet, spicy

“And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.” Revelation 10:9, 10.

- 6 months + 6 months = 12 months
- 8 days (priests) + 8 days (Levites) = 16 days

“And the **priests** went into the **inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it,** and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. Now they began on the **first day of the first month to sanctify,** and on the **eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord:** so they **sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days;** and in the **sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.**” 2 Chronicles 29:16, 17.

SELECTING A QUEEN

- See diagram

“For many are **called**, but few are **chosen**.” Matthew 22:14.

ESTHER 2:15

CONTRAST BETWEEN VERSES 13 & 15

“For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:8–10.

“Teachers, awake to your responsibilities, your privileges. Well may you inquire, Who is sufficient for these things? ‘My grace is sufficient for thee’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) is the assurance of the Great Teacher. If you leave Him out of the question, seeking not His aid, hopeless indeed is your task. But in His wisdom and strength you may nobly succeed.” Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, 167.

ESTHER 2:16-20

- 7th Year (count 12 months backwards to arrive at 6th year)
- Release

“If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, **The seventh year, the year of release**, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.” Deuteronomy 15:7-11.

“Christ has paid the debt of sin for the whole world. In His great sacrifice, He embraces old and young. He endured the inconvenience of poverty, in order that He might bring to mankind the priceless riches of the heavenly home. He who was the Son of God, equal with His Father, He who made the worlds, has died to save every soul that will come to Him. How terrible it is for anyone to refuse to cooperate with Him, and to work against Him!” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 2, 300.

GIFTS

- Prophetic gifts restored

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ **This prophecy points out clearly that the remnant church will acknowledge God in His law and will have the prophetic gift.** Obedience to the law of God, and the spirit of prophecy has always distinguished the true people of God, and the test is usually given on present manifestations.

“In Jeremiah's day the people had no question about the message of Moses, Elijah, or Elisha, but they did question and put aside the message sent of God to Jeremiah until its force and power was wasted and there was no remedy but for God to carry them away into captivity. Likewise in the days of Christ the people had learned that Jeremiah's message was true, and they persuaded themselves to believe that if they had lived in the days of their fathers they would have accepted his message, but at the same time they were rejecting Christ's message, of whom all the prophets had written.

“As the third angel's message arose in the world, which is to reveal the law of God to the church in its fullness and power, the prophetic gift was also immediately restored. This gift has acted a very prominent part in the development and carrying forward of this message.” *Loma Linda Messages*, 33.

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, and your **young men shall see visions**, and your **old men shall dream dreams...**” Acts 2:17.

“And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon **Matthias**; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.” Acts 1:26.

- **“Matthias”**: Gift of God
- Number made up: 11+1=12

“The disciples assembled in the upper chamber, uniting in supplications with the believing women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. These brethren, who had been unbelieving, were now fully established in their faith by the

scenes attending the crucifixion, and by the resurrection and ascension of the Lord. The number assembled was about one hundred and twenty. **While they were awaiting the descent of the Holy Ghost, they supplied the office left vacant by Judas.** Two men were selected, who, in the careful judgment of the believers, were best qualified for the place. But the disciples, distrusting their ability to decide the question farther, referred it to One that knew all hearts. They sought the Lord in prayer to ascertain which of the two men was more suitable for the important position of trust, as an apostle of Christ. **The Spirit of God selected Matthias for the office.**" *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 264.

2ND GATHERING

"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand." Ezekiel 37:16, 17.

ESTHER 2:21-23

BIGTHAN & TERESH

"**Bigthan**": in their winepress

"**Teresh**": strictness

TWO-FOLD ENEMIES

- **Nadab + Abihu**: Leviticus 10:1
- **Hophni + Phinehas**: 1 Samuel 2:12; 4:11
- **Ananias + Saphira**: Acts 5:1-11
- **Mahlon + Chilion**: Ruth 1:5
- **Prophets of Groves + Prophets of Baal**: 1 Kings 18:19

ESTHER 3

11th & 12th Years of Ahasuerus: The Line of Decrees

Ezra:

1D1M

1D5M ← 70 days → 10D7M

Esther:

1D1M

13D1M ← 70 days → 23D3M

13D12M

Haman's Evil Heart (his intent) = The Patriot Act
~ Est. 3:5; Rev. 17:17

Casting Lots ~ Est. 3:7

Death Decree Written
~ Est. 3:12

Seal ~ Est. 3:13

Decree to Defend Written
~ Est. 8:8-11

Seal ~ Est. 8:8

Death Decree Enacted
~ Est. 3:13

← 70 days →

ESTHER 3

11TH & 12TH YEARS OF AHASUERUS: A LINE OF DECREES

ESTHER 3:1-5

HAMAN

“**Haman**”: magnificent, illustrious (glorious land)

THE HOUSE OF SAUL & AGAG MEET AGAIN IN ESTHER

- Saul spared Agag and livestock: 1 Samuel 15:8, 9
- Obey is better than sacrifice/Rebellion is witchcraft: 1 Samuel 15:22, 23
- Saul rejected: 1 Samuel 15:26
- Samuel kills Agag: 1 Samuel 15:32, 33
- Last time Samuel meets with Saul: 1 Samuel 15:35
- Mordecai and Esther from the line of Benjamin, Kish: 1 Samuel 9:1, 2

HAMAN’S WRATH

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: **For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**”
James 1:17-20.

ESTHER 3:6-15

CASTING LOTS

- Started: **1D1M**; found time
- Death decree written: **13D1M**; pending enactment
- Death decree enacted: **13D12M**
- Countermanding Decree written: **23D3M**

70

- 1D1M → 1D5M
- 13D1M → 23D3M
- 70 disciples: Luke 10:1
- 70 elders: Exodus 24:1

SEALING

- Seal the law

“And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of

Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. **Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.** And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion." Isaiah 8:14–18.

- Seal during the restraint of Islam

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, **having the seal of the living God:** and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Revelation 7:1–3.

"Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. **There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads.** They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. **These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom, should have acted their faith.** They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart.

"**Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul-temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us** as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. *Christian Experience and Teachings*, 189.

ESTHER 4 & 5

Esther's Fast: The Binding Off

13D1M

23D3M

Not Called ~ Est. 4:11

Mordecai's Loud/Bitter Cry ~ Est. 4:1;
Matt. 25:6

Chosen ~ Est. 4:14

14 15 16

30 days

70 days

13D1M

14D1M

15D1M

16D1M

Fast (1) ~ Est. 4:16
Gather at Shushan

Fast (2) ~ Est. 4:16

Fast (3) ~ Est. 4:16

Double "Perish, Perish" ~ Est. 4:16

Royal Apparel ~ Est. 5:1; Isa. 61:10; Zech. 3:1-5

3rd Day, Goes Before the King ~ Est. 5:1; Hos. 6:2; 2
Kings 20:5

Inner Court ~ Est. 5:1

Golden Scepter ~ Est. 5:1; Heb. 1:8

Ahasuerus Inquiry ~ Est. 5:3, 6; Luk. 1:34; Rut. 1:21; Matt. 25:8, 9

Offers ½ the Kingdom ~ Est. 5:3; Mark 6:23

Feast (1) ~ Est. 5:4; Lev. 23:6

Zeresh in Control
~ Est. 5:14; Judges 14:15-17

Feast (2) ~ Est. 5:8; Exo. 23:16

Gallows Built (50 ft.)

~ Est. 5:14; Dan. 3:1; Gal. 3:13; Lev. 23:15, 16

ESTHER 4

ESTHER'S FAST: THE BINDING OFF

ESTHER 4:1-3

MORDECAI'S CRY

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matthew 25:6.

ESTHER 4:4-14

MORDECAI'S 3 STEPS FOR ESTHER:

1. Read (shew)
2. Hear (declare)
3. Do (charge)

"Blessed is he that **readeth**, and they that **hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Revelation 1:3.

"**For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." James 1:23, 24.

MORDECAI'S MESSAGE FOR ESTHER = LIFE & DEATH MESSAGE

"No more than was seen in the inhabitants of the Noachic world. The people are just as ardent today in their games, in the horse racing, in their love of amusement, as were the antediluvians, who 'knew not until the flood came, and took them all away.' **They had heaven-sent warnings, but refused to listen.** By their attitude they declared, 'We want not Thy way, O God; we want our own way, our own will.'

"Today the world is mad; an insanity is upon them, which is hurrying them on to eternal ruin. Every species of indulgence prevails, and men become so infatuated with vice that they will not listen to warnings or appeals. The Lord declares to the people of the earth, "**Choose you this day whom ye will serve. All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time and the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended.**

"**God gives no man a message that it will be ten years or twenty years before this earth's history shall close.** If it were forty or one hundred years, the Lord would not authorize men to proclaim it. **He would not give any living being an excuse for delaying the preparation for His appearing.** He would have no one say, as did the unfaithful servant, 'My Lord delayeth His coming,' for this leads to reckless neglect

of opportunities and privileges to prepare for that great day. **Every soul who claims to be a servant of God is called to do his service as if every day might be the last.**

“Let all who would cooperate with God unite in proclaiming the present truth, the message of the third angel: ‘If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.’ Then the eyes of John rest upon God's people, and he exclaims, ‘Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.’” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 18, 58.

ESTHER 4:15-17

GATHERING AT SHUSHAN TO FAST

“Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord...” Joel 1:14.

“The crisis that Esther faced demanded quick, earnest action; but both she and Mordecai realized that **unless God should work mightily in their behalf, their own efforts would be unavailing. So Esther took time for communion with God, the source of her strength.** “Go,” she directed Mordecai, “gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me . . . : I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.”

“To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history. ‘Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’” *Conflict and Courage*, 244.

PERISH, PERISH

- Genesis 41:32 (doubled; established; shortly comes to pass)
- Esther 1:5, 9, 10 (double feast)
- Double prophecy of Mary & Elisabeth
- Joining of 2 sticks

ESTHER 5

ESTHER'S FAST: THE BINDING OFF

ESTHER 5:1-8

ROYAL APPAREL

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation**, he hath **covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Isaiah 61:10.

"And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him**. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and **I will clothe thee with change of raiment**. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by." Zechariah 3:1-5.

- Esther stood (rise) at the court (Levites)

"After two days will he revive us: in **the third day he will raise us up**, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:2, 3.

"Your heavenly Father will take from you the garments defiled by sin. In the beautiful **parabolic prophecy** of Zechariah, the high priest Joshua, standing clothed in filthy garments before the angel of the Lord, represents the sinner. And the word is spoken by the Lord, 'Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will **clothe thee with change of raiment**. . . . So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments.' Zechariah 3:4, 5. Even so God will clothe you with 'the garments of salvation,' and cover you with "the robe of righteousness.' Isaiah 61:10. 'Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.' Psalm 68:13.

“He will bring you into His banqueting house, and His banner over you shall be love. (Song of Solomon 2:4) ‘If thou wilt walk in My ways,’ He declares, ‘I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by’--even among the holy angels that surround His throne. (Zechariah 3:7.) *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 206.

“These are they which **follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth.** These were redeemed from among men, being the **first fruits** unto God and to the Lamb.’ Revelation 14:4. The vision of the prophet pictures them as standing on Mount Zion, **girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints.** But all who follow the Lamb in heaven must first have followed Him on earth, not fretfully or capriciously, but in trustful, loving, willing obedience, as the flock follows the shepherd.

“I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne: . . . and no man could learn that song but the **hundred and forty and four thousand,** which were redeemed from the earth. . . . In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Verses 2-5. *Acts of the Apostles*, 591.

GOLDEN SCEPTER

“In the vision given me in Battle Creek, October 25th, 1861, I was shown this earth, dark and gloomy. Said the angel, “Look carefully!” Then I was shown the people upon the earth: some were surrounded with angels of God, others were in total darkness, surrounded by evil angels. I saw an arm reached down from heaven, holding a **golden scepter.** On the top of the scepter was a crown studded with diamonds. **Every diamond emitted light,** bright, clear, and beautiful. Inscribed upon the crown were these words, “**All who win me are happy, and shall have everlasting life.**”

“Below this crown was **another scepter** upon which was also placed a crown, in the center of which were jewels, gold, and silver, which reflected **some light.** The inscription upon the crown was, “**Earthly treasure--Riches is power. All who win me have honor and fame...**” *The Review and Herald*, May 20, 1862.

AHASUERUS INQUIRES: VERSES 3, 6

Other Inquiries:

- Mary’s Inquiry: Luke 1:34
- Ruth’s Inquiry: Ruth 1:21
- Nehemiah’s Inquiry: Nehemiah 2:2
- Gabriel’s Inquiry: Daniel 10:19, 20
- Foolish Virgins’ Inquiry: Matthew 25:8, 9
- Triumphal Entry: Mark 11:5
- Elijah’s Inquiry: 1 Kings 18:27

HALF THE KINGDOM

“And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, **unto the half of my kingdom.**” Mark 6:23.

ESTHER 5:9-14

ZERESH

“Zeresh”: gold

- Protestant horn of the USA
- In control of relationship

“And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so? And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee? **And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.**” Judges 14:15–17.

GALLOWES

Visual Test: Image of the Beast

- Image of gold

“Nebuchadnezzar the king made an **image of gold**, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.” Daniel 3:1.

