

THE GOLDEN THREAD OF PROPHECY

A view of the Promises, Prophecies and Patterns that tie the Holy Scriptures into a Glorious Whole.

“Those who take only a surface view of the Scriptures will, with their superficial knowledge, which they think is very deep, talk of the contradictions of the Bible, and question the authority of the Scriptures. But those whose hearts are in harmony with truth and duty will search the Scriptures with a heart prepared to receive divine impressions. The illuminated soul sees a spiritual unity, one grand golden thread running through the whole, but it requires patience, thought, and prayer to trace out the precious golden thread.” 7BC 945

Section #2: “THE SEVEN TIMES: 2520”

THE 2520 DAY PROPHECY OF THE “SEVEN TIMES” AS FOUND ON THE 1843 CHART

THE COVENANT; THE SCATTERING & THE GATHERING

The Prophecy of the ‘Seven Times’ or 2520, as found in Leviticus 26, is the longest Time-Prophecy in the Bible. The Daily (508, 538 AD), the 1260, the 1290, the 1335 and the 2300 are all found in this prophetic timeline.

Deuteronomy 30:19, 20 “...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 dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers.....”

For all to whom this subject is new, we are going to look at the 2520 historically and through the scriptures. We’re going to show all the points from the Bible so you will have a Biblical base and can tie it all together and make it as simple and comprehensible as possible.

Few in our time have heard of this prophecy, it has dropped from our understanding, but it was a very integral part of the Prophecy Chart of 1843, in fact, when you understand the 2520, all the lines of time prophecy—all of it—can be found within it. Neither we, nor the pioneers, have seen in the Bible anything longer than the 2520, so we can safely say this is the longest time prophecy in scripture.

We want to find out, what is it about, and how much information the Bible gives us of this time prophecy. You will be amazed how much you will see about it in ways that maybe you’ve never comprehended.

THE COVENANT

We’ll begin with the covenant.

Exodus 19:1-6 “In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they [into] the wilderness of Sinai. 2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come [to] the desert of

Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. 3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and [how] I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These [are] the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

The Bible says when God brought the children of Israel together, He laid out before them that IF they would keep the COVENANT, they would be a peculiar treasure unto Him and they would be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

What is the basis of this covenant?

Now the basis of the covenant is very clear, and at the end of time, when the 144,000 are made up and the Latter Rain falls, before the 7 last plague fall, the New Covenant will be established and the basis of the covenant has always been the same.

Exodus 34:28 "And he (Moses) was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments."

The basis of the COVENANT is the LAW. Looking forward in time we see that when God brings a peculiar people unto Himself, He's going to take all sin out of their life. He's going to purify it by the blood of Christ and take every trace of sin and iniquity out. And if every trace of sin is gone, that means you are keeping the LAW OF GOD perfectly through the Power of Christ. And He does that in His people, but the covenant has been the same, it has always been based on the Law.

Now when God gave the covenant to His people, something special transpired when he gave them the law, notice what happened:

"At the very foot of Sinai, Satan began to execute his plans for overthrowing the law of God, thus carrying forward the same work he had begun in heaven. During the forty days while Moses was in the mount with God, Satan was busy exciting doubt, apostasy, and rebellion. While God was writing down His law, to be committed to His covenant people, the Israelites. . ." {PP 335.1 }

Now the Bible says that the Israelites were God's covenant people. God had a covenant people and we'll see it was God's 'denominated' (chosen) people.

"Soon after the encampment at Sinai, Moses was called up into the mountain to meet with God. Alone he climbed the steep and rugged path, and drew near to the cloud that marked the place of Jehovah's presence. Israel was now to be taken into a close and peculiar relation to the Most High--to be incorporated as a church and a nation under the government of God." PP 303:

The covenant brought them into a peculiar relation; they were incorporated as a church and a nation there. They were the covenant people, different from all the people of the world, based on the commandments.

We know very clearly that the covenant was broken, it is all throughout the Word of God how it was broken. Moses was given some understandings that it is important to understand and he gave them to the children of Israel.

BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS OF THE COVENANT (LAW)

Based on this covenant there were to be blessings or curses. If the covenant was kept you would be blest in all these different things. This very text in Leviticus 26 was what was used in the 1843 chart to prove the 'Seven Times'. They understood the covenant relationship that God had with His people. Both the blessings and the curses were based on the commandments.

The blessings are pronounced in Leviticus 26:3-13.

Leviticus 26:3 “If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 “And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. 10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 “And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. 13 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.”

But if they broke the covenant, notice what would happen. The curses are stated in verses 14-39:

14“But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: 16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 “And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. 18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 “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. 22 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. 23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; 24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. 25 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.

26 “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. 27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 “And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. 32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 “And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. 34 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. 35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 “And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.”

Over and over the curses mention SEVEN TIMES. This SEVEN TIMES is mentioned in the Bible in very intricate ways. We know that the Bible was ordained of God, the stories there, the history there, was the history that God laid out for us here at the end of the world.

SEVEN TIMES CHASTISEMENT FOR WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE

Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28

26:14 “But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments....”

26:18 “And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.”

26:21 “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.”

26:24 “Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.”

26:28 “Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.”

Conditions for re-instatement of favor with God laid out plainly in verses 40-43:

- a. v. 40—confess iniquities.
- b. v. 40—confess iniquities of fathers.
- c. v. 41—humbling of hearts.
- d. v. 41, 43—acceptance of punishment—(note this).

A BIBLICAL TIME IS 360 DAYS OR ONE YEAR.

1. A day for a year.

Numbers 14:34 “After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even], forty years and ye shall know my breach of promise.”

Ezekiel 4:6 “And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have appointed thee each day for a year.”

The ‘Seven Times’, 2520 years was the punishment.

Notice what transpires in Daniel 4:

THE DANIEL 4 PARALLEL

Seven Times in Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar Punished SEVEN TIMES, or 2520 Literal Days.

Nebuchadnezzar dwelling amongst the beasts for seven years (2520) and his return to glory is an allegory of God’s people who will be gathered back to Him after the seven times of being scattered. The pioneers and Miller saw this as representing the 2520 years that was against Israel.

