

THE TIME OF THE END—PART 1

The Events Connected With The Close Of Probation

“The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed.” *The Great Controversy*, 594

Daniel 11:40

- ❖ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. Daniel 11:40.

Note: For the sake of clarity, we will divide verse 40 into parts (a) and (b). Let us examine part (a).

- ❖ “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him:” *Daniel* 11:40a.

What Is The Time Of The End?

- ❖ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end:** many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] for **a time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.** *Daniel* 12:4-9.
- ❖ 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,** from the face of the serpent... 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.** *Revelation* 12:6, 14.

Who Was The King Of The South In 1798?

Note: There is a rule of interpretation that is established in Daniel 11:5, and that is: Whoever rules in Babylon is the King of the North, and whoever rules in Egypt is the King of the South. However, when we get to the "time of the end", as students of prophecy we are no longer to consider the literal rulers of these regions to represent the respective kings. We are to understand which are the ruling powers in "spiritual" Babylon and "spiritual" Egypt in order to rightly identify the King of the North and the King of the South.

- ❖ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which **spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified... And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. *Revelation 11:3-8, 11.*

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

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

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

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

“This prophecy has received a most exact and striking fulfillment in the history of France. During the Revolution, in 1793, “the world for the first time heard an assembly of men, born and educated in civilization, and assuming the right to govern one of the finest of the European nations, uplift their united voice to deny the most solemn truth which man's soul receives, and renounce unanimously the belief and worship of a Deity.”--Sir Walter Scott, *Life of Napoleon*, vol. 1, ch. 17. “France is the only nation in the world concerning which the authentic record survives, that as a nation she lifted her hand in open rebellion against the Author of the universe. Plenty of blasphemers, plenty of infidels, there have been, and still continue to be, in England, Germany, Spain, and elsewhere; but France stands apart in the world's history as the single state which, by the decree of her Legislative Assembly, pronounced that there was no God, and of which the entire population of the capital, and a vast majority elsewhere, women as well as men, danced and sang with joy in accepting the announcement.”--Blackwood's Magazine, November, 1870.” *The Great Controversy*, 269-270.

Note: The “king of the south” in 1798 was atheistic France.

What Does Push Mean?

- ❖ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead **to battle**, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver [it] into the hand of the king... And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou **push the Syrians**, until thou have consumed them. *1 Kings 22:6, 11.*
- ❖ I saw the ram **pushing** westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. *Daniel 8:4.*

Who Was The King Of The North In 1798?

- ❖ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of **Babylon**, a king of kings, **from the north**, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. *Ezekiel 26:7.*
- ❖ Behold, I will send and take all the families **of the north**, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of **Babylon**, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. *Jeremiah 25:9.*
- ❖ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither

by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition; Who **opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** *2 Thessalonians 2:1-4.*

- ❖ 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 be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. *Daniel 11:36.*

“This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of **"the man of sin"** foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power--a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth **according to his will.**” *The Great Controversy, 50.*

“The apostle Paul warned the church not to look for the coming of Christ in his day. "That day shall not come," he says, "except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed." 2 Thessalonians 2:3. Not till after the great apostasy, and the long period of the reign of the "man of sin," can we look for the advent of our Lord. The "man of sin," which is also styled "the mystery of iniquity," "the son of perdition," and "that wicked," represents the papacy, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 years.” **This period ended in 1798.**” *Ibid., 356.*

Note: In 1798 the King of the North was the papacy. In fact, the papacy is the King of the North from verse 31 until the end of the chapter (until probation closes).

THE TIME OF THE END—PART 2

Daniel 11:40b

- ❖ “and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.” *Daniel* 11:40b.

Note: Part (b) takes us 191 years forward in time to the world-shaking events of 1989. At this time when the King of the North would exact his revenge, we must understand that a changing of the guard had taken place as far the as the southern kingdom is concerned. Let us refer to Louis F. Were for some insight as to which power took on the role of the King of the South.

“While **Communism** is still a great force and will, no doubt, yet reveal great strength and occasion further bloodshed in fighting for its existence, yet recent revelations indicate that **someday in the not-too-distant future, the forces of atheistic Communism will be temporarily subdued by the combined forces of Christendom.** This eventuality, which is even now discernible as emerging from the events precipitated by the Hungarian unrest, has been outlined in Bible prophecy to occur as one of the "great changes" bringing about "the final movements" which "will be rapid ones." (See Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 11). For when the way is open for the rise of the political power of the Papacy, it will not be long before God's people will experience persecution, which will greatly hasten the coming of the close of probation and the commencement of the day of God's wrath...

“Communism is the one great internationally organized enemy which stands in the way of Papal political ascendancy. When **Communism's** prestige, power and influence have diminished sufficiently so that it is no longer able to prevent her from reaching her goal, "many of the prophecies" will "be fulfilled in quick succession." ...

“We are thus directed to **the concluding verses of the prophecy of Daniel eleven** for an understanding of those world-shaking events, those troubles among the nations *leading to* and during that time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. (See Daniel 12: 1)...

“Do world conditions indicate that the time for her to strike is near? The uprisings against **Communitic** domination in Roman Catholic countries Hungary, Poland, etc.- have revealed that the **Papal forces are preparing to strike back, and are willing to join forces even with Protestants for this purpose.** These incidents indicate not only a present struggle, but foreshadow future strife as these two forces become more and more locked in deadly conflict...

“Thus we may grasp an idea of the intensity and the scope of the present, tense situation. Two giants are at grips groping for a stranglehold on each other. **Their conflicting forces are the subjects of the closing verses of Daniel 11.**” *Excerpts from “Preparing for the Close of Probation”* by Louis F. Were, 1957.