- Golden calf

“And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had **made it a molten calf**: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” Exodus 32:3,4

Counterfeit Precedes the True:

- Gallows raised (counterfeit); Ensign/Christ lifted up (true)
- **Matthew 27:5**: Judas
- **Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:23**: Cursed if hung on a tree
- **John 12:31-33**: Christ lifted up
- **Isaiah 11:10-12**: ensign lifted up
- **Zechariah 9:15, 16**: ensign; stones of a crown

ESTHER 6, 7, 8

13D1M

Mordecai's Loud/Bitter Cry ~ Est. 4:1;
Matt. 25:6

23D3M

Decree to Defend Written
~ Est. 8:8-11

14 15 16



13D1M

14D1M

15D1M

16D1M

Triumphal Entry ~ Est. 6:11; Matt. 21;
Zec. 9:9;

Evil Confederacy ~ Est. 6:12-14;
Rev. 16:13

Fallen Upon Esther's Bed ~ Est. 7:7; Rev.
2:22; Rev. 18:1-3

Haman's Face Covered ~ Est. 7:8; 2 Kings 25:7

Haman Dies ~ Est. 7:10;

Sealing ~ Est. 8:2, 8; Jer. 22:24

11th Hour Workers /Feast of Firstfruits~ Est. 8:15-17;
Exo. 23:16



ESTHER 6

ESTHER 6:1-11

MORDECAI HONORED

- Parallels Triumphal Entry

“Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an **ass** tied, and a **colt** with her: **loose them**, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.**” Matthew 21:2–6.

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and **riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.**” Zechariah 9:9.

- Horse represents Islam (Numbers 22:21; 1 Kings 13:13; Jeremiah 2:24; Jeremiah 14:6; **Depiction on Charts**)

ESTHER 6:12-14

EVIL CONFEDERACY: PERFECTLY REPRESENTED AT THE SL

- **Revelation 16:13**: Beast, dragon, false prophet
- **Psalms 83:2-5**: crafty counsel; confederate against hidden ones
- **Isaiah 8:12**: evil confederacy

SYMBOLS OF HAMAN + ZERESH + FRIENDS

Haman: Political horn of USA (authority)

Zeresh: Protestant horn of USA (seat)

Friends: Spiritualism in USA (power)

Revelation 13:2- **power, seat, great authority**

“Through the two great errors, the **immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness**, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. **The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power;** and under the **influence of this threefold union**, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” *The Great Controversy*, 588.

ESTHER 7

THE DEATH OF HAMAN

ESTHER 7:1-10

HAMAN'S EVIL HEART

- Parallels Triumphant Entry

“**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:** who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” Jeremiah 17:9, 10.

HAMAN'S APPEARANCE OF FORNICATION

“Behold, I will cast her into a **bed**, and **them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation**, except they repent of their deeds.” Revelation 2:22.

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. **For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her**, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” Revelation 18:1–3.

“The so-called Christian world is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. **Men in authority will enact laws controlling the conscience**, after the example of the Papacy. Babylon will make **all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Every nation will be involved.** Of this time John the Revelator declares:

“‘The merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow’ (Revelation 18:3-7). *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 296.

50 CUBITS

- **Leviticus 23:15, 16:** 50 days after first fruits
- **October 22, 1844:** 1850 after
- **Deuteronomy 15:9:** 50th year a Jubilee/Release; 7 cycles of 7
- **Numbers 8:24, 25:** Levites start service at 25, end at 50

HAMAN'S FACE COVERED

- **2 Kings 25:7:** Zedekiah's eyes put out
- **Judges 16:21:** Samson's blindness

OTHER

- Haman hung on the gallows

ESTHER 8

A COUNTERMANDING DECREE

ESTHER 8:1-17

“RING” = “SEAL”

“From H2883; properly a **seal** (as sunk into the wax), that is, **signet** (for sealing); hence (generically) a **ring** of any kind: –ring.” *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*.

“As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the **signet upon my right hand**, yet would I pluck thee thence...” Jeremiah 22:24.

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the **worldly mold** and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the **heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**

“Now is the time to prepare. **The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman.** It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. **All who receive the seal must be without spot before God**--candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. **Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour.** *Testimonies*, volume 5, 216.

COUNTERMANDING DECREE: RAPID EVENTS

“**The events that followed in rapid succession**,--the appearance of Esther before the king, the marked favor shown her, the banquets of the king and the queen with Haman as the only guest, the troubled sleep of the king, the public honor shown Mordecai, and the humiliation and fall of Haman upon discovery of his wicked plot against the Jewish people,--**all these are parts of a familiar story. In a marvelous manner God wrought in behalf of his penitent people**; and a counter-decree issued by the king, allowing them to fight for their lives, was **rapidly communicated** to every part of the realm by mounted couriers who were ‘hasted and pressed on by the king’s commandment.’ ‘And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king’s commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good

day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them." *The Review and Herald*, January 23, 1908.

11TH HOUR WORKERS

"There are diligent students of the word of prophecy in all parts of the world, who are obtaining light and still greater light from searching the Scriptures. **This is true of all nations, of all tribes, and of all peoples.** These will come from the grossest error, and will take the place of those who have had opportunities and privileges and have not prized them. These have worked out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they should become deficient in doing the ways and will of God, while those who have had great light, through the perversity of their own natural heart, turned away from Christ because they were displeased with his requirements. But God will not be left without witnesses. **The one-hour laborers will be brought in at the eleventh hour, and will consecrate their ability and all their entrusted means to advance the work.** These will receive the reward for their faithfulness, because they are true to principle, and shun not their duty to declare the whole counsel of God. **When those who have had abundance of light throw off the restraint which the word of God imposes, and make void his law, others will come in to fill their places and take their crown.**" *The Review and Herald*, June 15, 1897.

ESTHER 9 & 10

Purim

13D12M

Decree Executed ~ Est. 9:1

Jews Gathered ~ Est. 9:2

Mordecai waxed greater
~ Est. 9:4

Shushan Jews ~ Est. 9:6, 10
→ 500 men
→ Haman's 10 sons *die*

Village Jews ~ Est. 9:16
→ 75,000

Decree Extension Request
~ Est. 9:13

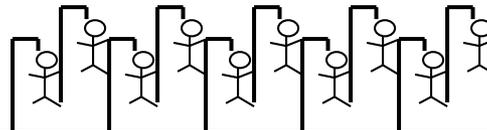
6th Kingdom Dies: *False Prophet*
7th Kingdom Begins: *Dragon*
8th Kingdom Present: *Beast*

14D12M

Decree Doubled (Repeated) ~ Est. 9:14

Shushan Jews ~ Est. 9:14, 15
→ 300 men
→ Haman's 10 sons *hung*

Village Jews ~ Est. 9:17
→ Rest



7th Kingdom Dies: *Dragon*
8th Kingdom Reigns: *Beast*
6th Kingdom Dead: *False Prophet*

15D12M

Double Rest

Shushan Jews ~ Est. 9:18
→ Rest

Village Jews ~ Est. 9:21, 22
→ Rest

ESTHER 9

PURIM

ESTHER 9:1-19

JEWES: SHUSHAN THE PALACE

- Revelation 14:1-5
- 144,000
- First fruits
- Virgins

13D12M: 500 men + 10 sons of Haman *die*

14D12M: 300 men

15D12M: Rest

JEWES: VILLAGE

- Revelation 7:9-14
- Great multitude
- Blood of the Lamb

13D12M: 75,000 men

14D12M: Rest

15D12M: Rest

HAMAN'S 10 SONS

14D12M: *hung* (even though they died on 13D12M)

“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and **give their kingdom unto the beast**, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”
Revelation 17:17, 18.

ESTHER 9:20-32

PURIM DOCUMENTED

- Mordecai writes to establish Purim: **Esther 9:20, 23**
- Esther writes to confirm Mordecai: **Esther 9:29**

ESTHER 10

ESTHER 10:1-3

MORDECAI ACCEPTED OF THE MULTITUDE

“For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and **great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren**, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.” Esther 10:3.

CALLS TO SERVICE

“**The Lord has not called young men to work among the churches.** They are not called to speak to an audience that does not need their immature labors, that is well aware of the fact, and feels, under their ministration, no drawing of the Spirit. Let young men of ability connect with experienced laborers in the great harvest field. Very many will succeed best by beginning with the canvassing work and improving the opportunities afforded them for gospel ministry.

“But let none become shadows of some other man. Let them not become mere machines, to grind out certain subjects by human dictation. **No sermon is to be planned out for them to preach where they go.** Let them seek to be taught by God through the Holy Spirit. Let them seek help through prayer and the diligent study of God's word. If they do this, **He who calls them to labor in the gospel will make it evident that they are chosen vessels.** He will give them words to speak to the people.

“**Their first duty is to learn lessons in various lines from the Great Teacher.** There is one aim set before all in the word of God--to be like Him who ‘went about doing good.’

“‘If any man serve Me,’ Christ says, ‘let him follow Me.’ John 12:26. By studying the life of Christ let the workers learn how He lived and worked. Let them strive each day to live His life.” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 415.

DIG DEEPER & DEEPER

“I do not expect to live long. My work is nearly done.... I do not think I shall have more Testimonies for our people. Our men of solid minds know what is good for the uplifting and upbuilding of the work. But with the love of God in their hearts, **they need to go deeper and deeper into the study of the things of God.**

“In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord 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.**” *Counsels for the Church*, 359.

DANIEL'S VISIONS

BY: TYLER SENA

*Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and
there remained no strength in me: Daniel 10:8*

DANIEL 8

THE RAM

Daniel 8:3, 4

Daniel 7—Political Aspect

Daniel 8—Religious Aspect

Religious Union—Daniel 7:8; 11:41, Genesis 2:21, 22

Pushing: to war against—Daniel 7:20; 8:9; 40, 42

And **the great city was divided into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in **remembrance** before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Revelation 16:19.

REMEMBRANCE—RELIGIOUS UNION

Revelation 18:4–6

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river **Euphrates**; and the **water thereof was dried up**, that the way of **the kings of the east** might be prepared. Revelation 16:12

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Behold, I come as a **thief**. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

And **he gathered them** together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Revelation 16:13–16.

1798: THE EUPHRATES DRIED UP

KINGS OF THE EAST—THE MEDES & PERSIANS

Isaiah 44:27–45:4

“The second angel’s message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced **a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the advent message; but that fall was not complete.** As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that ‘Babylon is fallen,... because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ She has not yet made all nations do this. The spirit of world conforming and indifference to the testing truths for our time exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom; and these churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination.

“The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work ‘with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;’ and they that ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:9–11. Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. **The change is a progressive one,** and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future.” *The Great Controversy*, 389.

THE THIEF: OCTOBER 22, 1844/SUNDAY LAW

“The world is in co-partnership with the professed Christian churches in making void the law of Jehovah. God’s law is set aside; it is trampled underfoot; and from all the loyal people of God the prayer will ascend to heaven, ‘It is time, O Lord, for Thee to work: for they have made void Thy law.’ Satan is making his last and most powerful effort for the mastery, his last conflict against the principles of God’s law. A defiant infidelity abounds.

“After John’s description in Revelation 16 of that **miracle-working power which was to gather the world to the last great conflict**, the symbols are dropped, and the trumpet voice once more gives a certain sound. ‘Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame’ [Revelation 16:15]. After the transgression of Adam and Eve, they were naked, for the garment of light and security had departed from them. The world will have forgotten the

admonition and warnings of God, as did the inhabitants of the **Noatic world**; as did also the dwellers in **Sodom**. They awoke with all their plans and inventions of iniquity; but **suddenly** the shower of fire came from heaven and consumed the godless inhabitants. 'Thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed' [Luke 17:30]." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 96.

UNEXPECTED—MALACHI 3:1-4 (AS A THIEF)

"This coming is foretold also by the prophet Malachi: 'The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.' Malachi 3:1. The coming of the Lord to His temple was **sudden, unexpected, to His people...**" *The Great Controversy*, 424.

"We are living in the closing scenes of these perilous times. The Lord foresaw the unbelief that now prevails respecting His coming; and again and again He has given warning in His word that **this event will be unexpected**. The great day will come as a snare 'on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.' Luke 21:35. But **there are two classes**. To one the apostle gives these encouraging words: 'Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a **thief**.' 1 Thessalonians 5:4. Some will be ready **when the Bridegroom comes**, and will go in with Him to the marriage..." *Testimonies*, volume 6, 129.

THREEFOLD UNION

TWO ERRORS

"Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays **the foundation of Spiritualism**, the latter creates **a bond of sympathy with Rome**. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to **grasp the hand of Spiritualism**; they will reach over the abyss to **clasp hands with the Roman power**; and under **the influence of this threefold union**, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience." *The Great Controversy*, 588.

THE DECREE

"By **the decree of 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." *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

"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.

"The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church-members love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and **Satan determines to unite them in one body**, and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. **Papists, Protestants, and worldlings** will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this **union** a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium." *The Great Controversy*, 588.

THE GOAT

Daniel 8:5–8

GREECE/GENTILE

“The hour of Christ’s glorification had come. He was standing in the shadow of the cross, and the inquiry of the **Greeks** showed Him that the sacrifice He was about to make would bring many sons and daughters to God. . . . In these **strangers** He saw the pledge of a great harvest, when the partition wall between Jew and **Gentile** should be broken down, and all nations, tongues, and peoples should hear the message of salvation. . . . The gathering in of the **Gentiles** was to follow His approaching death. Only by His death could the world be saved. Like a grain of wheat, the Son of man must be cast into the ground and die, and be buried out of sight; but He was to live again. . . .

“The message of the **Greeks**, foreshadowing as it did the gathering in of the **Gentiles**, brought to the mind of Jesus His entire mission.” *Desire of Ages*, 622, 624.

