The Golden Thread of Prophecy

Section #11b: "THE 2520 DAY PROPHECY OF THE "SEVEN TIMES" AS FOUND ON THE 1843 CHART"

THE COVENANT; THE SCATTERING & THE GATHERING - PART TWO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Daniel 5:28 "PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."
Daniel 9:27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT IS THE TIME OF THE GENTILES?

ANSWER:

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

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

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

Go back to Luke 21,

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

Jerusalem in verse 24 is spiritual Jerusalem, not literal.

But Notice What Jesus is Doing here in Luke:

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

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

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

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

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

There is a principle we are applying here:

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

Notice in Great Controversy page 25:

"When the idolatrous standards of the Romans should be set up in the holy ground, which extended some furlongs outside the city walls, then the followers of Christ were to find safety in flight. When the warning sign should be seen, those who would escape must make no delay. Throughout the land of Judea, as well as in Jerusalem itself, the signal for flight must be immediately obeyed. He who chanced to be upon the housetop must not go down into his house, even to save his most valued treasures. Those who were working in the fields or vineyards must not take time to return for the outer garment laid aside while they should be toiling in the heat of the day. They must not hesitate a moment, lest they be involved in the general destruction." GC 25.4

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

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

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

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

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

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

We will see that there are TWO desolating Powers.

TWO DESOLATING POWERS

Our pioneers understood there were two desolating powers:

1. One was pagan, or the daily desolation, Paganism.

2. The other was papal or the transgression of desolation, Papacy (union of church & state)

Daniel 9:26. "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince [pagan] that shall come shall destroy the city and the

sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood [papal], and unto the end of the war desolations [plural] are determined."

Who are the "people of the prince" that should destroy the sanctuary?

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

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

Christ "was caught up unto God" IN 31 AD.

The Power Involved here in 31 AD is PAGAN ROME.

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

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

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

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

The FLOOD is referring to Papal Rome.

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

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

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

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

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

It does not say "desolation," singular. It says "desolations" plural.

There are TWO DESOLATING POWERS that will come.

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

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

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

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

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

The second is coming….

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

What was DETERMINED?

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

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

What is Appointed? "Even to the Time of the End?

The appointed time of the end is 1798.

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

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

Daniel 9:27 "…and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAST END OF THE INDIGNATION?

Remember Jeremiah 50?

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

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

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

THE SECOND END OF THE INDIGNATION IS 1844!

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

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

"Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

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

There was a determined time

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

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

THE GATHERING TIME

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

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

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

Now William Miller believed that the excellent majesty was to be the coming of Christ in the kingdom of glory, but we can see now that it referred to 1844 and the beginning of the

Advent movement. And the EXCELLENT EXCELLENCE OF MAJESTY is to be added when the LATTER RAIN is poured out on GOD'S PEOPLE, and that STONE that is in preparation now, that 144,000 in which Christ places His very CHARACTER in their hearts. Christ our Righteousness!

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

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

REMEMBER how Daniel prayed in Daniel 9:5?

"We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:…"

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

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

"The temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [REV. 11:19.] The ark of God's testament is in the holy of holies, the second apartment of the sanctuary. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things," this apartment was opened only upon the great day of atonement, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen, points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, in 1844, as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement. Those who by faith followed their great High Priest, as he entered upon his ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of his testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary, they had come to understand the Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that he was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading his blood in behalf of sinners. GC88 433.1

The ark in the tabernacle on earth contained the two tables of stone, upon which were inscribed the precepts of the law of God. The ark was merely a receptacle for the tables of the law, and the presence of these divine precepts gave to it its value and sacredness. When the

temple of God was opened in Heaven, the ark of his testament was seen. Within the holy of holies, in the sanctuary in Heaven, the divine law is sacredly enshrined,--the law that was spoken by God himself amid the thunders of Sinai, and written with his own finger on the tables of stone. GC88 433.2

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

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

The Spirit of God impressed the hearts of those students of his Word. The conviction was urged upon them, that they had ignorantly transgressed this precept by disregarding the Creator's rest-day. They began to examine the reasons for observing the first day of the week instead of the day which God had sanctified. They could find no evidence in the Scriptures that the fourth commandment had been abolished, or that the Sabbath had been changed; the blessing which first hallowed the seventh day had never been removed. They had been honestly seeking to know and to do God's will; now, as they saw themselves transgressors of his law, sorrow filled their hearts, and they manifested their loyalty to God by keeping his Sabbath holy. GC88 434.3

In this period of time, God brought illumination and shortly after 1844, they saw the importance of the Sabbath in the Law of God. Why did God have to do this? Why for this long period of time had the Law of God largely been lost and trampled on but then all of a sudden God brought illumination upon his sacred precepts again. In 34 AD he had been divorced from His covenanted people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excellent majesty will be given to the church….

PUTTING THE OTHER LINES IN PLACE

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

AN INTERESTING NOTE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."
Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:…"

The body of Christ is His church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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