Daniel 4:30-32: 30 “The king spake, and 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 honour of my majesty? 31 While the word [was] in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, [saying], O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. 32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling [shall be] with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”

Nebuchadnezzar’s pride was punished by being driven to dwell with the BEASTS until Seven Times would pass and he would KNOW that the Most High ruleth. For not keeping in mind the fact of WHO was in control, Nebuchadnezzar would be punished for 2520 literal days, seven years. The principle here is he was driven to be with the Beasts of the field.

Notice the quotation from Miller's works volume 2, pg. 261: "Seven times," in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, was fulfilled in seven years. Nebuchadnezzar, for his pride and arrogancy against God, was driven among the beasts of the field, and was made to eat grass as oxen, until seven times passed over him, and until he learned that the Most High ruled in the kingdoms of men, and gave it to whomsoever he would. This being a matter of history, and as an allegory or sample to the people of God for their pride and arrogancy, in refusing to be reformed by God, and claiming the power and will to do these things themselves,—they, too, like Nebuchadnezzar, must be driven among the beasts of the field, (meaning the kingdoms of the world,) until they learn the sovereignty of God, and that he dispenses his favors to whomsoever he will. That, being a matter of history, and a sample only, was fulfilled in seven years; but this, being a prophecy, will only be fulfilled in seven prophetic times, which will be 7 times 360 years, which will make 2520 years;"

Miller saw this story as an allegory for God's people, who for their pride and arrogancy would be dwelling amongst 'the beasts of the field', the kingdoms of the world—scattered!

Seven Times 360 is 2520.

THE DIVIDING OF ISRAEL

There are Two Periods of Seven Times or 2520 Days Punishment.

Israel, God's covenant people, chosen people, was divided into two parts, two nations, a Northern and a Southern kingdom.

Because of the Sins of Solomon, Israel would be Divided into Two Kingdoms, the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

1 Kings 11:9-13. 9 "And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. 11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: [but] I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; [but] will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen."

God Promises Jeroboam Ten Tribes, which Became the Northern Kingdom.

1 Kings 11:29-31 "And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two [were] alone in the field: 30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that [was] on him, and rent it [in] twelve pieces: 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:"

So the dividing of the kingdom was ten tribes and two.

1 Kings 11:32-37 32 "(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) 33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth

the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. 34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: 35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. 36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.”

Now it is interesting, the promise was that because of the sins of Solomon, Israel would be divided. The southern tribes were two tribes, Judah and Benjamin. The Northern tribes were the other ten. Here God promises Jeroboam:

1 Kings 11:38, 39 “And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do [that is] right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. 39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.”

Now at Mount Sinai there as a single people when they became the covenant people, 12 tribes of Israel—one kingdom. Here we see that because of the sins of Solomon, the tribes were to be divided—split into North and South. Then by the very same covenant being given to Jeroboam shows us that the covenant also was split into two. The Northern tribes had the covenant and promises and curses, the Southern tribes had the covenant and promises and curses.

This also makes it clear to us that anyone who turns to God with all his heart and in His power, keeps the commandments and statutes, making the Word of God the foundation of his life, will be considered by God as part of the covenant people, the ‘chosen ones’.

Therefore, if the Northern tribes broke the covenant, the 2520 would be inflicted on them; if the Southern tribes broke the covenant, the 2520 would be inflicted on them, and so it's not just one line, but two lines—one for the North and one for the South.

Now this particular train of thought was not a pioneer understanding. Miller saw the Seven Times Time-line for the Northern Kingdom and Hiram Edson wrote up about the Seven Times Time-line for the Southern kingdom but neither saw that they were BOTH CORRECT and there were in fact, two Seven-Times Timelines.

REHOBAM, THE SON OF SOLOMON BECOMES KING OF THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND BENJAMIN

1 Kings 12:17 But [as for] the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

THE TWO LINES OF 2520

William Miller Believed the 2520 Began with Manasseh in the Year 677 BC.

“If this, then, is a correct view of the subject, and time is prefigured, when would the seven years of the antitype begin? I answer, it must begin with the servitude and bondage of the visible people of God; for at the end of seven years they must go free, or

there would be no force in the type, and of course no fulfilment in the antitype. Seven prophetic years would be seven times 360, equal to 2520 years. This bondage must begin with the kingdom of Babylon, the first kingdom of Daniel's four monarchies, which kingdoms which were to make war with the saints and prevail against them until the ancient of days came; and these were to scatter the people of God into all kingdoms of the earth and have dominion over them and exercise authority upon them...

"When, then, may we not ask, did the bondage of the children of God begin? I answer, when LITERAL BABYLON began to exercise authority over them. In the twenty-second year of Manasseh's reign, in the year before Christ 677, the last of the 10 tribes were carried away, and Israel ceased to be a nation according to the prophecy..." William Miller, A TRILOGY pages 20-22

KING MANASSEH'S WICKED REIGN BEGINS ABOUT 687 BC.

The Curse of Leviticus 26, the 2520 Days Begins in 677 BC.

2 Kings 20:21 "And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead."

"He reigned long, longest of any of the kings of Judah, fifty-five years. This was the only very bad reign that was a long one; Joram's was but eight years, and Ahaz's sixteen; as for Manasseh's, we hope that in the beginning of his reign for some time affairs continued to move in the course that his father left them in, and that in the latter end of his reign, after his repentance, religion got head again; and, no doubt, when things were at the worst God had his remnant that kept their integrity. Though he reigned long, yet some of this time he was a prisoner in Babylon, which may well be looked upon as a drawback from these years, though they are reckoned in the number because then he repented and began to reform." Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: New Modern Edition, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1991 by Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.

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. {PK 382.3}

God Grants Good King Josiah, Manasseh's Grandson, a Reprieve from the Curse:

2 Kings 22: 19-20 "Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation

and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place."

After Josiah's Death the Curse of the 2520 that Began with Manasseh Continues:

2 Kings 23:26. "Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of His great wrath, . . . because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him withal."

"The time was rapidly approaching when Jerusalem was to be utterly destroyed and the inhabitants of the land carried captive to Babylon, there to learn the lessons they had refused to learn under circumstances more favorable". {PK 405.2}

2 Kings 24:1-3. "In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim [Josiah's son] became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets. Surely at the commandment of the LORD came [this] upon Judah, to remove [them] out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;"

Hiram Edson Believed the 2520 Began with the Captivity and Imprisonment of King Hoshea of the Northern Kingdom in 723 BC.