Genesis 16:12

“Angels are holding **the four winds**, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over **the face of the whole earth**, bearing destruction and death in its path.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

THE ANGRY NATIONS

Revelation 11:18; Luke 21:25, 26

“‘The **commencement** of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned **does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out**, but to a **short period just before** they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. **At that time**, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry, yet held in check** so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. **At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord**, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 85.

AHAB & THE TEN KINGS

Haman and His Ten sons (Esther); Tarshish and the ten Merchants (Ezekiel 27)

THE LITTLE HORN

DANIEL 8:9—MASCULINE

DANIEL 8:10—FEMININE

“God’s word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. **All that she desires is vantage ground**, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and **persecution.**” *The Great Controversy*, 581.

Daniel 8:13; Revelation 11:2, 3; Daniel 12:3; Revelation 1:20

Angels: G32—a *messenger*; especially an *angel*; by implication a *pastor*.

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 18:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

DANIEL 8:11—MASCULINE

Rum: H7311—Lift up and exalted: Daniel 5:20, 23; 11:12, 36; 12:7

THE PLACE

Daniel 11:24; 31; Revelation 13:2

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“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. 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 life. **Then will the voice be heard from the graves of martyrs**, represented by the souls that 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.’” *Review and Herald*, June 15, 1897.

HOMAGE

“The enforcement of Sunday keeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. **But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.**” *The Great Controversy*, 448–449.

“Satan has taken the world captive. He has introduced **an idol sabbath**, apparently giving to it great importance. He has stolen the homage of the Christian world away from the Sabbath of the Lord for this **idol sabbath**. The world bows to a tradition, a man-made commandment. **As Nebuchadnezzar set up his golden image on the plain of Dura**, and so exalted himself, so Satan exalts himself in this false sabbath, for which he has stolen the livery of heaven.” *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1898.

“The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because **they will not yield homage to the Papacy**, by honoring Sunday, the institution of this anti-Christian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be **blotted from the earth**, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed.” *Review and Herald*, August 22, 1893.

HOMAGE, N. [L. HOMO, MAN.]

1. In feudal law, the submission, loyalty and service which a tenant promised to his lord or superior, when first admitted to the land which he held of him in fee; or

rather the act of the tenant in making this submission, on being invested with the fee. The ceremony of doing homage was thus performed. The tenant, being ungirt and uncovered, kneeled and held up both his hands between those of the lord, who sat before him, and there professed that "he did become his man, from that day forth, of life and limb and earthly honor," and then received a kiss from his lord.

2. Obeisance; respect paid **by external action**.

BARABBAS

"In the scene representing the work of Christ for us, and the determined accusation of Satan against us, Joshua stands as the high priest, and makes request in behalf of God's commandment-keeping people. **At the same time** Satan represents the people of God as great sinners, and presents before God the list of sins he has tempted them to commit through their lifetime, and urges that because of their transgressions, they be given into his hands to destroy. He urges that they should not be protected by ministering angels against the confederacy of evil. He is full of anger because he cannot bind the people of God into bundles with the world, to render to him complete allegiance. **Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon** who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.

"God has a controversy with **the world**. When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, He has an awful account to settle, which would now make the world fear and tremble were men not blinded and bewitched by satanic delusions and deceptions. God will call the world to account for the death of His only-begotten Son, whom to all intents and purposes the world has crucified afresh, and put to open shame in **the persecution of His people**. The world has rejected Christ in the person of His saints, has refused His messages in the refusal of the messages of prophets, apostles, and messengers. They have rejected those who have been colaborers with Christ, and for this they will have to render an account." *Testimonies to Ministers*, 38–39.

"There can be only two classes. Each party is distinctly stamped, either with the seal of the living God, or with the mark of the beast or his image. Each son and daughter of Adam chooses either Christ or Barabbas as his general. And all who place themselves on the side of the disloyal are **standing under Satan's black banner**, and are charged with rejecting and despitefully using Christ. They are charged with deliberately crucifying the Lord of life and glory." *Review and Herald*, January 30, 1900.

ENSIGN

Ensign: a *flag*; also a *sail*; by implication a *flagstaff*; generally a *signal*; figuratively a *token*:—banner, pole, sail, (en-) sign, standard.

Isaiah 5:26; 18:3; Zechariah 9:16; Isaiah 30:16, 17

OUTCASTS

Isaiah 56:8; Psalm 147:2, 3; 11:12

DANIEL 8:12—FEMININE

Revelation 13:11–18; 17:10–14; Daniel 11:44, 45

DANIEL NINE

Daniel 9:1, 2; Jeremiah 25:12; Daniel 9:3–20 (verse 9–13); Leviticus 26:14–39; **26:40–42**; Nehemiah 1:1–11 (verse 8); Jeremiah 6:16; Revelation 18:1–3

EZRA 7:9

“In the seventh chapter of Ezra the decree is found. Verses 12–26. In its completest form it was issued by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, 457 B.C. But in Ezra 6:14 the house of the Lord at Jerusalem is said to have been built ‘according to the commandment [“decree,” margin] of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.’ These three kings, in originating, reaffirming, and completing the decree, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 years. Taking 457 B.C., the time when the decree was completed, as the date of the commandment, every specification of the prophecy concerning the seventy weeks was seen to have been fulfilled.” *The Great Controversy*, 326.

“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**. . . . **There cannot be a third without the first and second.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104.

“The great message, **combining** the first, second, and third angels’ messages, is to be given to the world. This is to be the burden of our work.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 950.

THE MATTER & VISION/DABAR & MAREH

Daniel 9:23

Understand—Biy: Mentally separate

Dabar: word; Mareh: appearance

DANIEL 9:24—SEVENTY WEEKS

1989 (Daniel 11:40) through close of probation (Daniel 12:1); Fractal—1989 Daniel 11:40 through Sunday law (Daniel 11:41)

DANIEL 9:25 (TWO PROPHECIES)

GOING FORTH

H4161—From H3318; a *going forth*, that is, (the act) an *egress*, or (the place) an *exit*; hence a *source* or *product*; specifically *dawn*, **the rising of the sun (the East)**, *exportation*, *utterance*, **a gate, a fountain, a mine**, a *meadow* (as producing grass):—brought out, **bud, that which came out, east**, going forth, goings out, that which (thing that) is gone out, outgoing, proceeded out, **spring**, vein, [**water-**] **course [springs]**.

1989

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 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.’

“The coming of Christ, as announced by the first angel’s message, was understood to be represented by the coming of the bridegroom. The widespread reformation under the proclamation of His soon coming, answered to **the going forth of the virgins**. In this parable, as in that of Matthew 24, two classes are represented. All had taken their lamps, the Bible, and by its light had gone forth to meet the Bridegroom. But while ‘they that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them,’ ‘the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.’ The latter class had received the grace of God, the regenerating, enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, which renders His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. In the fear of God they had studied the Scriptures to learn the truth, and had earnestly sought for purity of heart and life. These had a personal experience, a faith in God and in His word, which could not be overthrown by disappointment and delay. Others ‘took their lamps, and took no oil with them.’ They had moved from impulse. Their fears had been excited by the solemn message, but they had depended upon the faith of their brethren, satisfied with the flickering light of good emotions, without a thorough understanding of the truth or a genuine work of grace in the heart. These had gone forth to meet the Lord, full of hope in the prospect of immediate reward; but they were not prepared for delay and disappointment. When trials came, their faith failed, and their lights burned dim.

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.’ By the tarrying of the bridegroom is represented the passing of the time when the Lord was expected, the disappointment, and the seeming delay. In this time of uncertainty, the interest of the superficial and halfhearted soon began to waver, and their efforts to relax; but those whose faith was based on a personal knowledge of the Bible had a rock beneath their feet, which the waves of disappointment could not wash away. ‘They all

slumbered and slept;’ one class in unconcern and abandonment of their faith, the other class patiently waiting till clearer light should be given. Yet in the night of trial the latter seemed to lose, to some extent, their zeal and devotion. The halfhearted and superficial could no longer lean upon the faith of their brethren. Each must stand or fall for himself.” *The Great Controversy*, 391–395.

MESSIAH THE PRINCE—9/11

SEVEN WEEKS

Nehemiah 1:1–Shushan the palace

Nehemiah 2:11; 6:15 (fractal)—Passover to Pentecost; Jubilee

DANIEL 9:26, 27—INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

Internal: 27 to 34 (fractal) 9/11 to Sunday law; 9/11 to Daniel 12:1; Revelation 22:11

External: determined; Daniel 11:36

DANIEL TEN

Daniel 10: 1–8

“GREAT QUAKING”

“I was pointed to the providence of God among His people and was shown that every trial made by the refining, purifying process upon professed Christians proves some to be dross. The fine gold does not always appear. **In every religious crisis** some fall under temptation. **The shaking of God blows away multitudes like dry leaves.** Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. **Adversity purges them out of the church.** As a class, their spirits are not steadfast with God. They go out from us because they are not of us; **for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, many are offended.**” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 89.

THE MARAH—DANIEL, PETER, ISAIAH, EZEKIEL, CHRIST

Daniel 10:9–19

“Night was the only favorable time for fishing with nets in the clear waters of the lake. After toiling all night without success, it seemed hopeless to cast the net by day; but Jesus had given the command, and love for their Master moved the disciples to obey. Simon and his brother together let down the net. As they attempted to draw it in, so great was the quantity of fish enclosed that it began to break. They were obliged to summon James and John to their aid. When the catch was secured, both the boats were so heavily laden that they were in danger of sinking.

“But Peter was unmindful now of boats or lading. **This miracle, above any other he had ever witnessed, was to him a manifestation of divine power.** In Jesus he saw One who held all nature under His control. The presence of divinity revealed his own unholiness. Love for his Master, shame for his own unbelief, gratitude for the condescension of Christ, above all, the sense of his uncleanness in the presence of infinite purity, overwhelmed him. While his companions were securing the contents of the net, Peter fell at the Saviour's feet, exclaiming, ‘Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’

“It was the same presence of divine holiness that had caused the prophet Daniel to fall as one dead before the angel of God. He said, “My comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.” So when Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he exclaimed, ‘Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.’ Daniel 10:8; Isaiah 6:5. Humanity, with its weakness and sin, was brought in

contrast with the perfection of divinity, and he felt altogether deficient and unholy. Thus it has been with all who have been granted a view of God's greatness and majesty.

“Peter exclaimed, ‘Depart from me; for I am a sinful man;’ yet he clung to the feet of Jesus, feeling that he could not be parted from Him. The Saviour answered, **‘Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.’ It was after Isaiah had beheld the holiness of God and his own unworthiness that he was entrusted with the divine message. It was after Peter had been led to self-renunciation and dependence upon divine power that he received the call to his work for Christ.**

“Until this time none of the disciples had fully united as colaborers with Jesus. They had witnessed many of His miracles, and had listened to His teaching; but they had not entirely forsaken their former employment. The imprisonment of John the Baptist had been to them all a bitter disappointment. If such were to be the outcome of John's mission, they could have little hope for their Master, with all the religious leaders combined against Him. Under the circumstances it was a relief to them to return for a short time to their fishing. But now Jesus called them to forsake their former life, and unite their interests with His. Peter had accepted the call. Upon reaching the shore, Jesus bade the three other disciples, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left all, and followed Him.” *Desire of Ages*, 246.

ISAIAH

“As the prophet Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he was amazed, and, overwhelmed with a sense of his own weakness and unworthiness, he cried, ‘Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.’

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but now he sees himself exposed to the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them. He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. How unworthy he was! how unfitted for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle Paul, ‘O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?’

“But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isaiah 6:6, 7 quoted.]

“**The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God's people in the last days.** They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. ‘And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.’ As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, they perceive that they are a people of

unclean lips,—a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them. The bow of promise is above the throne, and the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them. God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart

“Isaiah had a wonderful view of God's glory. He saw the manifestation of God's power, and after beholding His majesty, a message came to him to go and do a certain work. He felt wholly unworthy for the work. What made him esteem himself unworthy? Did he think himself unworthy before he had a view of God's glory?—No; he imagined himself in a righteous state before God; but when the glory of the Lord of hosts was revealed to him, when he beheld the inexpressible majesty of God, he said, ‘I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a living coal in his hands, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar, and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.’ This is the work that as individuals we need to have done for us. We want the living coal from off the altar placed upon our lips. We want to hear the word spoken, “Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged” *SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 4, 1138–1139.*

“Isaiah had a message from the God of heaven to give to the backsliding people of Israel, and he gave them this message. He knew what elements he had to deal with; he knew the stubbornness and perversity of the heart, and how hard it would be to make any impression upon them. As he stood in the portico of the temple, the Lord revealed Himself to him. The veil of the temple was withdrawn, the door lifted, and he had a view of the holy of holies within the veil. He saw the God of Israel before the throne high and lifted up, and the train of His glory filled the temple. As Isaiah senses his own sinfulness, he cries out, ‘I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.’ And there was seen the hand that took the live coal from off the altar, and touched his lips, and bade him be clean. Then he was ready to go with the message, and he said, ‘Send me’; for he knew that the Spirit of God would be with the message.

“To those who are engaged in the work of God, in the conversion of souls, it would seem as though it was impossible to reach the obdurate heart. This is how Isaiah felt, but when he saw that **there was a God above the cherubim**, and that they were ready to work with God, **he was ready to carry the message.** *SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 4, 1141.*

“Never before had Isaiah realized **so fully** the greatness of Jehovah or His perfect holiness; and he felt that in his human frailty and unworthiness he must perish in that divine presence. ‘Woe is me!’ he cried; ‘for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.’ But a seraph came to him to fit him for his great mission. A living coal from the altar was laid upon his lips with the words: ‘Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.’ And when the voice of God was heard saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Isaiah with holy confidence responded, ‘Here am I; send me.’