“Of all the events that have shaken the Soviet bloc in 1989, none is more fraught with history—or more implausible—than the polite encounter to take place this week in Vatican City.

There, in the spacious ceremonial library of the 16th century Apostolic Palace, **the czar of world atheism**, Mikhail Gorbachev, will visit the Vicar of Christ, Pope John Paul II.

“The moment will be electric, not only because John Paul helped inflame the fervor for freedom in his Polish homeland that swept like brush fire across Eastern Europe. Beyond that, the meeting of the two men symbolizes the end of the 20th century’s most dramatic **spiritual war**, a conflict in which the seemingly irresistible force of Communism battered against the immovable object of Christianity.” *TIME*, December 4, 1989.

The Changing Of The Guard

Jacobins

“Political club of the French Revolution. In 1789 Breton members of the States-General met in a Dominican (French: ‘Jacobin’) monastery to form the Jacobin Club. By 1791, it had branches throughout France. By 1792, Robespierre had seized control of the Jacobins and the club adopted more radical policies. In 1793, they engineered the expulsion of the Girondins and the club became an instrument of the Reign of Terror. It collapsed after Robespierre’s downfall in 1794.” *World Encyclopedia*, 2005.

“There are striking analogies in history. The Jacobin of 1793 has become the communist of our day.” *Communism, Revolution, and a Free Poland* – Speech by Karl Marx, Brussels, Belgium - February 22, 1848.

“The modern form of Communism began to develop with the split (1903) within the Russian Social Democratic Labor party into factions of Bolshevism and Menshevism. The more radical wing, the Bolsheviks, were led by **Lenin** and advocated immediate and violent revolution to bring about the downfall of capitalism and the establishment of an international socialist state. The triumph of the Bolsheviks in the **Russian Revolution of 1917** gave them the leadership in socialist action. They constituted the Communist party in 1918.” *The Columbia Encyclopedia*, 6th Ed., 2007.

Collapse of Communism—the disintegration of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) between **1989** and 1991. *Encarta Online Encyclopedia*, 2007.

What Does Whirlwind Mean?

The Lord’s Way Is In The Whirlwind...

- ❖ The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the **LORD hath his way in the whirlwind** and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. *Nahum* 1:3.
- ❖ Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and **the whirlwind shall scatter them**: and

thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. *Isaiah 41:15, 16.*

- ❖ Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall **take them away as with a whirlwind**, both living, and in his wrath. *Psalms 58:9.*
- ❖ When your fear cometh as **desolation**, and your **destruction cometh as a whirlwind**; when **distress and anguish cometh upon you**. *Proverbs 1:27.*

What Do The Chariots And Horsemen Represent?

- ❖ But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and **his army**, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. *Exodus 14:9.*
- ❖ Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, **the army and the power**; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. *Isaiah 43:17.*
- ❖ And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, **and warred against it**. *1 Kings 20:1.*

What Are The Ships?

- ❖ They that go down to the sea in ships, that do **business** in great waters. *Psalms 107:23.*
- ❖ For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as **trade by sea**, stood afar off. *Revelation 18:17.*
- ❖ She is like the **merchants' ships**; she bringeth her food from afar. *Proverbs 31:14.*

What Does It Mean To Overflow And Passover?

Note: The word “countries” in this verse is not supplied. Therefore, whatever power represents the King of the South at the time of the King of the North’s retaliation, it consists of many countries.

- ❖ But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and [one] shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, [even] to his fortress. *Daniel 11:10.*
- ❖ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza. Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the

city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl. At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong [horses], at the rushing of his chariots, [and at] the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to [their] children for feebleness of hands; Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, [and] to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Capthor. *Jeremiah* 47:1-4.

- ❖ Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. *Isaiah* 8:7, 8.

Similar Scenes Will Take Place

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

“Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Dan. 12:1-4, quoted.]” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 13, p. 394.

Note: Just as the papacy united with the barbarian tribes of pagan Rome in order to defeat a common enemy in the Arian powers of the Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths and seat herself on the throne of the earth in 538 A.D., she once again enlisted the military and economic strength of an ally - the United States of America - to defeat a common enemy in the U.S.S.R, charting her path to the throne of the earth once again.

“Only President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II were present in the Vatican Library on Monday, June 7, 1982. It was the first time the two had met, and they talked for 50 minutes. . . . In that meeting, Reagan and the pope agreed to undertake **a clandestine campaign to hasten the dissolution of the Communist empire.** Declares Richard Allen, Reagan’s first National Security Advisor: “This was one of the great secret alliances of all time.”. . . . “Reagan came with very simple and strongly held views,” says Admiral Bobby Inman, former deputy director of the CIA. “It is a valid point that he saw the collapse (of Communism) coming and he **pushed** it hard.” During the first part of 1982, a five-part strategy emerged that was aimed at bringing about the collapse of the Soviet economy. . . .

1. The U.S. defense buildup, already under way, aimed at making it too costly for the Soviets to compete militarily with the U.S. Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative-Star Wars became a centerpiece of the strategy.

2. Covert operations aimed at encouraging reform movements in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

3. Financial aid to Warsaw-Pact nations calibrated to their willingness to protect human rights and undertake political and free-market reforms.

4. Economic isolation of the Soviet Union and the withholding of Western and Japanese technology from Moscow. The administration focused on denying the USSR what it had hoped would be its principal source of hard currency in the twenty-first century: profits from a transcontinental pipeline to supply natural gas to Western Europe. . . .