"...Verse 24. "And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cutha, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria and dwelt in the cities thereof."

In verses 22, 23, it is written, "For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight AS he had said by ALL his servants the prophets. SO was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day."

"Thus in 2 Kings xvii, is found the inspired record of the fulfillment of what God has said by his servant Isaiah, Chap.x,5,6, and by Moses in Lev.xxvi, and by David in Ps.lxxviii,59-62, and 1Kings xiv,15,16. It is in fact the inspired historical record of the fulfillment of what God had said by ALL his servants the prophets on this point of giving Israel over into captivity to be trodden down of the Gentiles like the mire of the streets." The validity of the above testimony cannot be invalidated or impeached; hence there can be no room left for further doubt on this so clear a point. This, then, is the inspired historical event; and its chronology, which is 723 B. C., is the point from which to reckon the 2520 years captivity. Instead of reckoning from the taking of Manasseh, the King of Judah to Babylon in the year 677 BC., we reckon from the shutting up and binding in prison Hoshea, the king of Israel, which was 723 BC...

"From whatever point in the year 723 BC we must reckon, the same corresponding point in the year 1798, must be reached to fill up 2520 full years; the same as in the case of the 2300 days, dating from the Fall of 457 BC and ending in the Fall of 1844 AD. The year 723 BC is the true beginning, and 1798 is the true terminus of

the 2520 years captivity of the people of God. And we have a historical record of a corresponding event transpiring in the year 1798, which perfectly answer the fulfillment of the predictions of the prophets which have foretold the events which mark the end of the 2520 years indignation and captivity.” Hiram Edson wrote but never completed an article titled: THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES. RH January 10, 1856. We are completing this prophecy for Bro. Edson.

Hoshea, the 19th and last king of Israel (2 Kings 15:30; 17:1-6; 18:1,9-10). Hoshea became king after he assassinated the former king, Pekah. Hoshea did evil in God's sight, but not to the extent of former kings. While he did not wipe out idolatrous worship, he at least did not give official approval to the practice. When Hoshea took the throne, he served as a puppet king under Assyria. But he eventually quit sending tribute money to Assyria and began negotiating an alliance with Egypt. When the Assyrian king, Shalmaneser V, learned of Hoshea's rebellion and conspiracy, he advanced toward Israel. Hoshea tried to buy off the king with tribute, but the capital city of Samaria was besieged and Hoshea was captured and imprisoned. After two years, Assyria finally captured Samaria, and its inhabitants were carried away to new locations in the Assyrian Empire (2 Kings 17:18-23). Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Copyright © 1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers

BOTH MILLER AND EDSON WERE CORRECT!

This is what they did not understand, they were BOTH RIGHT and we can prove it through scripture!

Jeremiah 50:17-20 “Israel [is] a scattered sheep; the lions have driven [him] away: first [northern king Hoshea] the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last [Manasseh, southern king of Judah] this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and [there shall be] none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.”

The Bible says that 1st-the king of Assyria; and Last-the king of Babylon; that is first Assyria and second Babylon, two breaking of the covenants and two 2520s! And this is not all—it ties it together even tighter.

THE FIRST SCATTERING - THE NORTHERN KINGDOM DISPERSED

2 Kings 17:1-6 “In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. 2 (SAMARIA: the capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel) And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. 4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as [he had done] year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison

5 “Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of

Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor [by] the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.”

The first six verses here tell about the siege of Samaria, but the rest of the chapter tells us why this happened.

17:7,8 “For [so] it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods. And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.”

17:9 “And the children of Israel did secretly [those] things that [were] not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city...”

17:13 “Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, [and by] all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments [and] my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

17:14-16 “Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.”

They had left ALL THE COMMANDMENTS and followed the ways of the heathen—so what happened?

17:18, 19 “Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.”

So the Bible first shows the Northern tribes—10 tribes gone—taken by Assyria, then it leads us to the understanding that Judah did the same thing.

First 2520 years starts at 723 BC and extends to 1798 AD. Northern Kingdom.

Second 2520 years starts at 677 BC and extends to 1844 AD. Southern Kingdom.

Judah’s 2520 Time Starts when Manasseh is Taken Prisoner 46 Years Later.

THE SECOND SCATTERING:

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM DISPERSED

2 Chronicles 33: 9-11. 9 “So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, [and] to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. 11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon

them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.”

Now because of Manasseh's wicked reign, the Southern Tribe was now carried to Babylon.

2 Kings 21:1-16 tells the story of Manasseh's wickedness:

11 “Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 “And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.”

Notice that Manasseh got caught up in the occult, witchcraft, enchantments, necromancy (talking with the 'dead'), and wizardry! He caused Israel to take part in satanic rituals. He did worse than the heathen! And it is the same today—if Advent Believers turn from the light they have and go out into the world—they do WORSE than the people of the world. Remember, when an angel falls—he becomes a demon!

21:10-13 “And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I [am] bringing [such] evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.”

Notice how the Bible Ties the Two “Seven Times” Curses Together. God Says He is Going to Stretch the Line of the Northern Kingdom Over the Line of the Southern Kingdom.

Now God declares that because of this wickedness, He is going to do something so terrible to the Southern Kingdom that it would make the ears tingle to hear about it - He was going to lay the LINE OF SAMARIA over the line of the Southern Kingdom. The Bible says that the 2520 of the Northern Tribe is going to be laid over the Southern Tribe. The Bible ties the two together.

2 Kings 21:14-16 “And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.”

God said he would stretch the one line over the other and we can see it as we draw it out. Not only does Jeremiah say there was two, there was the Assyrian captivity and the Babylonian captivity, the first and the second, but 2 Kings 21 says there was going to be a line stretched over them both and it ties it all together.

Notice also these clues from the Spirit of Prophecy concerning our last message:

“The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor—labor earnestly and wisely—while probation lingers.” {9T 126.3}

“Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel. The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, not for those that uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment.” {2SM 114.2}

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Now let's look at what Isaiah 7 tells us—and by the way, this is something that we just haven't seen in the past. This doesn't mean that it wasn't there—for hundreds, even thousands of years it was there in the Bible—it was read time and time again—but

God had His hand over it and over the 1843 chart. That means until His hand was removed it could not be understood. Right now we are living in the time when God is removing His hand off the chart. We are living in the time when God is empowering the message again and He is using the same FOUNDATIONAL message that was used in the 1840s. It hasn't changed—it's the same message that brought them out of the churches in 1842-44 and it is right there on the 1843 chart.