“What though earthly powers should be arrayed against Judah? What though Isaiah should meet with opposition and resistance in his mission? He had seen the King, the Lord of hosts; he had heard the song of the seraphim, ‘The whole earth is full of His glory;’ and **the prophet was nerved for the work before him. The memory of this vision was carried with him throughout his long and arduous mission.** *Testimonies*, volume 5, 750–751.

“The live coal is **symbolical of purification**. If it touches the lips, no impure word will fall from them. The live coal also symbolizes **the potency of the efforts of the servants of the Lord.**” *Review and Herald*, October 16, 1888.

EZEKIEL

“Ezekiel, the mourning exile prophet, in the land of the Chaldeans, was given a vision teaching the same lesson of faith in the mighty God of Israel. As he was upon the banks of the river Chebar, a whirlwind seemed to come from the north, ‘a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber.’ A number of wheels of strange appearance, intersecting one another, were moved by four living creatures. High above all these was ‘the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.’ ‘As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.’ ‘And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man’s hand under their wings.’

“There were wheels within wheels in an arrangement so complicated that **at first sight they appeared to Ezekiel to be all in confusion**. But when they moved, it was with beautiful exactness and in perfect harmony. Heavenly beings were impelling these wheels, and, **above all, upon the glorious sapphire throne, was the Eternal One**; while round about the throne was the encircling rainbow, emblem of grace and love.

Overpowered by the terrible glory of the scene, **Ezekiel fell upon his face, when a voice bade him arise and hear the word of the Lord. Then there was given him a message of warning for Israel.**" *Testimonies*, volume 5, 751.

CHRIST

"After the foe had departed, Jesus fell exhausted to the earth, with the pallor of death upon His face. The angels of heaven had watched the conflict, beholding their loved Commander as He passed through inexpressible suffering to make a way of escape for us. **He had endured the test**, greater than we shall ever be called to endure. **The angels now ministered to the Son of God** as He lay like one dying. **He was strengthened with food, comforted with the message of His Father's love and the assurance that all heaven triumphed in His victory.** Warming to life again, His great heart goes out in sympathy for man, and **He goes forth to complete the work He has begun**; to rest not until the foe is vanquished, and our fallen race redeemed." *Desire of Ages*, 131.

THE PORCH

"Such thoughts as these were crowding through Isaiah's mind as he **stood under the portico of the temple**. Suddenly **the gate and the inner veil** of the temple seemed to be uplifted or withdrawn, and he was permitted to gaze within, upon the holy of holies, where **even the prophet's feet might not enter**. There rose up before him a vision of Jehovah sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, while the train of His glory filled the temple. On each side of the throne hovered the seraphim, their faces veiled in adoration, as they ministered before their Maker and united in the solemn invocation, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory,' until post and pillar and cedar gate seemed shaken with the sound, and the house was filled with their tribute of praise. Isaiah 6:3." *Prophets & Kings*, 307.

Then he made a porch for the throne **where he might judge, even the porch of judgment**: and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other. 1 Kings 7:7.

And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof **Jachin**: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof **Boaz**. 1 Kings 7:21.

Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the Lord* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. And he began to build in the

second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And **the porch that *was in the front of the house***, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and **the height *was an hundred and twenty***: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 2 Chronicles 3:1–4.

NUMBERS 11

BY: DANIEL FONTENOT

*While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed,
the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, Numbers 11:33.*

THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

THE CLOUD MOVES—A CHANGE OF DISPENSATION

Numbers 9:15–23; Numbers 10:11, 12; Daniel 7:13; *Early Writings*, 55

And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran. Numbers 10:12.

“The Spirit of God impressed the hearts of those students of His word. The conviction was urged upon them that they had ignorantly transgressed this precept by disregarding the Creator's rest day. They began to examine the reasons for observing the first day of the week instead of the day which God had sanctified. They could find no evidence in the Scriptures that the fourth commandment had been abolished, or that the Sabbath had been changed; the blessing which first hallowed the seventh day had never been removed. They had been honestly seeking to know and to do God's will; now, as they saw themselves transgressors of His law, sorrow filled their hearts, and they manifested their loyalty to God by keeping His Sabbath holy.” *The Great Controversy*, 434, 435.

“God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 455.

“Yet it was almost with reluctance that many left the place where they had so long encamped. They had come almost to regard it as their home. Within the shelter of those granite walls God had gathered His people, apart from all other nations, to repeat to them His holy law. They loved to look upon the sacred mount, on whose hoary peaks and barren ridges the divine glory had so often been displayed. The scene was so closely associated with the presence of God and holy angels that it seemed too sacred to be left thoughtlessly, or even gladly.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 376, 377.

“Of all the great religious movements since the days of the apostles, none have been more free from human imperfection and the wiles of Satan than was that of the autumn of 1844. Even now, after the lapse of many years, all who shared in that movement and who have stood firm upon the platform of truth still feel the holy influence of that blessed work and bear witness that it was of God.” *The Great Controversy*, 402.

THREE DAYS' JOURNEY

Numbers 11:33–36

PILLAR OF CLOUD=TRUTH

“Every child of God should be intelligent in the Scriptures, and able, by tracing the fulfillment of prophecy, to show our position in this world's history. The Bible was written for the common people as well as for scholars, and is within the comprehension of all. The great truths which underlie man's duty to his fellow men and to his Maker are clearly revealed; and those who really want the truth need make no mistake. The way is not left in uncertainty, as though we were standing where four roads met, not knowing which one to take. The truth is our guide; it is to us like a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.” *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, 23.

AFTER 3 DAYS' JOURNEY

Numbers 11:1–3

“After three days' journey open complaints were heard. These originated with the mixed multitude, many of whom were not fully united with Israel, and were continually watching for some cause of censure. The complainers were not pleased with the direction of the march, and they were continually finding fault with the way in which Moses was leading them, though they well knew that he, as well as they, was following the guiding cloud. Dissatisfaction is contagious, and it soon spread in the encampment.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 377.

THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED

Jude 15, 16

“While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, ‘Look again, and look a little higher.’ At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which

was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe. But soon some grew weary, and said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a light which waved over the Advent band, and they shouted, 'Alleluia!' Others rashly denied the light behind them and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, and fell off the path down into the dark and wicked world below." *Early Writings*, 14, 15.

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps—the first, second, and third angels' messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.' I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those who had stepped off to cease their complaints; for God was the Master Builder, and they were fighting against Him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union raised their eyes to heaven and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained and left the platform, and they with humble look again stepped upon it." *Early Writings*, 258, 259.

AT FIRST—A FEARFUL JUDGMENT

“This murmuring soon infected nearly the whole body of the people. At first, God did not gratify their lustful appetites, but caused his judgments to come upon them, and consumed the most guilty by lightning from heaven. Yet this, instead of humbling them, seemed only to increase their murmurings.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 1, 282.

“Says the psalmist: ‘They tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, He smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give bread also? can He provide flesh for His people? Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth.’ Psalm 78:18–21. Murmuring and tumults had been frequent during the journey from the Red Sea to Sinai, but in pity for their ignorance and blindness God had not then visited the sin with judgments. But since that time He had revealed Himself to them at Horeb. They had received great light, as they had been witnesses to the majesty, the power, and the mercy of God; and their unbelief and discontent incurred the greater guilt. Furthermore, they had covenanted to accept Jehovah as their king and to obey His authority. Their murmuring was now rebellion, and as such it must receive prompt and signal punishment, if Israel was to be preserved from anarchy and ruin. ‘The fire of Jehovah burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.’ The most guilty of the complainers were slain by lightning from the cloud.

“The people in terror besought Moses to entreat the Lord for them. He did so, and the fire was quenched. In memory of this judgment he called the name of the place Taberah, ‘a burning.’ ‘But the evil was soon worse than before. Instead of leading the survivors to humiliation and repentance, this fearful judgment seemed only to increase their murmurings. In all directions the people were gathered at the door of their tents, weeping and lamenting.

“The mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: but now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.’ Thus they manifested their discontent with the food provided for them by their Creator. Yet they had constant evidence that it was adapted to their wants; for notwithstanding the hardships they endured, there was not a feeble one in all their tribes.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 379.

“The Lord would teach His people to acknowledge the justice of His corrections, that others may fear. There were those in Israel whom the warning of this terrible judgment might save from presuming upon God's forbearance until they, too, should seal their own destiny.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 361.

“The churches that refused to receive the first angel's message, rejected light from Heaven. That message was sent in mercy to arouse them to see their true condition of worldliness and backsliding...” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 230.

THE DIRECTION OF THE MARCH

“At the signal from the trumpeters, however, the entire camp set forward, the tabernacle borne in the midst, and each tribe in its appointed position, under its own standard. All eyes were turned anxiously to see in what direction the cloud would lead. As it moved toward the east, where were only mountain masses huddled together, black and desolate, a feeling of sadness and doubt arose in many hearts.

“As they advanced, the way became more difficult. Their route lay through stony ravine and barren waste. All around them was the great wilderness—‘a land of deserts and of pits,’ ‘a land of drought, and of the shadow of death,’ ‘a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt.’ Jeremiah 2:6. The rocky gorges, far and near, were thronged with men, women, and children, with beasts and wagons, and long lines of flocks and herds. Their progress was necessarily slow and toilsome; and the multitudes, after their long encampment, were not prepared to endure the perils and discomforts of the way.

“After three days' journey open complaints were heard. These originated with the mixed multitude, many of whom were not fully united with Israel, and were continually watching for some cause of censure. The complainers were not pleased with the direction of the march, and they were continually finding fault with the way in which Moses was leading them, though they well knew that he, as well as they, was following the guiding cloud. Dissatisfaction is contagious, and it soon spread in the encampment.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 377.

THE PLAINEST & SIMPLEST FOOD

“Whenever the study of the Scriptures is entered upon without a prayerful, humble, teachable spirit, the plainest and simplest as well as the most difficult passages will be wrested from their true meaning. The papal leaders select such portions of Scripture as best serve their purpose, interpret to suit themselves, and then present these to the people, while they deny them the privilege of studying the Bible and understanding its

sacred truths for themselves. The whole Bible should be given to the people just as it reads. It would be better for them not to have Bible instruction at all than to have the teaching of the Scriptures thus grossly misrepresented." *The Great Controversy*, 521.

"The truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretense of great wisdom, teach that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. These men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: 'Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God.' Mark 12:24. The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: 'If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.' John 7:17. If men would but take the Bible as it reads, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error." *The Great Controversy*, 598, 599.

"But after a time the zeal of the believers began to wane, and their love for God and for one another grew less. Coldness crept into the church. Some forgot the wonderful manner in which they had received the truth. One by one the old standard-bearers fell at their post. Some of the younger workers, who might have shared the burdens of these pioneers, and thus have been prepared for wise leadership, had become weary of oft-repeated truths. In their desire for something novel and startling they attempted to introduce new phases of doctrine, more pleasing to many minds, but not in harmony with the fundamental principles of the gospel. In their self-confidence and spiritual blindness they failed to discern that these sophistries would cause many to question the experiences of the past, and would thus lead to confusion and unbelief.

"As these false doctrines were urged, differences sprang up, and the eyes of many were turned from beholding Jesus as the Author and Finisher of their faith. The discussion of unimportant points of doctrine, and the contemplation of pleasing fables of man's invention, occupied time that should have been spent in proclaiming the gospel. The masses that might have been convicted and converted by a faithful presentation of the truth were left unwarned. Piety was rapidly waning, and Satan seemed about to gain the ascendancy over those who claimed to be followers of Christ." *Acts of the Apostles*, 580, 581.

“Has not the same process been repeated in nearly every church calling itself Protestant? As the founders, those who possessed the true spirit of reform, pass away, their descendants come forward and ‘new-model the cause.’ While blindly clinging to the creed of their fathers and refusing to accept any truth in advance of what they saw, the children of the reformers depart widely from their example of humility, self-denial, and renunciation of the world. Thus ‘the first simplicity disappears.’ A worldly flood, flowing into the church, carries “with it its customs, practices, and idols.” *The Great Controversy*, 385.

NUMBERS 11:4, 5

Psalm 81:8–16; Proverbs 16:11; 2 Peter 2:20–22; Exodus 16:3

LIVING BY EVERY WORD OF GOD OR WALKING AFTER THE FLESH

Deuteronomy 8:2, 3; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5; Romans 8:1–15

“It was to separate the church of Christ from the corrupting influence of the world that the first angel’s message was given. But with the multitude, even of professed Christians, the ties which bound them to earth were stronger than the attractions heavenward. They chose to listen to the voice of worldly wisdom, and turned away from the heart-searching message of truth.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 231.

Psalm 78:18–31

NUMBERS 11:6

Numbers 21:5

MANNA=WORD=CHRIST=RIGHTEOUSNESS=UNADULTERATED TRUTH

Matthew 5:6; John 6:31–35

“‘Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness,’ craving for a knowledge of the word of God as children hunger for bread. This hungering and thirsting for righteousness means praying, believing, receiving Christ as an indwelling Saviour. This is continual sanctification. . . .” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, 342.

“...the righteousness of Christ, which is pure, unadulterated truth.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 65.