5. Increased use of Radio Liberty, Voice of America and Radio Free Europe to transmit Administration's messages to the people of Eastern Europe. . . .

"Like all great and lucky leaders, the pope and President exploited the forces of history to their own ends." *TIME*, February 4, 1992, 29–30.

HOLY ALLIANCE... How Reagan and the Pope conspired to assist Poland's Solidarity movement and hasten **the demise of Communism**. *TIME* – Cover Title, February 24, 1992.

Still In The History Of Verse 40

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude...

"On one occasion, when in New York City, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify the owners and builders. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: "How can we best glorify God?" The Lord was not in their thoughts... The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: "They are perfectly safe." **But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines...**

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. **The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.** Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, 11-14.

"How comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. **I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Rev. 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.'** The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, **only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power.** From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. **One word**

from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulfulness of which we cannot imagine.” *Review & Herald*, July 5, 1906.

“The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. **A mighty angel is to come down from heaven,** and the whole earth is to be lighted with His glory. Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? If so, let us cleanse the soul temple, and prepare for the showers of the latter rain. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord will never come to hearts filled with impurity. May God help us to die to self, that Christ, the hope of glory, may be formed within!” *Review & Herald*, April 21, 1891.

“The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.” *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 3, 242.

“The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The pure in heart shall see God. It is those who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth that will receive power from that angel that came down from heaven "having great power." The first message is to be repeated proclaiming the second advent of Christ to our world. The second angels' message is to be repeated, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" [Rev. 18:2, 3]. *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 16, 40.

Our Current Crisis

“The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones... The enemy has succeeded in perverting justice and in filling men's hearts with the desire for selfish gain. "Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Isaiah 59:14... The cries of starving humanity are coming up before God, while by every species of oppression and extortion men are piling up colossal fortunes... Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. **They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.**” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, 11-13.

“Money will soon depreciate in value very suddenly when the reality of eternal scenes opens to the senses of man.” *Welfare Ministry*, 266.

“The land boom has cursed this country, extravagant prices have been paid for lands bought on credit; then the land must be cleared, and more money is hired; a house to be built calls for more money, and then interest with open mouth swallows up all the profits. Debts accumulate, and then come the **closing and failure of banks**, and then the **foreclosure of mortgages.**” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 317.

“In India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. **The monied men, because they have the power, control the market.** They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. **This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war.** There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. [Daniel 12:1, 2 quoted]” (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.)” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 5, 305.

“While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until **populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation.** Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and **famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence.** These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast.

“It will be declared that men are offending God **by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.**” *The Great Controversy*, 589-590.

HIS HAND ENTERS THE GLORIOUS LAND

Daniel 11:41

- ❖ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. *Daniel* 11:41.

What Is The Glorious Land?

The Hebrew word for glorious is: **tsbiy** From Strong's H6638 in the sense of *prominence*; *splendor* (as *conspicuous*); also a *gazelle* (as *beautiful*): - **beautiful** (-ty), **glorious** (-ry), **goodly**, **pleasant**, roe (-buck).

Note: The word “countries” in this verse is supplied. Therefore, whatever the Glorious Land represents, it does **not** consist of many countries.

- ❖ And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant [land]. *Daniel* 8:9.

Egypt “toward the south”

Syria “toward the east”

Judea “toward the pleasant land”

- ❖ In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee **a pleasant land, a goodly heritage** of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me. *Jeremiah* 3:18, 19.
- ❖ And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto **the land**, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for **an heritage**: I [am] the LORD. *Exodus* 6:7, 8.
- ❖ But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed. *Daniel* 11:16.

Uriah Smith Comments On Verse 16

“After putting an end to the war, Pompey demolished the walls of Jerusalem, transferred several cities from the jurisdiction of Judea to that of Syria, and imposed tribute on the Jews. For the first time Jerusalem was by conquest placed in the hands of Rome, that power which was to hold the “glorious land” in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it.” *Daniel and the Revelation*, 247.

- ❖ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I [am] the LORD your God; In the day [that] I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, **flowing with milk and honey, which [is] the glory of all lands.** *Ezekiel* 20:5, 6.
- ❖ And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto **a land flowing with milk and honey;** unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. *Exodus* 3:8.
- ❖ And I have also established **my covenant** with them, **to give them the land of Canaan,** the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. *Exodus* 6:4.

God's Purpose For The Modern Glorious Land

“In Egypt their taste had become perverted. God designed to restore their appetite to a pure, healthy state, in order that they might enjoy the simple fruits that were given to Adam and Eve in Eden. He was about to establish them in a second Eden, a goodly land, where they might enjoy the fruits and grains that He would provide for them. He purposed to remove the feverish diet upon which they had subsisted in Egypt; for He wished them to be in perfect health and soundness **when they entered the goodly land to which He was leading them, so that the surrounding heathen nations might be constrained to glorify the God of Israel,** the God who had done so wonderful a work for His people. Unless the people who acknowledged Him as the God of heaven were in perfect soundness of health, His name could not be glorified.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol.1, 1102.

“God's law must be exalted, His authority maintained; and to the house of Israel was given this great and noble work. God separated them from the world, that He might commit to them a sacred trust. He made them the depositaries of His law, and He purposed through them to preserve among men the knowledge of Himself. **Thus the light of heaven was to shine out to a world enshrouded in darkness,** and a voice was to be heard appealing to all peoples to turn from idolatry to serve the living God.