Isaiah 7:1-9 “And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, [that] Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. 3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 “Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, [even] the son of Tabeal: 7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria [is] Damascus, and the head of Damascus [is] Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim [is] Samaria, and the head of Samaria [is] Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.”

If You Don't Believe that Within 65 Years Ephraim will be Broken, You will Not be Established.

Now when Isaiah uttered this prophecy, it was in the year 742 BC. Nineteen years later in 723 BC Samaria was broken. According to the prophecy, he said 'within 65 years' Ephraim would be broken and 19 years was within the 65 years.

Now both William Miller and Hiram Edson recognized what we are seeing here, but they could never tie the two together, again God was waiting for a specific point in time, and we are living in that time period.

William Miller:

“Isaiah prophesied that within sixty-five years Ephraim should be broken and be not a people. Is.vii..8. This was in the days of Pekah and Rezin, 742 years before Christ.

Sixty-five years afterwards, BC 677, Esarhaddon, king of Assyria and Babylon, came with a large army into the land of Israel and Judah, carried away the last remnant of Israel, and they have not been a nation since. Then he also made war against Jerusalem, took Manassh and carried him to Babylon; which begins the “seven times”

Judah was to be in bondage to the kings of the earth, and also the “seven years” Israel should be a captive, robbed and spoiled people; both beginning and ending at one time, 2520 years, beginning BC 677, ending AD 1843. To 1843 add 677, and the sum equals 2520.” Miller's Works, vol. 1, 80

Hiram Edson:

“Instead of reckoning from the taking of Manasseh king of Judah to Babylon, 677 BC, we reckon from the shutting up and binding in prison Hoshea king of Israel, which was 723 BC. This was 19 years after Isaiah’s prophecy, record in Chap. vii. 8, which was 742 BC; hence Ephraim was broken from being a people literally within three-score and five years.” Hiram Edson, The Times of the Gentiles, RH January 10, 1856

So they both saw it and couldn’t tie in the two. The Bible texts show that there were two ‘scatterings’—two 2520s. Then we saw that God said He was going to lay the lines over. Now we can tie them in by what Isaiah says that within that time, Samaria would be broken. The Bible just ties it all together for us.

A Hand was Held Over this so They Could Not Understand in Their Day.

WILLIAM MILLER AND HIRAM EDSON WERE EACH CORRECT!

723 BC Hoshea a prisoner

2520 years (divided exactly in half: 538 AD) Northern Tribes Dispersed

538 AD

1798 AD Pope a prisoner John 2:20 1798 to 1844 is 46 years.

The Time Frame (2520) of the Northern Kingdom is a Plummet for the (2520) Line of the Southern Kingdom! 2 Kings 21:13

Isaiah utters prophecy of Isaiah 7:8 in 742 BC to Ahaz

19 yrs. to 723: 46 yrs. to 677 BC

677 BC Manasseh a prisoner

2520 years

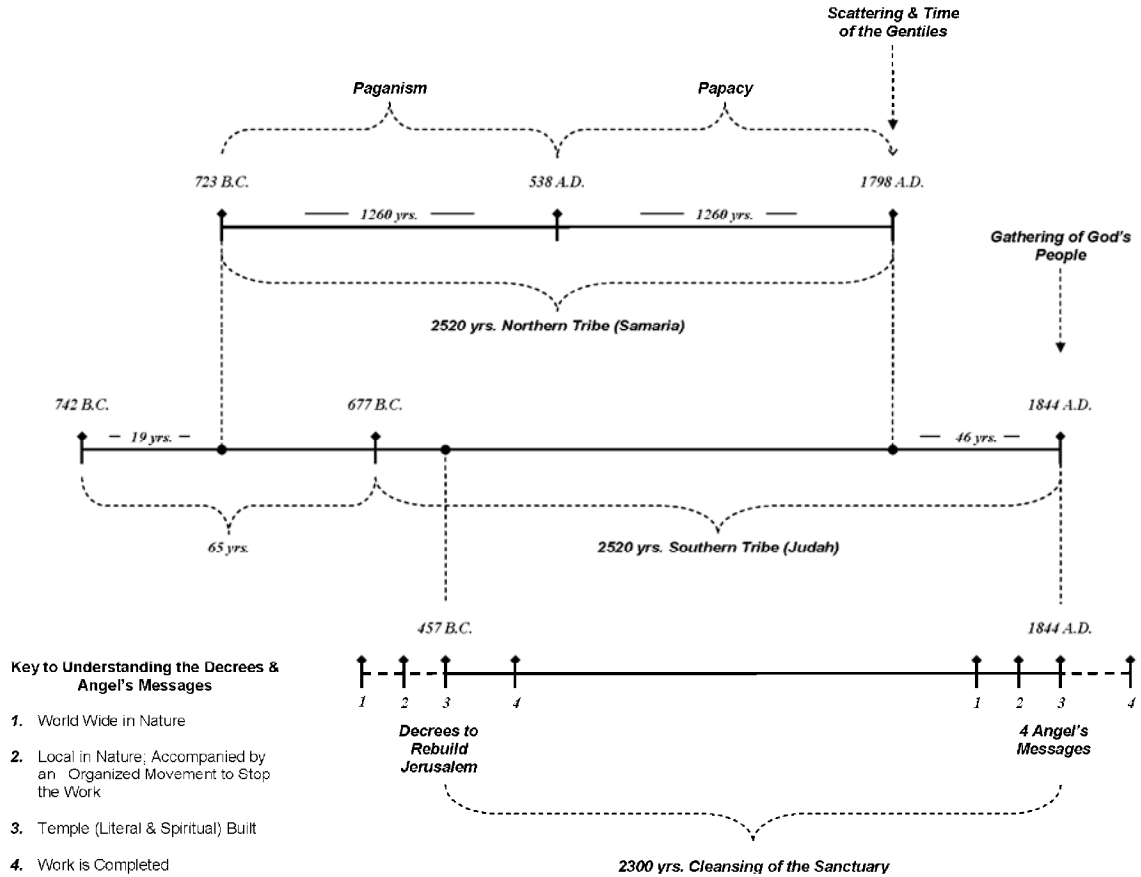
Southern Tribes Scattered for 2,520 years

1831-1844

Prison door of knowledge unlocked!