NUMBERS 11:7, 8

“Jesus has said, ‘Gather up the fragments, . . . that nothing be lost.’ Many have seen no further meaning in this than the gathering up of the fragments after the feeding of the five thousand; but in all the teachings of Jesus spiritual applications are to be made. When he said, ‘Gather up the fragments,’ it was as if he bade them mark all his teachings, gather up every fragment of truth, and of the light which he has given, to let nothing be lost. Open up the truth to others and let every fragment have its place.” *The Review and Herald*, October 23, 1894.

“Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, he compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the concordance. He pursued his study in a regular and methodical manner; beginning with Genesis, and reading verse by verse, he proceeded no faster than the meaning of the several passages so unfolded as to leave him free from all embarrassment. When he found anything obscure, it was his custom to compare it with every other text which seemed to have any reference to the matter under consideration. Every word was permitted to have its proper bearing upon the subject of the text, and if his view of it harmonized with every collateral passage, it ceased to be a difficulty. Thus whenever he met with a passage hard to be understood he found an explanation in some other portion of the Scriptures. As he studied with earnest prayer for divine enlightenment, that which had before appeared dark to his understanding was made clear. He experienced the truth of the psalmist's words: ‘The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.’ Psalm 119:130.

“With intense interest he studied the books of Daniel and the Revelation, employing the same principles of interpretation as in the other scriptures, and found, to his great joy, that the prophetic symbols could be understood. He saw that the prophecies, so far as they had been fulfilled, had been fulfilled literally; that all the various figures, metaphors, parables, similitudes, etc., were either explained in their immediate connection, or the terms in which they were expressed were defined in other scriptures, and when thus explained, were to be literally understood. ‘I was thus satisfied,’ he says, ‘that the Bible is a system of revealed truths, so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.’ —Bliss, page 70. Link after link of the chain of truth rewarded his efforts, as step by step he traced down the great lines of prophecy. Angels of heaven were guiding his mind and opening the Scriptures to his understanding.” *The Great Controversy*, 320, 321.

HANDLE ME & SEE

Luke 24:38, 39; John 20:27; 1 John 1:1; Isaiah 53:1–5

THE TASTE

Psalms 119:103; 23:5; 92:10

NUMBERS 11:9

The Dew—Genesis 2:5, 6

NUMBERS 11:10–15 (THE 1ST DISAPPOINTMENT)

“When the time passed at which the Lord's coming was first expected,—in the spring of 1844,—those who had looked in faith for His appearing were for a season involved in doubt and uncertainty.” *The Great Controversy*, 391.

“When the year 1843 entirely passed away unmarked by the advent of Jesus, those who had looked in faith for his appearing were for a time left in doubt and perplexity.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 241.

LET ME NOT SEE MY WRETCHEDNESS

Jeremiah 15:15–18; Jonah 4:3

“This murmuring soon infected nearly the whole body of the people. At first, God did not gratify their lustful appetites, but caused his judgments to come upon them, and consumed the most guilty by lightning from heaven. Yet this, instead of humbling them, seemed only to increase their murmurings. When Moses heard the people weeping in the door of their tents, and complaining throughout their families, he was displeased. He presented before the Lord the difficulties of his situation, the unsubmissive spirit of the Israelites, and the position in which God had placed him to the people, that of a nursing father, who should make the sufferings of the people his own. He inquired of the Lord how he could bear this great burden of continually witnessing the disobedience of Israel, and hearing their murmurings against his commands, and against God himself. He declared before the Lord that he would rather die than to see Israel, by their perverseness, drawing down judgments upon themselves, while the enemies of God were rejoicing in their destruction. In his distress he said, I am not able to bear all this responsibility alone, because it is too heavy for me.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 1, 282.

NUMBERS 11:16, 17 (THE 2ND ANGEL ARRIVES)

“It was to separate the church of Christ from the corrupting influence of the world that the first angel's message was given. But with the multitude, even of professed Christians, the ties which bound them to earth were stronger than the attractions heavenward. They chose to listen to the voice of worldly wisdom, and turned away from the heart-searching message of truth.

“Peter, writing as he was inspired by the Holy Spirit, described the manner in which the message of Christ's second coming would be received: ‘There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.’ [2 Peter 3:3–7.]

“Those who perished in the waters of the flood had an opportunity to escape. All were urged to find refuge in the ark; but the multitudes refused to heed the warning. So when the first angel's message was given, all who heard were invited to receive it, and share the blessing to follow its acceptance; but many scorned and rejected the call. One turned to his farm, another to his merchandise, and they cared for none of these things. Inspiration declares that when the antediluvians rejected Noah's words, the Spirit of God ceased to strive with them. So when men now despise the warnings which God in mercy sends them, his Spirit after a time ceases to arouse conviction in their hearts. God gives light to be cherished and obeyed, not to be despised and rejected. The light which he sends becomes darkness to those who disregard it. When the Spirit of God ceases to impress the truth upon the hearts of men, all hearing is vain, and all preaching also is vain.

“When the churches spurned the counsel of God by rejecting the Advent message, the Lord rejected them. The first angel was followed by a second, proclaiming, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ [Revelation 14:8] This message was understood by Adventists to be an announcement of the moral fall of the churches in consequence of their rejection of the first message. The proclamation, ‘Babylon is fallen,’ was given in the summer of 1844, and as the result, about fifty thousand withdrew from these churches.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 231, 232.

SEVENTY GATHERED/SUMMONED

“The Lord hearkened to his prayer, and directed him to summon seventy men of the elders of Israel—men not only advanced in years, but possessing dignity, sound judgment, and experience. ‘And bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation,’ He said, ‘that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.’” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 380.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEVENTY ELDERS

“The Lord permitted Moses to choose for himself the most faithful and efficient men to share the responsibility with him. Their influence would assist in holding in check the violence of the people, and quelling insurrection; yet serious evils would eventually result from their promotion.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 380.

“John's attention was called to another scene: ‘And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God’ (Revelation 7:2). Who is this? The Angel of the covenant. He comes from the sunrising. He is the Dayspring from on high. He is the Light of the world. ‘In Him was life; and the life was the light of men’ (John 1:4). This is the One Isaiah describes: ‘Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace’ (Isaiah 9:6). He cried, as One who had superiority over the hosts of angels in heaven ‘to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea,’ saying, ‘hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads’ (Revelation 7:2, 3).

“Here is the divine and human united. The command is given to the four angels to hold in check the four winds until they receive His summons. Read the entire chapter. The cry, ‘Hurt not,’ is uttered by the Restorer, the Redeemer.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 221, 222.

“Do we realize how large a number in the world are watching our movements? From quarters where we least expect will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy. Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of providence. God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let

them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them." *Testimonies*, volume 7, 14.

"...But God would have us recall His dealings with His people in the past to save them from their enemies. He has always chosen extremities, when there seemed no possible chance for deliverance from Satan's workings, for the manifestation of His power. Man's necessity is God's opportunity. It may be that a respite may yet be granted for God's people to awake and let their light shine. If the presence of ten righteous persons would have saved the wicked cities of the plain, is it not possible that God will yet, in answer to the prayers of His people, hold in check the workings of those who are making void His law? Shall we not humble our hearts greatly before God, flee to the mercy seat, and plead with Him to reveal His mighty power?" *Testimonies*, volume 5, 714.

"We cannot know how much we owe to Christ for the peace and protection which we enjoy. It is the restraining power of God that prevents mankind from passing fully under the control of Satan. The disobedient and unthankful have great reason for gratitude for God's mercy and long-suffering in holding in check the cruel, malignant power of the evil one...." *The Great Controversy*, 36.

"...‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." *Early Writings*, 85.

Revelation 17:14

THAT THEY MAY STAND THERE WITH THEE

Exodus 32:26; Numbers 16:20, 21; 1 Kings 18:30; 2 Corinthians 6:17

I WILL COME DOWN

"But what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? 'And what concord hath Christ with Belial?' 'And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean, and I

will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.' [2 Corinthians 6:14–18.]

“At the proclamation of the first angel's message, the people of God were in Babylon; and many true Christians are still to be found in her communion. Not a few who have never seen the special truths for this time are dissatisfied with their present position, and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the church. As the churches depart more and more widely from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the time will come when those who fear and honor God can no longer remain in connection with them. Those that ‘believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness,’ will be left to receive ‘strong delusion,’ and to ‘believe a lie.’ [2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12.] Then the spirit of persecution will again be revealed. But the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord still in Babylon, will heed the call, ‘Come out of her, my people.’” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 239, 240.

I WILL TAKE OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS UPON THEE

2 Kings 2:9–15; Luke 10:1, 19, 20

“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. Before this proclamation, fanaticism disappeared, like early frost before the rising sun. Believers once more found their position, 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 which 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.

“Said Wm. Miller, in describing that work: ‘There is no great expression of joy; that is, as it were, suppressed for a future occasion, when all Heaven and earth will rejoice together with joy unspeakable and full of glory. There is no shouting; that, too, is reserved for the shout from Heaven. The singers are silent; they are waiting to join the angelic hosts, the choir from Heaven. No arguments are used or needed; all seem convinced that they have the truth. There is no clashing of sentiments; all are of one heart and of one mind.’

“Of all the great religious movements since the days of the apostles, none have been more free from human imperfection and the wiles of Satan than was that of the

autumn of 1844. Even now, after the lapse of forty years, all who shared in that movement and who have stood firm upon the platform of truth, still feel the holy influence of that blessed work, and bear witness that it was of God.

“At the call, ‘The Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ the waiting ones ‘arose and trimmed their lamps;’ they studied the word of God with an intensity of interest before unknown. Angels were sent from Heaven to arouse those who had become discouraged, and prepare them to receive the message. The work did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God. It was not the most talented, but the most humble and devoted, who were the first to hear and obey the call. Farmers left their crops standing in the fields, mechanics laid down their tools, and with tears and rejoicing went out to give the warning. Those who had formerly led in the cause were among the last to join in this movement. The churches in general closed their doors against it, and a large company who had the living testimony withdrew from their connection. In the providence of God, this cry united with the second angel’s message, and gave power to that work.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 249, 250.

NUMBERS 11:18 (THE 2ND ANGEL’S MESSAGE—REVELATION 14:8)

“Of the Amorites the Lord said: ‘In the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.’ Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them.

“With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account with all nations. While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 208.

“In refusing the warning of the first angel, they rejected the means which Heaven had provided for their restoration. They spurned the gracious messenger that would have corrected the evils which separated them from God, and with greater eagerness they turned to seek the friendship of the world. Here was the cause of that fearful condition of worldliness, backsliding, and spiritual death which existed in the churches in 1844.” *The Great Controversy*, 380.

WHEN THE THIRD ANGEL MEETS THE FOURTH ANGEL

Amos 4:6–12

THEREFORE THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU FLESH TO EAT

2 Thessalonians 2:10–12

NUMBERS 11:19, 20

BROKEN COVENANT

Zechariah 11:8–10

DEVoured PORTION—INHERITANCE

Hosea 5:6, 7

UNTIL IT BE LOATHSOME UNTO YOU

Numbers 21:5; Ezekiel 20:43; 36:31

NUMBERS 11:21, 22

Moses' Distrust

“He was reproved for his distrust: ‘Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether My word shall come to pass unto thee or not.’” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 381.

Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13

THOU HAST SAID

“When the year 1843 entirely passed away unmarked by the advent of Jesus, those who had looked in faith for his appearing were for a time left in doubt and perplexity. But notwithstanding their disappointment, many continued to search the Scriptures, examining anew the evidences of their faith, and carefully studying the prophecies to obtain further light. The Bible testimony in support of their position seemed clear and conclusive. Signs which could not be mistaken pointed to the coming of Christ as near. The believers could not explain their disappointment; yet they felt assured that God had led them in their past experience.

“Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the prophetic chart, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk, ‘to write the vision and make it plain upon tables.’ No one, however, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the prophet: ‘Write the vision, and make

it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.' [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.]

"A portion of Ezekiel's prophecy also was a source of much strength and comfort to believers: 'And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God:' 'The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.' 'I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged.' 'They of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done.'" [Ezekiel 12:21–25, 27, 28.] *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 241–242.

Habakkuk 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 15:15–18

NUMBERS 11:23

Ezekiel 12:25; Isaiah 50:2; 59:1; Numbers 23:19

NUMBERS 11:24

"Moses now summoned the seventy to the tabernacle. 'And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.' Like the disciples on the Day of Pentecost, they were endued with 'power from on high.' It pleased the Lord thus to prepare them for their work, and to honor them in the presence of the congregation, that confidence might be established in them as men divinely chosen to unite with Moses in the government of Israel." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 381.

NUMBERS 11:25, 26

2 Kings 2:7–15

"At the call, 'The Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,' the waiting ones 'arose and trimmed their lamps;' they studied the word of God with an intensity of interest before unknown. Angels were sent from Heaven to arouse those who had become discouraged, and prepare them to receive the message. The work did not stand in the wisdom and learning of men, but in the power of God. It was not the most talented, but the most humble and devoted, who were the first to hear and obey the call. Farmers left

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"These persons were endowed with the Spirit of the Lord in a similar manner as were the disciples on the day of pentecost. They foretold the work and mission of Christ, and by their wisdom and fluency of speech evidenced to all men that the power of God was upon them. The Lord saw fit to thus prepare them for their work, and honor them in the presence of the congregation, that confidence should be established in them as men chosen of God to unite their authority with that of Moses in his arduous work of restraining and governing the people during their sojourn in the wilderness." *Signs of the Times*, August 12, 1880.

"Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven." *The Great Controversy*, 606, 607.

THEY PROPHESED AND DID NOT CEASE

"While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the Advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, 'Look again, and look a little higher.' At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that

they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe." *Early Writings*, 14.

"Did not cease"—to add or augment, to continue to do a thing, continue gather together, get more, increase, proceed further, prolong.

Two—two-fold, couple, double, again, second time.

Remained—to swell up, remnant, reserve, the rest.

Eldad—God has loved.

Medad—Loving, Affectionate, to cast lots.

"Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour's mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth. The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days." *The Great Controversy*, 488.

"Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message. That which we see and hear calls us to our duty. The working of satanic agencies calls every Christian to stand in his lot." *Testimonies*, volume 9, 25, 26.

NUMBERS 11:27

2 Kings 2:15

NUMBERS 11:28 (FORBID THEM)

Mark 9:38, 39; Luke 9:49, 50; Acts 4:17

NUMBERS 11:29

Would God That All the Lord's People Were Prophets

Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14–18

NUMBERS 11:30, 31 (THERE WENT FORTH A WIND)

Psalm 78:26; Psalm 48:6, 7; Daniel 11:40; Luke 12:55; Psalm 78:27; Deuteronomy 28:22–24; Exodus 9:9

NUMBERS 11:32

Revelation 14:11

NUMBERS 11:33

Job 20:23; Luke 17:28, 29; Genesis 19:24; Esther 7:8; Romans 9:28; Psalm 78:29–31; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12; Revelation 14:9–11

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Proverbs 20:17; Psalm 106:13–15; Isaiah 10:16; Revelation 16; Revelation 18:8

NUMBERS 11:34

1 Corinthians 10:6

“At Hazeroth, the next encampment after leaving Taberah, a still more bitter trial awaited Moses.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 382.

THE BINDING OFF

BY: JEFF PIPPENGER

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Matthew 13:30.

THE BINDING OFF

THE MESSAGE OF THE MIDNIGHT CRY

Millerite history
Litch and Snow

STRUCTURE

Matthew 25; Ezra 7:9; Daniel 11:40–45; Ezekiel 12:23; Revelation 14, 18
The characteristics associated with the waymarks

THE THIRD ANGEL

The separation, sealing, binding and numbering

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

The church militant

FRACTALS, POINTS AND PERIODS

TO THE VERY LETTER

The Seven Thunders
Reform Movements
The Beginning and Ending
The Parable of the Ten Virgins
The Three Angels Messages

THE SEVEN THUNDERS

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order. **Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days.** John sees **the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world.** The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time. . . .

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a **delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.**” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

A FIGURATIVE DELINEATION OF EVENTS

“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.

REFORM MOVEMENTS

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. **The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same.** The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

THE BEGINNING AND ENDING

Revelation 1:8, 17; Isaiah 44:6, 7; 46:9, 10

“The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, **illustrate the position of the people of God** in their experience before the second coming of Christ.

“Satan’s snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.**

“**Their history should be a solemn warning to us.** We need never expect that when the Lord has light for his people, Satan will stand calmly by and make no effort to prevent them from receiving it. Let us beware that we do not refuse the light God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us. . . . If there are any who do not see and accept the light themselves, let them not stand in the way of others.

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live; that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.’

“**This song [Deuteronomy 30] was not historical but prophetic.** While it recounted the wonderful dealings of God with his people in the past, **it also foreshadowed the great events of the future**, the final victory of the faithful when Christ shall come the second time in power and glory.

“The apostle Paul plainly states that **the experience of the Israelites in their travels has been recorded for the benefit of those living in this age of the world, those upon whom the ends of the world are come.** We do not consider that our dangers are any less than those of the Hebrews, but greater.” *Healthful Living*, 280–281.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

TO THE VERY LETTER

“I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter**, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

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

“The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

THE THREE ANGELS MESSAGES

PARALLEL

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and are to run **parallel with this which follows**. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” *The 1888 Materials*, 803–804.

TESTS

“**Many who heard the first and second angels’ messages** thought they would live to see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven. Had all who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as wise virgins, the message would ere this have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But five were wise and five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join that company who walked in the light that had come to them. The third angel’s message was needed. **This proclamation was to be made**. Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom **under the messages of the first and second angels**, refused the third angel’s message, **the last testing message to be given to the world**.

“**A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel**, represented in Revelation 18, gives his message. **The first, second, and third angels’ messages will need to be repeated**. The call will be given to the church, [Revelation 18:2–5 quoted].” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 269–270.

NO THIRD WITHOUT FIRST AND SECOND

“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**.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104–105.

WAYMARKS

“The proclamation of the **first, second, and third angels’ messages** has been **located** by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the **location** of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 26–27.

“The great **waymarks** of truth, **showing us our bearings in prophetic history**, are to be carefully guarded, lest they be torn down, and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101–102.

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is **the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden** when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 106.

ANGELS ARE SYMBOLS

REVELATION 14

“I have had an experience in the **first, second, and third** angels’ messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth’s history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for **they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven.** Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God, and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages **in their order.**” *Life Sketches*, 429.

REVELATION 18

“John saw ‘Another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the whole earth was lightened with his glory.’ Revelation 18:1. **That work is the voice of the people of God proclaiming a message of warning to the world.**” *The 1888 Materials*, 926.

MESSAGES CRUCIFIED

“Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel’s message, which shows the way into the most holy place. **I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages,** and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. **Like the Jews,** who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare.” *Early Writings*, 258–261.

THE LATTER RAIN

“To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. **He records the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction.**” *The Great Controversy*, 341.

SEPARATION

THE CLEAVER OF TRUTH

“God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By **the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world** to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them **the depositaries of His law** and has committed to them **the great truths of prophecy for this time**. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. **The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God’s messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth.**” *Testimonies* volume 5, 455.

WORDS OF TRUTH

“‘Whose **fan** is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner.’ Matthew 3:12. This was one of the times of purging. **By the words of truth, the chaff was being separated from the wheat.** Because they were too vain and self-righteous to receive reproof, too world-loving to accept a life of humility, many turned away from Jesus. Many are still doing the same thing. **Souls are tested today as were those disciples in the synagogue at Capernaum.** When truth is brought home to the heart, they see that their lives are not in accordance with the will of God. They see the need of an entire change in themselves; but they are not willing to take up the self-denying work. Therefore they are angry when their sins are discovered. They go away offended, **even as** the disciples left Jesus, murmuring, ‘This is an hard saying; who can hear it?’” *The Desire of Ages*, 392.

TRIALS

“Trials are to come upon God’s people and **the tares are to be separated from the wheat.**” *Review and Herald*, March 19, 1895.

“Let both **tares and wheat** grow together until **the harvest**. **Then it is the angels that do the work of separation.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 69.

THE FIRST ANGEL

“Jesus commissioned a **mighty angel to descend** and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. I was told that his mission was **to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God.” *Early Writings*, 245.

“The mighty angel who instructed John was **no less a personage than Jesus Christ.**” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

THE THIRD ANGEL SEALS AND BINDS

“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*, 119.

“There have been and always will be **tares** among the wheat, the **foolish virgins** with the wise, those who have no oil in their vessels with their lamps.” *Signs of the Times*, October 23, 1879.

“The state of the Church represented by **the foolish virgins**, is also spoken of as the **Laodicean** state.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

PROBATION CLOSES AT SEPARATION

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment**. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows **the separation between the good and the evil**, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

REVELATION 7

“**The mighty angel is seen ascending from the east** (or sunrising). **This mightiest of angels** has in his hand **the seal of the living God**, . . . It is **the voice of this highest angel** that had authority **to command the four angels to keep in check the four winds** . . .

“**This sealing of the servants of God is the same that was shown to Ezekiel in vision**. John also had been a witness of this most startling revelation. **He saw the sea and the waves roaring, and men’s hearts failing them for fear.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 445.

“I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds **until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary**, and then will come the seven last plagues. . . .

“I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, ‘My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!’ Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw **an angel with a commission from Jesus**, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, ‘Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.’

“I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then **another angel** was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and **bid** them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.” *Early Writings*, 38.

“And what a representation is given in **Revelation 7** for our consideration and comfort and encouragement! The four angels are commissioned to do a work upon the earth. But One who purchased the world by giving Himself for its ransom has a chosen few. Who? Those who are keeping all of the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

“John’s attention was called to another scene: ‘And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God’ (Revelation 7:2). **Who is this?** The Angel of the covenant. He comes from the sun rising. He is the Dayspring from on high. He is the Light of the world. ‘In Him was life; and the life was the light of men’ (John 1:4). This is the One Isaiah describes: ‘Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace’ (Isaiah 9:6). He cried, as One who had superiority over the hosts of angels in heaven ‘to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea, saying, “hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” (Revelation 7:2, 3).’

“Here is the divine and human united. The command is given to the four angels to hold in check the four winds until they receive His summons. Read the entire chapter. The cry, ‘Hurt not,’ is uttered by the Restorer, the Redeemer.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 221, 222.

“**This sealing of the servants of God is the same that was shown to Ezekiel in vision.** John also had been a witness of this most startling revelation. **He saw the sea and the waves roaring, and men’s hearts failing them for fear.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 445.

EZEKIEL 9

AN ANGEL WITH A WRITER'S INKHORN

“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.**” *Early Writings*, 279.

“Study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel. These words will be literally fulfilled; yet the time is passing, and the people are asleep. They refuse to humble their souls and to be converted. Not a great while longer will the Lord bear with the people who have such great and important truths revealed to them, but who refuse to bring these truths into their individual experience. The time is short. God is calling; will you hear? Will you receive His message? Will you be converted before it is too late? Soon, very soon, every case will be decided for eternity.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 260.

“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.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101–102.

FIGURATIVE, *a.* Representing something else; representing by resemblance; **typical.** 2. Representing by resemblance; **not literal or direct.** *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary.*

DELINEATION, *n.* 1. First draught of a thing; outline; **representation of a form or figure by lines; sketch;** design. *Ibid.*

EZEKIEL

“We are amid the perils of the last days, the time will soon come when **the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 will be fulfilled**; that prophecy should be carefully studied, for **it will be fulfilled to the very letter**. Study **also the tenth chapter** which represents the hand of God as at work to bring perfect method and harmonious working into all the operations of his prepared instrumentalities. **The eleventh and twelfth chapters also should receive critical, thoughtful attention. Let these prophecies be studied on your knees before God**; unless you take up the stumbling-blocks which by your own perverse spirit you have laid in the way of many who have been connected with you, God will turn His face utterly from you and your associates.” *The 1888 Materials*, 1303.

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THE DAY OF THE LORD: GENESIS 15, 16, 17

Fourth generation, Amorites, covenant, lamp, ten kings, Islam, circumcision

Genesis 15:16–21; Jeremiah 25:1–19; **Isaiah 8:18; Ezekiel 24:24; 12:11**

REPRESENTATIVE, a.

1. Exhibiting a similitude.

Hosea 12:10; Nehemiah 1:11; Genesis 40, 41

“He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.’

“And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer’s inkhorn by his side; and the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.’ . . .

“Of the Amorites the Lord said: ‘**In the fourth generation** they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.’ Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, **it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity**, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. **The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner**, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to **bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation**. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them.

“With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account with all nations. While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but **when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed**, the ministry of His wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf.

“The prophet, looking down the ages, had this time presented before his vision. The **nations** of this age have been the recipients of unprecedented mercies. The choicest of heaven’s blessings have been given them, but increased pride, covetousness, idolatry, contempt of God, and base ingratitude are written against them. They are fast closing up their account with God.

“But that which causes me to tremble is the fact that **those who have had the greatest light and privileges have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity.** . . .

“Here we see that **the church—the Lord’s sanctuary—was the first** to feel the stroke of the wrath of God.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 207–211.

THE CUP IS FILLED

“But Christ declared that not one jot or tittle of the law should fail until heaven and earth should pass away. The very work that he came to do was to exalt the law, and show to the created worlds and to heaven that God is just, and that his law need not be changed. But here is Satan’s right-hand man ready to carry on the work that Satan commenced in heaven, that of trying to amend the law of God. And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the papacy,—the Sunday institution. They have nourished it, and will continue to nourish it, until Protestantism shall give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power. **Then** there will be a law against the Sabbath of God’s creation, and then it is that God ‘will do a strange work in the earth.’ He has borne long with the perversity of the race; he has tried to win them to himself. But **the time will come when they shall have filled their measure of iniquity; and then it is that God will work.** This time is almost reached. God keeps a record with the nations: the figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and **when it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full.**” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1886.

THE LORD WORKS

“A time is coming when the law of God is, **in a special sense**, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God’s people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws **to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath**, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin. We see that those who are now keeping the commandments of God need to bestir themselves, that they may obtain the special help which God alone can give them. They should work more earnestly to delay as long as possible the threatened calamity. If, in our land of boasted freedom, a Protestant government should sacrifice every principle which enters into its Constitution, and propagate papal falsehood and delusion, well may we plead, **‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law.’**” *Review and Herald*, December 18, 1888.

A PROPHET LIKE UNTO

Deuteronomy 18:15–19; Acts 3:17–26

PROGRESSIVE HISTORY

Exodus 12:29–31

Acts 3:17–26

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of **the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power** than on that occasion. John says, ‘**I saw another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.

“God can **breathe** new life into every soul that sincerely desires to serve Him, and can **touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar**, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise. Thousands of voices will be imbued with the power to speak forth the wonderful truths of God’s Word. **The stammering tongue will be unloosed**, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth. May the Lord help His people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with Him that they may be partakers of **the latter rain** when it shall be poured out.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1886.