“With great power, and with a mighty hand,” God brought His chosen people out of the land of Egypt. *Exodus* 32:11. “He sent Moses His servant; and Aaron whom He had chosen. They showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.” “He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: so He led them through the depths.” *Psalms* 105:26,27;106:9. He rescued

them from their servile state, that He might bring them to a good land, a land which in His providence He had prepared for them as a refuge from their enemies. He would bring them to Himself and encircle them in His everlasting arms; and in return for His goodness and mercy **they were to exalt His name and make it glorious in the earth.**" *Prophets and Kings*, 16.

"I was pointed back to the children of Israel after they left Egypt. God in mercy called them out from the Egyptians, **that they might worship Him without hindrance or restraint.**" *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, 158.

The Covenant Promises

"That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through **His church on earth today**. He has "let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen," even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully "render Him the fruits in their seasons." Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the **spiritual Israel**, and to **them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises** made by Jehovah to His ancient people." *Prophets and Kings*, 713.

God's Purpose For The Modern Glorious Land

"The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. **Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience.** Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges." *Maranatha*, 193.

"When the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for his people, that they might worship him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, **the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ**,--when that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God's law,--it is then that the final work of the man of sin will be revealed. Protestants will throw their whole influence and strength on the side of the Papacy; by a national act enforcing the false Sabbath, they will give life and vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, reviving her tyranny and oppression of conscience. Then it will be time for God to work in mighty power for the vindication of his truth." *Signs of the Times*, June 12, 1893.

"To William Miller and his colaborers it was given to preach the warning in **America. This country became the center of the great advent movement.**" *The Great Controversy*, 368.

“Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty which have been the bulwark and **glory of this country.**” *The Great Controversy*, 252.

“The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, it has been a land of liberty, and the glory of the whole earth. But instead of returning gratitude to God, instead of honoring God and his law, the professed Christians of America have become leavened with pride, covetousness, and self-sufficiency.” *Review & Herald*, May 2, 1893.

What Is Meant By His Hand?

- ❖ And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they **shall be given into his hand** until a time and times and the dividing of time. *Daniel* 7:25.

The Hebrew word for hand is: Strong's H3027 **yâd** *yawd* - A primitive word; a *hand* (the open one (indicating *power, means, direction*, etc.)

- ❖ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. **And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him**, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed... And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. *Revelation* 13:11, 12, 15.
- ❖ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; [well]: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who [is] that God that shall deliver you **out of my hands?** *Daniel* 3:15.

How Does The King Of The North Enter Into The Glorious Land?

“When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, **Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery**; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active despotism.” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, 711.

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

“It is Protestantism that will change. The adoption of liberal ideas on its part will bring it where it can **clasp the hand of Catholicism.**” *Review and Herald*, June 1, 1886.

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

“The beast with two horns "causeth [commands] all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16, 17. The third angel's warning is: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." "The beast" mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopardlike beast of Revelation 13--the papacy. The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The "mark of the beast" still remains to be defined.” *The Great Controversy*, 444-445.

“As the sign of the authority of the Catholic Church, papist writers cite "the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of;...because by keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin." (*Henry Tuberville, An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine, page 58.*) **What then is the change of the Sabbath, but the sign, or mark, of the authority of the Roman Church-"the mark of the beast"?**” *The Great Controversy*, 448.

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 4, 1161.

“When the law of God is made void the church will be sifted by fiery trials, and a larger proportion than we now anticipate, will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Instead of being strengthened when brought into strait places, many prove that they are not living branches of the True Vine; they bore no fruit, and the husbandman taketh them away.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 368.

“Multitudes are to be gathered into the fold. Many who have known the truth have corrupted their way before God and departed from the faith. The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time.” *This Day with God*, 163.

“And all who will not bow to the decree of the national councils, and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin to the disregard of God's holy day, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast. . . . The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain. . . .” *Selected Messages*, book 3, p. 385.

Has Not Clasped Hands Yet In Verse 40...

“In the face of what might be done, will the church sleep on, or will they feel the responsibility and the honor that is conferred upon them through the merciful providence of God, and gather up their hereditary trusts, and the advantages of present light, and feel the necessity of rising to the urgent emergency that now presents itself before us? The world is watching our movements with greater interest than we imagine. Many see that what we have told them in regard to the curtailing of religious liberty in our country is coming to pass, although they have denied that such a thing was possible. **They have said, "When we see that which you predict, when there is danger of a union of Church and State, we will acknowledge that you have the truth."** But will they acknowledge it? Will they accept the situation, and know that the end is near? **Protestantism is reaching out its hands to clasp hands with popery, and every indication makes manifest that the prophecies are about to be fulfilled.** And now men are looking upon those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, to see what will be their course. O that all may arouse, and manifest to the world that this is a living faith, that a vital issue is before the world, that Jesus will soon come. Let men see that we believe we are on the borders of the eternal world.” *Review & Herald*, February 21, 1893.

Ishmael's Decedents Unite The Hands

- ❖ And he will be a wild man; his hand [will be] against every man, and **every man's hand against him**; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. *Genesis* 16:12.

Who Are Edom, Moab, And The Chief Of The Children Of Ammon?

- ❖ And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she [was] barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If [it be] so, why [am] I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations [are] in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and [the one] people shall be stronger than [the other] people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, [there were] twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac [was] threescore years old when she bare them. *Genesis* 25:21-26.

- ❖ Now these [are] the generations of Esau, who [is] **Edom**. *Genesis* 36:1.
- ❖ Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same [is] the father of the **Moabites** unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same [is] the father of the children of **Ammon** unto this day. *Genesis* 19:36-38.