1844

Golden Thread of Prophecy: 2—The Seven Times: 2520



TWO THEMES ARE REPRESENTED ON THIS CHART

1. The first theme is the SCATTERING or the TRAMPLING DOWN.

2. The second theme is the GATHERING (which really began in 1798), but on October 23, 1844, a day after the disappointment, God had another people gathered, few as they were.

Both these Themes are mentioned in the Bible in Connection with the 2520.

Ellen White referring to the 1843 chart wrote this statement in EARLY WRITINGS page 74.

“September 23, the Lord showed me that He had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time. In the scattering, Israel was smitten and torn, but now in the gathering time God will heal and bind up His people. In the scattering, efforts made to spread the truth had but little effect, accomplished but little or nothing; but in the gathering, when God has set His hand to gather His people, efforts to spread the truth will have their designed effect. All should be united and zealous in the work. I saw that it was wrong for any to refer to the scattering for examples to govern us now in the gathering; for if God should do no more for us now than He did then, Israel would never be gathered. I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a

mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.”

We are living in the Gathering Time—when the message WILL have its effect!

Leviticus 26:33 “And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.”

But the promise was—here in verse 40-45:

40 “If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; **41** And [that] I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:”

42 “Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. **43** The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 “And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for [am] the LORD their God. **45** But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I [am] the LORD.”

The Bible promises, ‘Yes, they broke My covenant and I’ll scatter them! But if they repent, if they come back to My covenant and keep My commandments, I’ll gather them back to Me.’

The Bible teaches two themes in the 2520—the ‘Scattering and the Gathering’.

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN

Now Belshazzar saw the message that the Hand had written on the wall, and the message troubled him. Now why did it trouble him? Could he understand the message on the wall? In part he did. It wasn’t just the hand writing on the wall, it was the message that he wanted to understand because it was written in his language. What was actually written there was a number.

Each of the words written there was a measurement of weight.

Daniel 5:25 “And this [is] the writing that was written, **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.**”

The four words stood for MENE: 50 Shekels, MENE: 50 Shekels, TEKEL: 1 Shekel, UPHARSIN: 25 Shekels.

The Total Equaled 126 Shekels.

The Bible says in Ezekiel 45:12, “And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs:...”

The Shekel is 20 Gerahs:

Exodus 30:13; Leviticus 27:25; Numbers 3:47; Numbers 18:16; Ezekiel 45:12;

20 Times 126 is 2520 Gerahs, or Seven Times.

He saw the number on the wall and he didn't understand what it meant. Daniel comes in and he saw that this was not a good thing. You see, Daniel understood what the 2520 meant—scattering. He knew it meant God's judgment on the kingdom. That's why he said, 'Your kingdom is weighed and wanting, divided, numbered and finished!'

THAT NIGHT BELSHAZZAR'S KINGDOM WAS FINISHED.

He had transgressed passed the point of return. His kingdom would be rent from him.

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN = 2520 The Scattering.

But the Gathering is also shown in the book of Daniel in chapter 4:10-17. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream.

Daniel 4:10-17. 10 "Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. 11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: 12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 "I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; 14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: 15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: 16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. 17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

He was told that the tree would be cut down and around the stump would be wrapped bands of IRON and BRASS.

Iron in the Bible represents severe servitude. Some say that IRON represents the Civil Power—but under the Civil Power what do you have? Severe Servitude!

"God had said that His people should be saved, that the yoke He would lay upon them should be light, if they submitted uncomplainingly to His plan. Their servitude was represented by a yoke of wood, which was easily borne; but resistance would be met with corresponding severity, represented by the yoke of iron." 4T 172

Brass in the Bible represents affliction and judgment.

So what is being said here is that during this 'scattering' time, the 2520, there would be severe servitude, affliction and judgments, but there would be a time when God would gather them back.

Now look what it says about what would happen in the Gathering Time:

Daniel 4:33-37. 33 “The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 “And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 “At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. 37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”

During those Seven Times, 2520, Nebuchadnezzar's Reason was Taken Away. He couldn't see clearly. But at the End of that Seven Times He was Able to Have Understanding Back.

- 1. HE WAS ENLIGHTENED AT THE END OF THIS 2520 PERIOD.**
- 2. EXCELLENT MAJESTY WAS ADDED TO THE KINGDOM.**
- 3. 1798 REPRESENTS THE END OF THE SCATTERING.**
- 4. IN 1844, TWO THINGS HAPPENED TO THE CHURCH:**
 - A. Wisdom and Understanding increased.
 - B. Excellent majesty was added.

BRASS AND IRON:

MOSES:

In Deuteronomy Chapter 28 verse 45-58: Moses was Referring to the Blessings and the Curses that would Come for Breaking the Covenant.

The power he gives as trampling down the people is a yoke of iron. This power has a strange language and would come from afar, destroy Jerusalem and besiege it...Moses proclaimed the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD! Moses was teaching the trampling down of Pagan Rome continuing into Papal Rome. Moses understood this and prophesied what would happen from breaking the covenant.

“By the Spirit of Inspiration, looking far down the ages, Moses pictured the terrible scenes of Israel's final overthrow as a nation, and the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Rome: "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young." PP 467.

“The utter wasting of the land and the horrible suffering of the people during the siege of Jerusalem under Titus centuries later, were

vividly portrayed: "He shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed. . . . And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land. . . .

"Thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee." "The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, . . . and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates." PP 467.

PART ONE SUMMARY:

We have seen the basic structure of this prophecy of the 7 Times. The Word of God just ties things together and how cryptically it has all been laid out in the Word. Mene, Mene, Tekle, Upharsin, something not understood for many years is made plain to us. The deeper meaning of the story of Nebuchadnezzar is brought together now. We now see BOTH the Scattering and Gathering brought together. Never before in history has this understanding been made plain. We are clearly in the very end time where we can start understanding clearly the role of the 144,000 in the last events of this world's history.