“Not one of us **will ever receive the seal of God** while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. **Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.** . . .

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. **When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 214, 216.

“The **latter rain** is to fall upon the people of God. **A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.**” *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891.

“You are getting the coming of the Lord too far off. I saw the latter rain was coming as [suddenly as] the midnight cry, and with ten times the power.” *Spalding and Magan*, 5.

“There is a **world** lying in wickedness, in deception and delusion, in the very shadow of death,—**asleep, asleep**. Who are feeling travail of soul to awaken them? What voice can reach them? **My mind was carried to the future, when the signal will be given. ‘Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.’** But some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that character, which is represented by the oil, is not transferable.” *Review and Herald*, February 11, 1896.

Joel 3:10–14

Acts 3:17–26; 1 Samuel 2:26–3:3, 15; Isaiah 61:6

“The great issue near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

Lamentations 2:9; Matthew 11:7–24 verse 13

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“Among the professed children of God, how little patience has been manifested, how many bitter words have been spoken, how much denunciation has been uttered against those not of our faith. Many have looked upon those belonging to other churches as great sinners, when the Lord does not thus regard them. Those who look thus upon the members of other churches, have need to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. Those whom they condemn may have had but little light, few opportunities and privileges. If they had had the light that many of the members of our churches have had, they might have advanced at a far greater rate, and have better represented their faith to the world. Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, ‘But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, **Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light]**, which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.’ At that time Jesus answered and said, ‘I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent [in their own estimation], and hast revealed them unto babes.’” *Review and Herald*, August 1, 1893.

Luke 24:27, 44; John 1:45; Luke 16:16–31

THE CHURCH MILITANT AND TRIUMPHANT

“Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat. Jesus said: ‘The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. . . . So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest:** and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares,** and **bind** them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.’” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 45, 46.

“Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above, are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be **spotless**, their characters must be **purified** from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort, they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative Judgment is going forward in Heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be **a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God’s people upon earth.** This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14.

“When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for his appearing. ‘**Then** shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.’ [Malachi 3:4.] Then the church which our Lord at his coming is to receive to himself will be ‘a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.’ [Ephesians 5:27.] Then she will look forth ‘as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.’ [Song of Solomon 6:10.]” *The Great Controversy*, 425.

Joel 3:17; **Isaiah 52:1**; 56:1–8; John 10:16

“**Probationary time** will not continue much longer. Now God is withdrawing his restraining hand from the earth. Long has he been speaking to men and women through the agency of his Holy Spirit; but they have not heeded the call. Now he is speaking to his people, and to the world, by his judgments. **The time of these judgments is a time of mercy for those who have not yet had opportunity to learn what is truth.** Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; **his hand is still stretched out to save. Large numbers will be admitted to the fold of safety who in these last days will hear the truth for the first time.**” *Review and Herald*, November 22, 1906.

The First Angel

“I was shown the interest which all heaven had taken in the work going on upon the earth. Jesus commissioned **a mighty angel** to descend and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for His second appearing. As the angel left the presence of Jesus in heaven, an exceedingly bright and glorious light went before him. **I was told that his mission was to lighten the earth with his glory** and warn man of the coming wrath of God.” *Early Writings*, 245.

The Second Angel

“**Another mighty angel was commissioned to descend to earth. Jesus placed in his hand a writing**, and as he came to the earth, he cried, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen.’ Then I saw the disappointed ones again raise their eyes to heaven, looking with faith and hope for their Lord’s appearing.” *Early Writings*, 247.

The Third Angel

“As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. **A parchment was placed in the angel’s hand**, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. . . .

“After Jesus opened the door of the most holy, the light of the Sabbath was seen, and the people of God were tested, as the children of Israel were tested anciently, to see if they would keep God’s law.” *Early Writings*, 254.

Pergamos

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh **will I give to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone **a new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*. Revelation 2:17.

Revelation 10:1–3, 8–11; Ezekiel 2:1–3:11; Jeremiah 15:16–21

REPRESENTATIVE MEN

“Christ did not come to set aside what the patriarchs and prophets had spoken; for he himself had spoken through these **representative men**. He himself was the originator of all truth. Every jewel of truth came from Christ. But those priceless gems had been placed in false settings. Their precious light had been made to minister to error. Men had taken them to adorn tradition and superstition. Jesus came to take them out of the false settings of error, and to put them into the framework of truth.” *General Conference Bulletin*, March 5, 1895.

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DAVID'S FOUR ANOINTING'S

FIRST ANOINTING: 1 SAMUEL 16	(1989)
SECOND ANOINTING: 2 SAMUEL 1:1; 2:1-4	(9/11)
THIRD ANOINTING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-7, 17-25	(M/C)
FOURTH: 2 SAMUEL 12:1-25 (VERSE 20)	(S/L)

INCREASE OF POWER—ESTHER 9:4; 1 CHRONICLES 11:9; 2 SAMUEL 5:10

“The truth for this time, the third angel’s message, is to be proclaimed with a **loud voice, meaning with increasing power**, as we approach the great final test.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 315.

THIRTY YEARS OLD

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Genesis 41:45, 46; Luke 3:23

FIRST ANOINTING

Time of the End—Daniel 12:3, 4, 9, 10; 1989

The Spirit leaves Saul comes upon David 1 Samuel 16

Begins a time of a noise (Daniel 11:40-45; David’s harp), and a shaking (Saul’s hatred) Ezekiel 37:7, 8

David flees to **wilderness of Engedi** 1 Samuel 24:1

SECOND ANOINTING

David anointed as king of Judah and reigns in Hebron 7 or 7 ½ years—2 Samuel 2:11; 5:5; 1 Kings 2:11; 1 Chronicles 3:4; 29:27

9/11—Psalms 132:8-18; Ezekiel 29:17-21 (1D1M)

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as a **few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.**” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 243.

“Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but **we shall not discern or receive it.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 507.

THIRD ANOINTING

David anointed king over Israel and reigns 33 years at Jerusalem

FOURTH ANOINTING

Corrupted marriage precedes

Verse 20—David arises, washes, anoints himself, changes clothes and eats

Bathsheba: daughter of the seven times, Solomon: peaceful; Jedidiah: Jehovah’s oath (seven times)

ISLAM AND THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S POWER

HOLD, HOLD, HOLD, HOLD

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Genesis 16:6–16; Revelation 7:1–3; Isaiah 27:8; Numbers 22:22–33; (Genesis 11: 1–8; verses 3, 4, 7, **5, 7**); Revelation 9:15

“Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path.

“Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? **Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people**, that they might stand upon their feet and live. We need to see that the way is narrow, and the gate strait. But as we pass through the strait gate, its wideness is without limit.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 217.

AT THAT TIME

“1. On page 33 is given the following: ‘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. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.’

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfillment of that view is beginning to be seen. ‘The commencement of that time of trouble,’ here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. **At that time**, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and **the nations will be angry, yet held in check** so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. **At that time the ‘latter rain,’ or refreshing from the presence of the Lord**, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” *Early Writings*, 85.

RAISING UP A PRIESTHOOD

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Luke 24:27, 44; John 1:45; Luke 16:16–31; Exodus 7:1; Zechariah 4; Revelation 11:3–13

WHEELS, POINTS AND PERIODS

WHEELS—GILGAL, GALILEE

“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.”
Bible Echo, August 26, 1895.

1989

For Bin Laden, as for the United States, **the turning point came in 1989**, with the defeat of the Soviets in Afghanistan.

To the United States, which had supported the Afghan resistance with billions of dollars in arms and ammunition, the soviet retreat was the beginning of the end of the cold war and the birth of a new world order; to Bin Laden, who had supported the resistance with money, construction equipment and housing, it was an affirmation of Muslim power and an opportunity to recreate Islamic political power and topple infidel governments through jihad, or holy war.

He declared to an interviewer in 1998 “I am confident that Muslims will be able to end the legend of the so-called superpower that is America.”

In its place he built his own legend, modeling himself after the prophet Muhammad, who in the seventh century led the Muslims to rout the infidels, or nonbelievers, from North Africa and the Middle East. Just as Muhammad saw the Koran revealed to him amid intense persecution, Bin Laden regarded his expulsion from Saudi Arabia and then Sudan in the 1990’s as signs that he was a chosen one.

In his vision, he would be the “emir,” or prince, in a restoration of the Khalifa, a political empire extending from Afghanistan across the globe. “These countries belong to Islam,” he told the same interviewer, “not the rulers.” *New York Times*, May 07 2011.

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SELF-GLORIFICATION

“When Christ forbade the people to declare Him king, He knew that a **turning point in His history** was reached. Multitudes who desired to exalt Him to the throne today would turn from Him tomorrow. The disappointment of their selfish ambition would turn their love to hatred, and their praise to curses. Yet knowing this, He took no measures to avert the crisis. From the first He had held out to His followers no hope of earthly rewards. To one [Judas] who came desiring to become His disciple He had said, ‘The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.’ Matthew 8:20. If men could have had the world with Christ, multitudes would have proffered Him their allegiance; but such service He could not accept. Of those now connected with Him there were many who had been attracted by the hope of a worldly kingdom. These must be undeceived. The deep spiritual teaching in the miracle of the loaves had not been comprehended. This was to be made plain. And this new revelation would bring with it a closer test.” *Desire of Ages*, 383.

EATING THE LITTLE BOOK

“Christ’s discourse in the synagogue concerning the bread of life was **the turning point in the history of Judas**. He heard the words, ‘Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.’ John 6:53. He saw that Christ was offering spiritual rather than worldly good. He regarded himself as farsighted, and thought he could see that Jesus would have no honor, and that He could bestow no high position upon His followers. He determined not to unite himself so closely to Christ but that he could draw away. He would watch. And he did watch.

“From that time he expressed doubts that confused the disciples. He introduced controversies and misleading sentiments, repeating the arguments urged by the scribes and Pharisees against the claims of Christ. All the little and large troubles and crosses, the difficulties and the apparent hindrances to the advancement of the gospel, Judas interpreted as evidences against its truthfulness. He would introduce texts of Scripture that had no connection with the truths Christ was presenting. These texts, separated from their connection, perplexed the disciples, and increased the discouragement that was constantly pressing upon them. Yet all this was done by Judas in such a way as to make it appear that he was conscientious. And while the disciples were searching for evidence to confirm the words of the Great Teacher, Judas would lead them almost imperceptibly on another track. Thus in a very religious, and apparently wise, way he was presenting matters in a different light from that in which Jesus had given them, and attaching to His words a meaning that He had not conveyed. His suggestions were constantly exciting an ambitious desire for temporal preferment, and thus turning the disciples from the important things they should have considered. The dissension as to which of them should be greatest was generally excited by Judas.” *Desire of Ages*, 719.

HURT NOT

“His soul thrilled with the high resolve to prove himself true to God—under all circumstances to act as became a subject of the King of heaven. He would serve the Lord with undivided heart; he would meet the trials of his lot with fortitude and perform every duty with fidelity. One day’s experience had been **the turning point** in Joseph’s life. Its terrible calamity had transformed him from a petted child to a man, thoughtful, courageous, and self-possessed.

“Arriving in Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, captain of the king’s guard, in whose service he remained for ten years.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 214.

MILLERITE HISTORY IS REPEATED

“While Joseph was still confined in prison, an event occurred which formed **a turning-point** in his life. Pharaoh became offended with two of his officers, the chief baker and the chief butler, and they were cast into prison, and, as it appears, were placed under Joseph’s especial care. One morning he observed that they were looking very sad. He kindly inquired, ‘Wherefore look ye so sadly today? And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you.’ Then the butler related to Joseph his dream, which he interpreted, that after three days the butler would be restored to the king’s favor, and deliver Pharaoh’s cup into his hand as he had formerly done.” *Signs of the Times*, January 15, 1880.

RAISING UP A PRIESTHOOD

Isaiah 61:6; 1 Samuel 2:31–36; 3:16–21

“Since the days of Joshua the government had never been conducted with so great wisdom and success as under Samuel’s administration. Divinely invested with **the threefold office of judge, prophet, and priest**, he had labored with untiring and disinterested zeal for the welfare of his people, and the nation had prospered under his wise control.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 603.

“The great issue near at hand will **weed out** those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 385.

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

Lamentations 2:9; Matthew 11:7–24 verse 13; Luke 24:27, 44; John 1:45; Luke 16:16–31; Exodus 7:1; Zechariah 4; Revelation 11:3–13

“The Jews tried to stop the proclamation of the message that had been predicted in the word of God; but prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says, ‘Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.’ Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say, ‘You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.’

“There are many who cannot distinguish between the work of God and that of man. I shall tell the truth as God gives it to me, and I say now, If you continue to find fault, to have a spirit of variance, you will never know the truth. Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.’ They were not in a condition to appreciate sacred and eternal things; but Jesus promised to send the Comforter, who would teach them all things, and bring all things, to their remembrance, whatsoever he had said unto them. Brethren, we must not put our dependence in man. ‘Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?’ You must hang your helpless souls upon Jesus. It does not become us to drink from the fountain of the valley, when there is a fountain in the mountain. Let us leave the lower streams; let us come to the higher springs. If there is a point of truth that you do not understand, upon which you do not agree, investigate, compare scripture with scripture, sink the shaft of truth down deep into the mine of God’s word. You must lay yourselves and your opinions on the altar of God, put away your preconceived ideas, and let the Spirit of Heaven guide you into all truth.