“Of Babylon at this time it is declared, "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." [REV. 18:5.] She has filled up the measure of her guilt, and destruction is about to fall upon her. **But God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of his judgments, these faithful ones must be called out**, that they "partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, "Come out of her, my people." As these warnings join the third angel's message, it swells to a loud cry." *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4, 422.

“Servants of God, endowed with power from on high with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. Souls **that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction**. God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, ‘Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.’” *Early Writings*, 278-279.

“In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and **tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God**. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, 41.

- ❖ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd. *John* 10:16.
- ❖ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall

be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. *Isaiah* 11:10-14.

“The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him.’ ... These words outline our work. This scripture is to be received by our people as a message for today. The glad tidings of salvation are to be carried to those who have not heard them.” *Review and Herald*, June 23, 1904.

“It is at this time that the true Sabbath must be brought before the people both by pen and by voice. As the fourth commandment of the Decalogue and those who observe it are ignored and despised, the faithful few know that **it is the time not to hide their face but to exalt the law of Jehovah by unfurling the banner on which is inscribed the message of the third angel**, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. . . .” *Evangelism*, 281.

EGYPT WONDERS AFTER THE BEAST

Daniel 11:42

- ❖ He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. *Daniel 11:42.*

What Does It Mean To Stretch Forth His Hand?

Note: We already know that the Papacy's "hand" is the power to persecute religiously at the time of the Sunday Law crisis. In the original, "stretch" means to extend. Therefore we must conclude that the Sunday Law, though originated in America, will extend beyond its borders.

The word "countries" in this verse is **not** supplied. Therefore, whatever Egypt represents, it has many countries.

What Does The Land Of Egypt Symbolize?

- ❖ I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. *Exodus 20:2.*
- ❖ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: *Galatians 4:3.*
- ❖ The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, [and] **kingdom against kingdom.** *Isaiah 19:1, 2.*
- ❖ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of **the end of the world?** ... For nation shall rise against nation, and **kingdom against kingdom:** and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. *Matthew 24:3, 7.*

"Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? Because professed Christians are not dead **to the world.** It is easy living after we are dead. **But many are longing for the leeks and onions of Egypt.** They have a disposition to dress and act as much like the world as possible and yet go to

heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the strait gate and narrow way." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, 131.

"I am filled with sadness when I think of our condition as a people. The Lord has not closed heaven to us, but our own course of continual backsliding has separated us from God. Pride, covetousness, and **love of the world** have lived in the heart without fear of banishment or condemnation. Grievous and presumptuous sins have dwelt among us. And yet the general opinion is that the church is flourishing and that peace and spiritual prosperity are in all her borders.

"The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily **retreating toward Egypt**. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. The testimonies are unread and unappreciated. God has spoken to you. Light has been shining from His word and from the testimonies, and both have been slighted and disregarded. The result is apparent in the lack of purity and devotion and earnest faith among us.

"Let each put the question to his own heart: "How have we fallen into this state of spiritual feebleness and dissension? Have we not brought upon ourselves the frown of God because our actions do not correspond with our faith? **Have we not been seeking the friendship and applause of the world rather than the presence of Christ and a deeper knowledge of His will?**" Examine your own hearts, judge your own course. Consider what associates you are choosing. Do you seek the company of the wise, or are you willing to choose worldly associates, companions who fear not God and obey not the gospel?" *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, 217, 218.

"Many are not growing strong, because they do not take God at his word. **They are conforming to the world. Every day they pitch their tents nearer to Egypt**, when they should encamp a day's march nearer the heavenly Canaan." *Signs of the Times*, March 6, 1884.

First America Then The World

"As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, **the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example.**" *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, 18.

"**Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States.** Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world." *Ibid.*, vol. 6, 395.

USA Involved In The Goals Of The Vatican

"Within the last few decades, amid the rumblings and the ruins of two World Wars, the **United States of America** has emerged paramount and dynamic on the stage of global politics.

"From across the great land mass of Eurasia, **Russia---the bastion of Communism**, equally dynamic in its struggle to build up new political structure---is challengingly waiting for the tumbling of the old pattern of society, confident that time is on her side.

“At the same time, **the Catholic Church**, seemingly preoccupied only with its religious tasks, is feverishly engaged in a race **for the ultimate spiritual conquest of the world**.

“But whereas the exertions of the U.S.A. and of the U.S.S.R., are followed with growing apprehension, those of the Vatican are seldom scrutinized. **Yet not a single event of importance that has contributed to the present chaotic state of affairs has occurred without the Vatican taking an active part in it.**

“The Catholic population of the world---400 millions---(Now closer to 2 billion) is more numerous than that of the United States and Soviet Russia put together. When it is remembered that the concerted activities of this gigantic spiritual mass depend on the lips of a single man, the apathy of non-Catholic American should swiftly turn to keenest attention. His interest, furthermore, should increase when he is made aware that **the United States is intimately involved in the attainment of both the immediate and the ultimate goals of the Vatican.**

“These goals are:

1. The annihilation of Communism and of Soviet Russia. — **Daniel 11:40**
2. The **spiritual conquest** of the U.S.A. — **Daniel 11: 41**
3. The ultimate Catholicization of the world.” — **Daniel 11: 42, 43**

—“*The Vatican in World Politics*” (*Preface to the American Edition*) by Avro Manhattan, 1949.

Daniel 11:43

- ❖ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps. *Daniel 11:43.*

What Does It Mean To Have Power Over The Treasures Of Gold And Silver?

- ❖ And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. *Revelation 17:12.*
- ❖ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. *Revelation 13:17.*

What Is Meant By The Libyans And The Ethiopians?