THE COVENANT; THE SCATTERING & THE GATHERING - PART TWO

Deuteronomy 28:45-58. 45 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: 46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. 47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 "Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. 49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 "And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. 52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 "And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and

in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: 54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: 55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 “The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. 58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;”

Now in Great Controversy chapter 1, the Fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 is referred to as the fulfillment of this prophecy of Moses in Deuteronomy 28. Moses understood that when they would break the covenant, one of these scourges would be Rome. Rome would come upon God’s people and trample the sanctuary. We can show from the Bible that this refers to Rome. Notice the similarities between what Moses said and what Daniel said.

Daniel 8:23-25 “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”

This is Rome, the Roman language was Latin and the majority of the world at that time did not know that language. It was a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; A nation of fierce countenance;(Moses) a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences,(Daniel) They came from ‘afar’ because according to where Jerusalem was, they were further away than the nations. They would come and besiege and destroy the city.

When Moses was speaking of this particular power he was dealing with the scattering and trampling down of God’s people. Daniel 5 gave us a greater understanding of these things. How the message on the wall stood for 2520 and meant the scattering.

Daniel 5:25,26 “And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.”

We can connect chapter 5 with what we are shown in chapter 9

Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.”

They were given time, their kingdom was numbered. Then in verse 27 of Daniel 5:

Daniel 5:27 “TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.”

And again this is what happened to Israel. In Daniel 9 verses 25-26

25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

This is referring to what would happen when their kingdom was numbered, at the end they were weighed in the balances and found wanting. They did not do what they were supposed to do.

Daniel 5:28 “PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Daniel 9:27 “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

At the end of this time Israel was destroyed, scattered, divided, done, divorced from God. Daniel was showing what would transpire during the scattering, the trampling down.

***Hiram Edson wrote of this time as the Great Indignation, the scattering of God's people.

We are going to look at more evidence in the Bible that ties these things together. Usually we prove the importance of the 1844 date by using the 2300 day prophecy. Now by using the 2520 we can show TWO WITNESSES to the importance of this date in Prophecy in even a more spectacular way.

Both Kingdoms were Scattered for 2520 Years, But one (Northern) Represents the Trampling Down.

While the Other (Southern), also Trampled Down, has the Gathering at the End.

Luke 21:20-24. 20 “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

The Bible says that the Gentiles would Trod Down God's People until the Time of the Gentiles be Fulfilled.

WHAT IS THE TIME OF THE GENTILES?

ANSWER:

Revelation 11:1, 2 “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.”

Forty and two months are 1260 prophetic days, or literal years. So the trampling down by the gentiles of the court of the sanctuary was for 1260 years.

What is the “forty and two months” referring to? The trampling down for 1260 years of God's people by the papacy.

Go back to Luke 21,

Jesus in verse 24 says Jerusalem “would be trodden down of the Gentiles” for 1260 years. Now whose time prophecy is this referring to? Daniel's time prophecy and the 1260 refers to The papacy.

Jerusalem in verse 24 is spiritual Jerusalem, not literal.

But Notice What Jesus is Doing here in Luke:

Luke 21:20-21. “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains;”

Jesus taught this same truth in Matthew 24: We are going to look at a principle of how Jesus taught prophecy: What Jesus taught, Daniel taught because it was actually Jesus that gave the message to Daniel and He would not contradict Himself.

Matt 24:15-16. 15 “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:”

Luke says “compassed with armies” is a sign to flee into the mountains. (Pagan Rome's armies, literal)

Matthew says: “abomination of desolation” is a sign to flee into the mountains. (Papal Rome, literal and spiritual)

There is a principle we are applying here:

We are going to see that Jesus Christ himself taught that there were TWO desolating powers, paganism and papalism, and we are applying it to the scattering time period of the northern kingdom.

Notice in Great Controversy page 25:

“When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. When the warning sign should be seen, those who would escape must make no

delay. Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction.” {GC 25.4}

It was the Roman army that was referred to as coming around Jerusalem at this particular point. And when Christ was speaking of the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet he is teaching us a principle.

Daniel 11:31. “And arms would stand on his part” and they would pollute the sanctuary of strength, and that they “the daily” would place the abomination that maketh desolate” (the papacy).

And who is the daily? Paganism. So Paganism would place the Papacy but the papacy is referred to as the “abomination of desolation.”

In Daniel 12:11, the daily would set up the abomination of desolation, the papacy.

Ellen White says Matthew 24 is pagan Rome, whereas Daniel says it is papal Rome. Is there more to be seen?

Was Christ being contradictive, or is Matthew 24 a future event? Christ was speaking shortly before his crucifixion in 31AD by pagan Rome. The abomination of desolation isn't set up until 538 AD!

We will see that there are TWO desolating Powers.

TWO DESOLATING POWERS

Our pioneers understood there were two desolating powers:

1. One was pagan, or the daily desolation, Paganism.
2. The other was papal or the transgression of desolation, Papacy (union of church & state)

Daniel 9:26. “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince [pagan] that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood [papal], and unto the end of the war desolations [plural] are determined.”

Who are the “people of the prince” that should destroy the sanctuary?

Answer: Pagan Rome destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary (temple) in AD 70. (Matthew 24) then it says: “AND the end thereof shall be with a flood”.

Go to Revelation 12:5-6. “And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child [Christ] was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”

Christ “was caught up unto God” IN 31 AD.

The Power Involved here in 31 AD is PAGAN ROME.

Revelation 12:5 is speaking of PAGAN ROME, but then verse 6 JUMPS to PAPAL ROME:

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” (or the 1260 years of papal supremacy).

Daniel and John are trying to show us that there are two powers, pagan and papal Rome. Christ teaches pagan and papal Rome. All throughout the Bible we see two powers and even Moses referred to it.

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Revelation 12:14. “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time [1260 years], from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.”

The FLOOD is referring to Papal Rome.

NOTE: “as a flood” and “of the flood” is referring to PAPAL ROME.

Daniel 9:26 is teaching us that there are TWO desolating powers: Pagan and Papal Rome.

The first desolating power: “... and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;” PAGAN ROME WOULD COME

THE second desolating power: “and the end thereof shall be with a flood,” PAPAL ROME WILL COME!

Then the sentence is finished with: “...and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

It does not say “desolation,” singular. It says “desolations” plural.

There are TWO DESOLATING POWERS that will come.