“My brother said at one time that he would not hear anything concerning the doctrine we hold, for fear he should be convinced. He would not come to the meetings, or listen to the discourses; but he afterward declared that he saw he was as guilty as if he had heard them. God had given him an opportunity to know the truth, and he would hold him responsible for this opportunity. There are many among us who are prejudiced against the doctrines that are now being discussed. They will not come to hear, they will not calmly investigate, but they put forth their objections in the dark. They are perfectly satisfied with their position. ‘Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.’

“**This scripture applies to those who live under the sound of the message, but who will not come to hear it.** How do you know but that the Lord is giving **fresh evidences** of his truth, placing it in a **new setting**, that the way of the Lord may be prepared? What plans have you been laying that **new light** may be infused through the ranks of God’s people? What **evidence** have you that God has not sent light to his children? All self-sufficiency, egotism, and pride of opinion must be put away. We must come to the feet of Jesus, and learn of him who is meek and lowly of heart. Jesus did not teach his disciples as the rabbis taught theirs. Many of the Jews came and listened as Christ revealed the mysteries of salvation, but **they came not to learn they came to criticize**, to catch him in some inconsistency, that they might have something with which to prejudice the people. They were content with their knowledge, but the children of God must know the voice of the true Shepherd. Is not this a time when it would be highly proper to fast and pray before God? We are in danger of variance, in danger of taking sides on a controverted point; and should we not seek God in earnestness, with humiliation of soul, that we may know what is truth?” 1888 *Materials*, 534.

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REVELATION 11

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DAN TO BEERSHEBA

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

1 Samuel 3:19–21, 1; (restoration of the Spirit of Prophecy) First reference to marah—
Genesis 46:1–5, 27

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Judges 20:1 (a gathering, unity)

1 Kings 4:25 (After Solomon deals with four persons from his father's past his kingdom is unified at the Sunday law)

2 Samuel 3:1–10 (house of David established—church triumphant, controversy between Abner and Ishbosheth the image of the beast test)

REBELLION

2 Samuel 24:2; 1 Chronicles 4:22 (David's numbering of the people: $12 + 70 = 144,000$); 2 Samuel 24:15 (the pestilence for numbering the people **70,000**)

2 Samuel 17:11 (one of two false prophecies in Absalom's rebellion promising to unify God's people, typifying the M/C time period)

Amos 8:14 (counterfeit M/C message "liveth" "liveth" Samaria: watchtower/ false watchmen; Dan judgment hour message/ false messengers; Beersheba/ professing to walk in old paths–2520)

THE TWO STICKS

2 Chronicles 30:5 (the second Passover; the decree at the Midnight Cry)

THE PROPHETIC EXPERIENCE

AS ONE DEAD

“True holiness and humility are inseparable. The nearer the soul comes to God, the more completely is it humbled and subdued. When **Job** heard the voice of the Lord out of the whirlwind, he exclaimed, ‘I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.’ It was when **Isaiah** saw the glory of the Lord and heard the cherubim crying, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,’ that he cried out, ‘Woe is me, for I am undone!’ **Daniel**, when visited by the holy messenger, says, ‘My comeliness was turned in me to corruption.’ **Paul**, after he was caught up into the third Heaven and heard things that it was not lawful for a man to utter, speaks of himself as ‘less than the least of all saints.’ It was the beloved **John**, that leaned on Jesus’ breast, and beheld his glory, who fell **as one dead** before the angel. The more closely and continuously we behold our Savior, the less shall we see to approve in ourselves.” *Review and Herald*, December 20, 1881.

DEATH

“You know, just as soon as the heavenly Messenger came from heaven and revealed Himself to **Daniel** he said, ‘My comeliness was turned in me into corruption’ [Daniel 10:8]. He had such a view of the glory of God that **he fell as one dead**. He could not talk; he could not see; but the angel took him and set him upon his knees, and yet he could not look at Him.” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 104.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

“When the angel was about to unfold to Daniel the intensely interesting prophecies to be recorded for us who are to witness their fulfillment, the angel said, ‘**Be strong, yea, be strong**’ (Daniel 10:19). **We are to receive the very same glory that was revealed to Daniel, because it is for God’s people in these last days**, that they may give the trumpet a certain sound.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 390.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:32

“Let God’s workmen study **the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and the first and second chapters of Ezekiel**.

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ISAIAH 6:1–3 (9/11)

“As they [the angels] see the future, **when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory**, the triumphant song of praise is echoed from one to another in melodious chant, ‘**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts.**’ They are fully satisfied to glorify God; and in His presence, beneath His smile of approbation, they wish for nothing more. In bearing His image, in doing His service and worshiping Him, their highest ambition is fully reached.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

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“The **work** will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

LAODICEAN

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but now he sees himself exposed to **the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them.** He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. How unworthy he was! how unfitted for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle **Paul**, ‘O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?’

“But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isaiah 6:6, 7 quoted.] . . .

“**The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God’s people in the last days.** They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. ‘**And the temple of God was opened in heaven**, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.’ **As they look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary**, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips,—a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. **But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them.** The bow of promise is above the throne, and **the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them.** God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

EXTERNAL (SEALS), INTERNAL (CHURCHES)

“In the visions given to Isaiah, to Ezekiel, and to John, we see how closely heaven is connected with the events transpiring upon the earth. We see the care of God for those who are loyal to him. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord; the world is not without a ruler. The Majesty of heaven has **the destiny of nations**, as well as **the concerns of his church**, in his own hands.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 753–754.

THE MARAH

DANIEL 10:4–19—MARAH

H4759—Feminine of **H4758**; a *vision*; also (causatively) a *mirror*: - looking glass, vision.

H4758: mar’eh—From **H7200**; a *view* (the act of seeing); also an *appearance* (the thing seen), whether (real) a *shape* (especially if handsome, *comeliness*; often plural the *looks*), or (mental) a *vision*:—X apparently, appearance (-reth), X as soon as beautiful (-ly), countenance, fair, favoured, form, goodly, to look (up) on (to), look [-eth], pattern, to see, seem, sight, visage, vision.

CHĀZŌN

H2377—From **H2372**; a *sight* (mentally), that is, a **dream, revelation, or oracle**:—**vision**. **H2372**: A primitive root; to gaze at; mentally **to perceive**, contemplate (with pleasure); specifically **to have a vision** of:—behold, look, **prophecy**, provide, see.

THREE TOUCHES

Verses 10, 16, 18

FIRST MENTION

Genesis 46:2; 28:10–22 (the Gate of Heaven)

THE LOOKING GLASS

Exodus 38:8; 1 Corinthians 13:9–13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; James 1:22–25

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Numbers 12:6; 1 Samuel 3:15

FOURTH DAY IN THE FIFTH MONTH (JULY 21ST 1844)

Ezekiel 1:1; 8:3; 40:2; 43:3

THE BINDING OFF

THE NUMBER FOUR

BINDING & SEALING

“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*, 119.

“There have been and always will be tares among the wheat, the foolish virgins with the wise, those who have no oil in their vessels with their lamps.” *Signs of the Times*, October 23, 1879.

SEPARATION

“Again, these parables teach that there is to be **no probation after the judgment**. When the work of the gospel is completed, there immediately follows **the separation between the good and the evil**, and the destiny of each class is forever fixed.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 123.

Matthew 13:30

NUMBERING & SEALING

“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.” *Early Writings*, 279.

Deuteronomy 18:15–22; Acts 3:19–26

1449 TO 1453 (THE BEGINNING); 1840 TO 1844 (THE END)

NUMBERING (FIRST MENTION “MARA”)

Genesis 46:1–3, 27; Acts 1:20–26

“The disciples assembled in the upper chamber, uniting in supplications with the believing women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. These brethren, who had been unbelieving, **were now fully established** in their faith by the scenes attending the crucifixion, and by the resurrection and ascension of the Lord. The number assembled was about **one hundred and twenty**. While they were awaiting the descent of the Holy Ghost, they supplied **the office left vacant** by Judas. Two men were selected, who, in the careful judgment of the believers, were best qualified for the place. But the disciples, distrusting their ability to decide the question farther, referred it to One that knew all hearts. They sought the Lord in prayer to ascertain which of the two men was more suitable for the important position of trust, as an apostle of Christ. The Spirit of God selected Matthias for the office.

“Both men who had been selected were considered to be persons of stern integrity, and **in every way worthy of the vacant position**; but notwithstanding the disciples were intimately acquainted with them, they felt that their own judgment was imperfect, and trusted the selection only to the Lord, whose eyes could read the hidden secrets of the heart. There is a lesson for our time in this occurrence. Many who are apparently well qualified to labor for God, are urged into the ministry, without a proper consideration of their case, and at length become a grievous burden to the church instead of burden-bearers. If the church of the present time would act as cautiously and wisely as did the apostles in filling the **vacancy** among them, much perplexity and serious injury might be saved the cause of God. The work has often suffered much by putting persons forward to do that which they were not capable of doing.

“**After filling the vacancy in the apostolic number**, the disciples gave their time to meditation and prayer, being often in the temple, testifying of Christ, and praising God. The Pentecost was a feast celebrated seven weeks after the Passover. Upon these occasions the Jews were required to repair to the temple and to present **the first-fruits** of all the harvest, thus acknowledging their dependence on the great Giver of all good, and their obligation to render back to God, in gifts and offerings to sustain his cause, that which he had entrusted to them. On this day of divine appointment, the Lord graciously poured out his Spirit on the little company of believers, who were **the first-fruits of the Christian church.**” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 264, 265.

THIRTY: ONE MONTH

HIDING

Luke 1, Revelation 9

BOWING

Esther 1:1–4; 4:10–16; Revelation 17:14; Matthew 22:12–14

508 TO 538—HOW LONG?

TWENTY-FIVE

TWENTY-FIVE LEADERS BOWING

Ezekiel 8:16–9:5; 11:1, 2; 1 Samuel 25:20–23; Revelation 9 the last emperor and the last sultan

Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 2:1, 4, 6; Proverbs 30:15–29

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS—LEVITES’ AGE AND SERVICE

Numbers 8:24, 25

“It was not customary for the Levites to enter upon their peculiar services until they were **twenty-five years of age**, but Samuel had been an exception to this rule. Every year saw more important trusts committed to him; and while he was yet a child, a linen ephod was placed upon him as a token of his consecration to the work of the sanctuary.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 574.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: LISBON, PORTUGAL EARTHQUAKE 1755 TO THE DARK DAY 1780

“These signs were witnessed before the opening of the nineteenth century. In fulfillment of this prophecy there occurred, in **the year 1755**, the most terrible earthquake that has ever been recorded. Though commonly known as the earthquake of Lisbon, it extended to the greater part of Europe, Africa, and America. It was felt in Greenland, in the West Indies, in the island of Madeira, in Norway and Sweden, Great Britain and Ireland. It pervaded an extent of not less than four million square miles. . . .

“‘The shock’ of the earthquake ‘was instantly followed by the fall of every church and convent, almost all the large public buildings, and more than one fourth of the houses. In about two hours after the shock, fires broke out in different quarters, and raged with such violence for the space of nearly three days, that the city was completely desolated. The earthquake happened on a holyday, when the churches and convents were full of people, very few of whom escaped.’—*Encyclopedia Americana*, art. *Lisbon*, note (ed. 1831). . . .

“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 Savior’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*, 304–306.

EARTHQUAKES

Isaiah 29:1–14; Amos 1:1, 2; Zechariah 14:1–5; Matthew 27:46–54; 28:1, 2; Acts 16:25–32; Revelation 6:12, 13; Revelation 8:5; Ezekiel 10:2–7; Revelation 11:13–19; 16:17–21

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: PERSECUTION CEASED

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1818—1843

Deuteronomy **18:18**

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: 1863 (FOUNDATIONS REJECTED) TO 1888 (SUNDAY LAW)

TWENTY-FIVE DAYS: MIDNIGHT TO THE MIDNIGHT CRY—JULY 21ST TO AUGUST 14TH

THIRTY-EIGHT & THE SEVEN THUNDERS

BEGAN AHAB

1 Kings 16:29–34

Asa: physician. Jeroboam to Ahab; Ahab is the last of seven kings in the ‘days the one king’ Asa (Isaiah 23); sets up image of the beast by marrying Jezebel; Jericho foundation and gates built

SIX MONTHS

2 Kings 15:8–12

Azariah: surround, protect. Fourth generations after Jehu 2 Kings 10:30; Conspiracy against king of the ten nations that ends with his death (judgment in the fourth generation against the land of the 6th kingdom of bible prophecy); Luke 1

38/40

Deuteronomy 2:13–25 (Rise up); John 5:1–9 (Rise up)

JOSIAH LITCH 1838 THROUGH 1840

“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.** 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.

1 st Article	2 nd *Article	Prediction fulfilled
1838	8/1/40	8/11/40
ten days		

SAMUEL SNOW

Isaiah 55:10, 11

MIDNIGHT AND THE MIDNIGHT CRY

Miller's article	Letter	Article	Midnight	Midnight Cry	Paper	3 rd AM
5/17/43	2/16/44	4/3/44	7/21/44	8/15/44	8/22/44	10/22/44
			Boston	Exeter	Fulfilled	

MIDWAY

“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.

LITCH (1840) AND SNOW (1844)

LITCH: METHODOLOGY AND PREDICTION

SNOW: OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT AND CLOSED DOOR

Josiah Litch: The foundation secured

Samuel Sheffield Snow: Hearing; a field of sheaf’s; white linen—Isaiah 56:6–11