- ❖ Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. *2 Chronicles 16:8.*
- ❖ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, *Acts 2:10.*

In the Greek the word Lybya means: Strong's G3033 **Libue** {lib-oo'-ay} Libuvh AV -- Libya (1) 1) Libya meaning "**afflicted or weeping**" is a large region of northern Africa, bordering **Egypt**. In that portion of it which had Cyrene for its capital and was thence called Libya Cyrenaica.

- ❖ So that they cause the cry of the **poor** to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the **afflicted**. *Job 34:28*.
- ❖ Rob not the poor, because he [is] **poor**: neither oppress the **afflicted** in the gate: *Proverbs 22:22*.
- ❖ And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of **all her treasure**, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship. *Acts 8:27*.

What Does Shall Be At His Steps Mean?

In the original, this statement refers to the following: H4703 **mits'ad** a *step*; figuratively *companionship*: - going, step, which comes from the root word: Strong's H6805 **tsá'ad** *tsaw-ad'* A primitive root; **to pace**, that is, **step regularly**; (upward) to *mount*; (along) **to march**; (down and causatively) to *hurl*: - bring, go, march (through), run over.

Note: We can interpret this as all classes of the world, from the poorer third-world countries (symbolized by the Libyans), to the more prosperous countries (symbolized by the Ethiopians) – will be *walking in stride* with the Sunday decree, honoring the spurious sabbath that was instituted by the “man of sin.”

- ❖ And he causeth all, **both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond**, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. *Revelation 13:16*.
- ❖ And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and **his deadly wound was healed**: and **all the world wondered after the beast**. *Revelation 13:3*.

TIDINGS OUT OF THE EAST AND NORTH

Daniel 11:44

- ❖ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. *Daniel* 11:44.

What Are These Tidings?

- ❖ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! *Isaiah* 52:7.
- ❖ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach **the gospel** of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! *Romans* 10:15.
- ❖ And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak [as] water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel* 21:7.

Why From The East And North?

Note: The symbols of “east” and “north” help us define the specific characteristics of this “gospel message.”

North

- ❖ How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**. *Isaiah* 14:12, 13.

“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, “If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.” Before the throne I saw the Advent people--the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and

careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.

"I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness. Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way. Then He raised His right arm, and we heard His lovely voice saying, "Wait here; I am going to My Father to receive the kingdom; keep your garments spotless, and in a little while I will return from the wedding and receive you to Myself." Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father. On the hem of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.

"I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. **Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God.** I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children." *Early Writings*, 54-56.

- ❖ And if his offering [be] of the flocks, [namely], of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish. And he shall kill it on the side of the altar **northward** before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar. *Leviticus* 1:10, 11.
- ❖ And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth [month], in the fifth [day] of the month, [as] I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh **toward the north**; where [was] the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel [was] there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain. *Ezekiel* 8:1-4.

- ❖ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory**. *Revelation 18:1*.

East

- ❖ Afterward he brought me to the gate, [even] the gate that looketh **toward the east**: And, behold, **the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east**: and his voice [was] like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. *Ezekiel 43:1, 2*.
- ❖ For as the lightning cometh **out of the east**, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also **the coming of the Son of man be**. *Matthew 24:27*.
- ❖ And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle [it] with his finger upon the mercy seat **eastward**; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. *Leviticus 16:14*.
- ❖ Who raised up the righteous [man] **from the east**, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made [him] rule over kings? he gave [them] as the dust to his sword, [and] as driven stubble to his bow... I have raised up [one] from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as [upon] mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. *Isaiah 41:2, 25*.
- ❖ Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; ... Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else, [there is] no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know **from the rising of the sun**, and from the west, that [there is] none beside me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else. *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*.
- ❖ And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of **the kings of the east** might be prepared. *Revelation 16:12*.
- ❖ But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. *Malachi 4:2*.

Note: The Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in his wings. The Sun rises in the east, therefore prophetically and symbolically the gospel of health is a part of the tidings from the east.

East—Seal Of God

- ❖ And I saw another angel ascending **from the east, having the seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, *Revelation 7:2*.
- ❖ Bind up the testimony, **seal the law** among my disciples. *Isaiah 8:16*.
- ❖ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, **having this seal**, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity**. *2 Timothy 2:19*.
- ❖ And grieve not the **holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption. *Ephesians 4:30*.
- ❖ Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: [Forasmuch as ye are] manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, **but with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. *2 Corinthians 3:2*.
- ❖ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] **moved by the Holy Ghost**. *2 Peter 1:21*.
- ❖ And he received the sign of circumcision, a **seal of the righteousness of the faith** which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: *Romans 4:11*.

“Some of our brethren have expressed fears that we shall dwell too much upon the subject of justification by faith, but I hope and pray that none will be needlessly alarmed; for there is no danger in presenting this doctrine as it is set forth in the Scriptures. If there had not been a remissness in the past to properly instruct the people of God, there would not now be a necessity of calling a special attention to it... The exceeding great and precious promises given us in the Holy Scriptures have been lost sight of to a great extent, just as the enemy of all righteousness designed that they should be. He has cast his own dark shadow between us and our God, that we may not see the true character of God. The Lord has proclaimed Himself to be "merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth."

“Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message, in verity.'" *Selected Messages*, Book 1, 372.

Note: This message, which troubles the Papacy, is a message that only a certain kind of **“people”** can give. The aspects of north and east show us that this message is a particular gospel message; a message that declares:

The last acts in the drama of the **Great Controversy**

The **Sanctuary** message

The **Seventh-day Sabbath** (Seal of God) message

The **Righteousness by Faith** (Christ our Righteousness) message

A warning against **The Mark of the Beast**

The **Investigative Judgment** (Day of Atonement) message

The **Second Advent** message

The **Health Reform** Message

Plainly stated, this tidings message out of the east and out of the north is the **Third Angel's Message**, and all that it encompasses!