And then in Daniel 9:27, **“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations [plural] he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate [or the desolator- margin].”**

The Bible says there are TWO DESOLATING POWERS, THERE ARE TWO ABOMINATIONS.

NOW we have to put into CONTEXT which one CHRIST was speaking of FIRST:

When Christ says “abomination of desolation” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, in a literal sense he was referring to Daniel 9, pointing to PAGAN ROME. Pagan Rome is a desolating power that would trample God’s people.

Pagan Rome was the FIRST BATTER UP TO DESTROY GOD’S PEOPLE.

The second is coming....

Dan 9:27-10:1“...and for the over spreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” The Bible margin will read: [or the desolator].”

What was DETERMINED?

Daniel 11:31 “And arms shall stand on his part, (the seven European Kings, beginning with Clovis of France) and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], (Paganism) and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. (1260 years) 34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.”

Daniel 11:35 “And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: (1798) because it is yet for a time appointed .”

What is Appointed? “Even to the Time of the End?”

The appointed time of the end is 1798.

Daniel 11:36: “And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation [723-1798] be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.”

If I say I have accomplished something, does that mean I still have more to do? NO, it is done. Until “the indignation be accomplished” and the that “determined shall be done,” is referring to 1798. In 1798 something was accomplished.

Daniel 9:27 “...and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

What was poured upon the desolater, Papal Rome? THE DEADLY WOUND. It brings to an end the scattering time.

Many people might say we are putting a gloss on this subject, and Daniel didn't really refer to the 2520 here, but Daniel himself lets us know what he was worrying about: He couldn't understand the 2300 days, Gabriel was supposed to give him understanding of the vision, but he didn't do it at that time. Then Daniel was worried and he was sick certain days. He went back to Jeremiah and he began to look because he knew there was 70 years that they would be in captivity and then God would take them out of Babylon. So he couldn't understand what does this 2300 days mean. He began to study but one thing Daniel did know was that the scourge or the trampling down that was happening with his people was the curse of Moses.

Daniel 9:10-13: 10. “Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”

Remember the covenant was based on that law. Daniel is saying “we have broken the covenant.”

11. “Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. **12.** And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. **13.** As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer

before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.”

Daniel took us back to the Law of Moses, Leviticus 26, the blessings and the cursings where we have the understanding of the 2520. Daniel knew that they had broken the covenant, and this had come upon his people.

Now Gabriel came in, God heard Daniel's prayer, he knew Daniel understood the 2520—the curse, and knew that they were in that time period. Not only does Gabriel talk about the 2300 days, but what Daniel's book refers to often is the 2520. He is referring him back and forth all throughout the prophecies, even in Daniel 8, to this time period. But this is knowledge that we have lost. AS A PEOPLE WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE 2520 ANYMORE, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. For so long we have been taught that the longest time prophecy is the 2300 days. But all throughout Daniel's prophecy it is referring to the 2520.

Daniel 9:27: “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Margin desolator)”

Clearly this is the 1798 time period. This is the end of the FIRST 2520 time period.

Daniel 8:19: “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.”

LAST END OF THE INDIGNATION?

Remember Jeremiah 50?

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

There were only two kingdoms; the North and the South; so the LAST would be the SECOND.

What is being said is: “I will make thee to know what shall be the SECOND END of the INDIGNATION.”

THE SECOND END OF THE INDIGNATION IS 1844!

This is the answer when Gabriel was told to make Daniel understand the “mareh” the snapshot vision. He was to make Daniel understand the LAST end of the indignation, 1844. There are two visions, the “chazon” vision, the whole, entire, complete vision, the duration of time vision, and the “mareh” vision, the portion, the appearance, the snapshot, the portion that was referred to as being the 2300 days. This is seen all throughout Daniel 8. The last or second end of the indignation was 1844, so the first end was 1798.

Daniel 11:1-14 - Battle between the King of the North and King of the South. From 4-14 is referring to the Grecian empire.

"Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my

people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Verse 14: "And in those times [Grecian] there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people [Rome] shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall."

There was a determined time

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Draw a line and put 1798 at the far right end, and 723 BC at the far left end. Divide it in half. It is no coincidence that if you take the 2520 and divide it in half, you get 1260 and the exact middle is 538 AD. Only God can do this...

538 AD was the beginning of the union of church and state by papal Rome. But all throughout the Bible there were TWO desolating powers, one is the Papacy but the first one was Paganism, the 'DAILY' and this also was 1260 years. This is no accident! There is no way that a man could just make something like this up. There are those who would tell us that the Bible is not inspired, but there is no human explanation for something like this! Only God could make history into exact order and lay it all out BEFORE it happened.

THE GATHERING TIME

William Miller believed that Nebuchadnezzar being chastised seven times in Daniel 4:22-37 is an ALLEGORY of the 2520, the chastisement of the southern kingdom and that when Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was gathered back to him and not only given back, but when it was given back it was given with excellent majesty, and that the excellent majesty was the second coming of Christ in the kingdom of glory. But we will see very clearly that the excellent majesty added after 1844 deals particularly with the new covenanted people of God.

Notice Daniel 4:33-36: "The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. 34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? 36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me."

At the end of this time period, the kingdom which had been taken from him was returned to him and in addition 'excellent majesty was added'.

Now William Miller believed that the excellent majesty was to be the coming of Christ in the kingdom of glory, but we can see now that it referred to 1844 and the beginning of the Advent movement. And the EXCELLENT EXCELLENCE OF MAJESTY is to be added when the LATTER RAIN is poured out on GOD'S PEOPLE, and that

STONE that is in preparation now, that 144,000 in which Christ places His very CHARACTER in their hearts. Christ our Righteousness!

In Leviticus it teaches the scattering and the gathering—both principles—this scattering-gathering principle is not just something we put together, the Spirit of Prophecy referred to it, it is all throughout the scriptures and in the very chapter where we get the 2520, it is mentioned.

Leviticus: 26:40-45 “If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; 41 And [that] I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. 44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I [am] the LORD their God. 45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I [am] the LORD.”

REMEMBER how Daniel prayed in Daniel 9:5?

“We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:...”

Daniel was praying and humbling himself and saying: “we have sinned.” He was fulfilling what was written in Leviticus 26. Daniel represents you and me, God’s people at the end of the world.