What Does Therefore He Shall Go Forth With Great Fury To Destroy, And Utterly To Make Away Many Mean?

Note: Prior to the close of “human probation” as a result of Loud Cry, the Papal persecution will increase, and this apostate power will do all to stop this great work. Some will flee to the mountains and caves, some are imprisoned, and there will be “many” martyrs in this work, as Satan seeks to obliterate God’s faithful from the face of the earth.

From the time that Sunday Law is enforced in America, God’s people will be proclaiming the third angel’s message “more boldly”. We see all of this illustrated in verse 44, as the papacy reacts with “great fury” to the Loud Cry message. This is paralleling Revelation 12:17 where it states that the dragon will be “wroth with the woman”, and “make war with the remnant”. There will be what is referred to as a “Little Time of Trouble” that is taking place at this time – while Christ is still in the sanctuary – extending until the time that the Third Angel’s message closes, when “Michael stands up” and human probation comes to its end. Then the “Great Time of Trouble” will begin... and God’s people will have the experience of Jacob during his night of wrestling with the Angel.

“On page 33 is given the following: “I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints. I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.”

“This view was given in 1847 when there were but very few of the Advent brethren observing the Sabbath, and of these but few supposed that its observance was of sufficient importance to draw a line between the people of God and unbelievers. Now the fulfilment of that view is beginning to be seen. **“The commencement of that time of trouble,” here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary.** At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent

the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain," or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." *Early Writings*, 85-86.

"The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, **prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake** in standing in defense of the truth." *Maranatha*, 199.

Daniel 11:45

- ❖ And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel* 11:45.

What Is Meant By The Tabernacles Of His Palace Mean?

- ❖ Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle [with] ten curtains [of] fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: [with] cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. *Exodus* 26:1.
- ❖ A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. *Hebrews* 8:2.
- ❖ And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: *Revelation* 15:5.

Note: The tabernacle is another term for the Sanctuary. It is a "religious" symbol.

- ❖ And it came to pass after these things, [that] Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which [was] in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. *1 Kings* 21:1.
- ❖ And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. *Isaiah* 39:7.
- ❖ [That] in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which [was] in Shushan the palace, In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, [being] before him: When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, [even] an hundred and fourscore days. And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; *Esther* 1:2-5.

Note: Kings dwell in palaces. A palace is a "political" symbol.

The “tabernacles of his palace” is symbolic language that illustrates this religio-political, “churchcraft and statecraft” power - the Papacy – which at this time in the prophecy is at the head of the what can be deemed the “New World Order.”

What Do The Seas Represent?

- ❖ And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, **are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.** *Revelation 17:15.*

What Is The Glorious Holy Mountain?

- ❖ And it shall come to pass in the last days, [that] the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to **the house of the God of Jacob**; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. *Isaiah 2:2, 3.*

Note: The **mountain of the LORD'S house, Jerusalem, and Zion** are all shown as being synonymous in this verse. By the way, notice that the text says “in the last days”. Whatever it is...it is in existence at the end of time.

- ❖ But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God**, which is **the church of the living God**, the pillar and ground of the truth. *1 Timothy 3:15.*

The house of God is His church!

- ❖ O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city **Jerusalem, thy holy mountain**: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and **thy people** [are become] a reproach to all [that are] about us... And whiles I [was] speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of **my people Israel**, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for **the holy mountain of my God**; *Daniel 9:16, 20.*
- ❖ And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto **Zion, Thou [art] my people.** *Isaiah 51:16.*
- ❖ So shall ye know that I [am] the LORD your God dwelling in **Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy**, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. *Joel 3:17.*

The Glorious Land And Glorious Holy Mountain Are Not The Same Thing

Note: If we would simply allow our minds to take the word “glorious” out of the equation for a moment (which is the only similarity in the two) we can easily come to the conclusion that a “holy mountain” and a “land” are two very different things. Common sense should tell us that a “mountain” can be found in a “land”, but it is NOT in fact the land itself.

This is abundantly clear when we compare the notes from verse 41. The Glorious Land is a symbol of a land where the true church of God could worship according to the dictates of conscience, which was fulfilled for literal Israel when they came into the land of Canaan. God ordained that His covenant-keeping people be re-established in that very same land when they came out of the Babylonian captivity. As we look at the spiritual aspects the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, we know that God’s **Spiritual Israel** came out of bondage from **Spiritual Babylon** in the year 1798, and the Lord once again provided a land where the “earth” would swallow up the flood, which the dragon cast out of his mouth in order that he might destroy the church along with the truth that she upholds (**see Revelation 12:16**).

Notice how the Lord makes a distinction between a **mountain** and the **field** as He addresses His people Judah:

❖ **O my mountain in the field**, I will give thy substance [and] all thy treasures to the spoil, [and] thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. *Jeremiah 17:3.*

Note: The original word for “field” is: Strong’s 7704 **sadeh** {saw-deh'} or saday {saw-dah'-ee} from an unused root meaning to spread out; 1) **field, land** 1a) cultivated field 1b) of home of wild beasts 1c) plain (**opposed to mountain**) 1d) **land (opposed to sea)**

❖ And I beheld another beast **coming up out of the earth**; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. *Revelation 13:11.*

THE “GLORIOUS LAND” IS AMERICA.

THE “GLORIOUS HOLY MOUNTAIN” IS GOD’S CHURCH.