October 22, 1844 God has a NEW denominated people. Was there ever a time in the history of these people that they realized that God’s Law had been broken and they humbled themselves with fasting, confession, and prayer as they saw they had been breaking God’s covenant which was based on His Law and to be God’s denominated people the Law must be reestablished?

“The temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.” [REV. 11:19.] The ark of God’s testament is in the holy of holies, the second apartment of the sanctuary. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served “unto the

example and shadow of heavenly things,” this apartment was opened only upon the great day of atonement, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen, points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, in 1844, as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement. Those who by faith followed their great High Priest, as he entered upon his ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of his testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary, they had come to understand the

Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that he was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading his blood in behalf of sinners. {GC88 433.1}

The ark in the tabernacle on earth contained the two tables of stone, upon which were inscribed the precepts of the law of God. The ark was merely a receptacle for the tables of the law, and the presence of these divine precepts gave to it its value and sacredness. When the temple of God was opened in Heaven, the ark of his testament was seen. Within the holy of holies, in the sanctuary in Heaven, the divine law is sacredly enshrined,—the law that was spoken by God himself amid the thunders of Sinai, and written with his own finger on the tables of stone. {GC88 433.2}

The law of God in the sanctuary in Heaven is the great original, of which the precepts inscribed upon the tables of stone, and recorded by Moses in the Pentateuch, were an unerring transcript. Those who arrived at an understanding of this important point, were thus led to see the sacred, unchanging character of the divine law. They saw, as never before, the force of the Saviour's words, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in nowise pass from the law." [MATT. 5:18.] The law of God, being a revelation of his will, a transcript of his character, must forever endure, "as a faithful witness in Heaven." Not one command has been annulled; not a jot or tittle has been changed. Says the psalmist: "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven." "All his commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever." [PS. 119:89; 111:7, 8.] {GC88 434.1}

In the very bosom of the decalogue is the fourth commandment, as it was first proclaimed: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." [EX. 20:8-11.] {GC88 434.2}

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. {GC88 434.3}

In this period of time, God brought illumination and shortly after 1844, they saw the importance of the Sabbath in the Law of God. Why did God have to do this? Why for

this long period of time had the Law of God largely been lost and trampled on but then all of a sudden God brought illumination upon his sacred precepts again. In 34 AD he had been divorced from His covenanted people.

We saw that Israel had been incorporated as a church and nation at Sinai.

“Soon after the encampment at Sinai, Moses was called up into the mountain to meet with God. . . . Israel was now to be taken into a close and peculiar relation to the Most High--to be incorporated as a church and a nation under the government of God. The message to Moses for the people was: ". . . if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:4-6). PP 303

But they broke that covenant and finally at 34 AD they were cut off. For a while the Law of God was still kept, but as the apostles began dying off and ‘grievous wolves’ began to enter the church, it was largely lost sight of.

After October 22, 1844 it was realized the covenant had been broken, the law had not been kept.

“The fourth commandment was shown me as a golden link which God designed should serve as a bond of union uniting man to man and connecting earth to heaven and finite man to the infinite God.” 7MR 111.

"Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. . . .Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:13-17.

The ‘perpetual covenant has been established in the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST people since 1844. There will come a time when all sin and iniquity is purged from a particular group of people. God will have 144,000 in number who will perfectly have the character of Christ, therefore they will perfectly keep every law and precept. Satan will not be able to say there has never been a people able to keep the law of God. No, there will be a people.

Excellent majesty will be given to the church....

PUTTING THE OTHER LINES IN PLACE

The 2300 days began in 457 BC. It ended in 1844. In 457 Artaxerxes gave the decree, but there were two other decrees prior to this one. 457 was the third decree.

AN INTERESTING NOTE:

How long was the temple in building? In Daniel 9 it talks about “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” Now if you figure out the seven weeks – that comes to 49 years.

John 2:20-21 “Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.”

Here it says 46 years and Daniel says 49—So is there a contradiction? The Bible answers this itself:

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

It took 49 years, 3 extra years to build the streets and the wall, but the temple, and you can find this in history, was finished in 46 years.

The time between the start of the 2520 on the Northern Kingdom and the time of the start on the Southern Kingdom is 46 years.

John 2:18-21 “Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.”

We know this also had a literal application to his resurrection from the dead, but there is another application—The spiritual application at the end of the world is that in 3 days, in 3 decrees, He would raise up His spiritual body—His body is His church!

1 Corinthians 12:27 “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:...”

The body of Christ is His church.

In the beginning it took three decrees before the literal temple was completed. Here at the end of the world we see that it takes three decrees, or the three angels messages before the “church or temple” is built.

Between 1798 and 1844 is also 46 years—“46 years this temple was in building.”

There were three decrees to build the temple. The last decree is when the walls and streets were built. It took three extra years to finish the streets and walls. The temple was finished in 46 years. From 1798 to 1844 is 46 years. Every one of these scriptures ties this whole prophecy together with exactness.

Isaiah prophesied when the southern kingdom would be broken. Isaiah, in the year 742 prophesied:

Isaiah 7:8,9. “For the head of Syria [is] Damascus, and the head of Damascus [is] Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. And the head of Ephraim [is] Samaria, and the head of Samaria [is] Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.”

19 years later in 723 BC the northern kingdom (Ephraim) was broken when Hoshea taken prisoner.

46 years later, Manasseth was taken prisoner. Isaiah said this in 742 BC.

Golden Thread of Prophecy: 2—The Seven Times: 2520

742 BC	723 BC	677 BC
19 years to	46 years to	65 years total

We need to understand that we are in the time period when the excellent majesty is to be placed on God's people. One way or another, we will have a part to play, either we will receive the Seal of God or the Mark of the Beast; either we are going to be stamped with Christ's image, or we are going to receive the image of the Beast—either way there is a part to play. If we receive the excellent majesty we will go forth conquering and to conquer, proclaiming the glories of God to the ends of the world, OR we will stay spiritually scattered, never gathered spiritually.

Ellen White's dream when she was about twelve years old:

“I dreamed that there was a temple to which many people were flocking, and all who would be saved when time should close must be within that temple. And all who were outside the temple would be lost...”

We need to make a decision now, today is the day of salvation. Today if you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. Probation is about to close, we need to make the choice now.