The Tabernacles Of His Palace Are Planted In Between

❖ And he shall plant his palatial tents between the seas **and** the glorious holy mount (Zion); yet he shall come to his end with none to help him. *Daniel 11:45 Amplified Version.*

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It is the great test and trial of the Sunday Law that produces the True Remnant Church!

“What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? **Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast.** Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. **When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.**” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, 216.

“**The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress.** Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is **a little company** that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. **All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law.** Those who will be true to God and to duty will be betrayed “both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends.”” *Testimonies*, vol. 9, 231.

“**The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty**, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. **When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not.** While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.” *The Great Controversy*, 605.

“We are to be ready and waiting for the orders of God. Nations will be stirred to their very center. Support will be withdrawn from those who proclaim God's only standard of righteousness, the only sure test of character. And all who will not bow to **the decrees of the national councils and obey the national laws to exalt the sabbath instituted by the man of sin to the disregard of God's holy day**, will feel, not the oppressive power of popery alone, but of the Protestant world, the image of the beast.

“Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. None but those who have been overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony will be found with the loyal and true, without spot or stain of sin, without guile in their mouths. We must be divested of our self-righteousness and arrayed in the righteousness of Christ.

“**The remnant that purify their souls by obeying the truth gather strength from the trying process**, exhibiting the beauty of holiness amid the surrounding apostasy.” *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 12, 324-325.

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"As the members of the body of Christ approach the period of their last conflict, "the time of Jacob's trouble," they will grow up into Christ, and will partake largely of His Spirit. As the third message swells to a loud cry, and as great power and glory attend the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. **It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble.** Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel (RH May 27, 1862)." *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, 984.

MICHAEL STANDS UP

Daniel 12:1, 2

- ❖ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. *Daniel* 12:1, 2.
- ❖ The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. *Isaiah* 3:13.

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“When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. **Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven.** Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:11, 12.” *The Great Controversy*, 490.

What Is The Time Of Trouble?

“At the commencement of the holy Sabbath, January 5, 1849, we engaged in prayer with Brother Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the most holy place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of His garment was a bell and a pomegranate. **Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance.** Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and

God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, **He will stand up**, put on the garments of vengeance, **and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.**

"I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. **A decree went forth to slay the saints**, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble." *Early Writings*, 36-37.

"Every individual in our world will be arrayed under one of two banners... The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place **in the battle**, prior to the **last closing conflict**, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth." *Maranatha*, 199.

"As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, **the people of God will flee from the cities and villages** and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains. Like the Christians of the Piedmont valleys, they will make the high places of the earth their sanctuaries and will thank God for "the munitions of rocks." Isaiah 33:16. But many of all nations and of all classes, high and low, rich and poor, black and white, will be cast into the most unjust **and cruel bondage**. The beloved of God pass weary days, **bound in chains, shut in by prison bars, sentenced to be slain, some apparently left to die of starvation in dark and loathsome dungeons**. No human ear is open to hear their moans; no human hand is ready to lend them help." *The Great Controversy*, 626.

"Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The **spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven**. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures." *Ibid.*, 624.

"When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. **It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow**, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof." *Ibid.*, 635.

No Death After Michael Stand Up

- ❖ Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of Jacob's trouble; but **he shall be saved out of it.** *Jeremiah 30:7.*

“The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence. But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. “They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” Malachi 3:17. **If the blood of Christ's faithful witnesses were shed at this time, it would not, like the blood of the martyrs, be as seed sown to yield a harvest for God. Their fidelity would not be a testimony to convince others of the truth; for the obdurate heart has beaten back the waves of mercy until they return no more. If the righteous were now left to fall a prey to their enemies, it would be a triumph for the prince of darkness.**” *The Great Controversy*, 634.

“Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,--a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,--God's chosen people will stand unmoved. **Satan and his host cannot destroy them**, for angels that excel in strength will protect them.” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, 17.

“After Jesus rises up from the mediatorial throne, every case will be decided, and oppression and death coming to God's people will **not** then be a testimony in favor of the truth...” *Selected Messages*, Book 3, 399.

The Fear Of Death Is Not The Cause Of Anguish

“Though God's people will be surrounded by enemies who are bent upon their destruction, **yet the anguish which they suffer is not a dread of persecution for the truth's sake; they fear that every sin has not been repented of, and that through some fault in themselves they will fail to realize the fulfillment of the Saviour's promise:** I “will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world.” Revelation 3:10. If they could have the assurance of pardon they would not shrink from torture or death; but should they prove unworthy, and lose their lives because of their own defects of character, then God's holy name would be reproached.” *The Great Controversy*, 619.

The Special Resurrection

- ❖ But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** *Matthew 26:63, 64.*

- ❖ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they **also which pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. *Revelation 1:7*.
- ❖ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and **the earth did quake**, and the rocks rent; And the **graves were opened**; and many bodies of **the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. *Matthew 27:50-53*.
- ❖ And, behold, there was **a great earthquake**: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. *Matthew 28:2*.
- ❖ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places**. *Revelation 6:14*.
- ❖ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise** first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. *1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17*.
- ❖ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done**. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and **there was a great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great. *Revelation 16:17, 18*.

“In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: “It is done.” Revelation 16:17... **That voice shakes the heavens and the earth**. There is a mighty earthquake, “such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.” Verses 17, 18. ... Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free... **Graves are opened**, and “many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2. **All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified**, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. “They also which pierced Him” (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.” *The Great Controversy*, 637.

“It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked looked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. Everything seemed turned out of its natural course. The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God

like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. **There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.**” *Early Writings*, 285.