The Golden Thread
of Prophecy

Section 10a
7 Trumpets; 3 Woes & Islam

The Role of Islam

"In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new. When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began 'at Moses and all the prophets' and 'expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.' Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. **He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old**. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 127.

The Number Twelve

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. **All these are the twelve tribes of Israel**: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. Genesis 49:1, 28.

. . These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; **twelve princes according to their nations**. Genesis 25:12–16.

Patriarchal Blessing

Ishmael: "And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; **twelve princes shall he beget**, and I will make him a great nation." Genesis 17:20.

And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou .. shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. 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 16:10–12.

An Affliction to the Descendants of Isaac

In his latter days he (Ishmael) repented of his evil ways and returned to his father's God, but **the stamp of character given to his posterity remained**. The powerful nation descended from him were **a turbulent, heathen people, who were ever an annoyance and affliction to the descendants of Isaac**." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 174.

A Deliverer to the Descendants of Isaac

Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. Genesis 37:28.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11.

The Turk Appeared

"Again and again the immediate destruction of all who dared to oppose themselves to Rome appeared inevitable; but at **the critical moment the armies of the Turk appeared on the eastern frontier**, or the king of France, or even the pope himself, jealous of the increasing greatness of the emperor, made war upon him; and thus, amid the strife and tumult of nations, the Reformation had been left to strengthen and extend." *The Great Controversy*, 197.

Used by God

ENCLOSED EUROPE: By attacking and conquering on the edges of Europe, the forces of Islam served to keep the powers of Rome from totally overrunning the earth and destroying all true believers.

PRESERVED THE RECEIVED TEXT OF THE BIBLE: The Greek text of the Bible, the possession of the true apostolic church, was protected by Islam's hordes from destruction and in the renaissance came back into Europe from the East.

Used by God

PRESERVED THE REFORMATION: Many times when the Reformation could have been easily wiped off the map by the Papal armies, Islam attacking at some point forced those armies to turn aside to meet these attacks—this gave the movement of the reformers time to develop. They unintentionally ran interference with Rome's intentions.

A Blessing and a Curse

In the story of Balaam, in Numbers 22, we see a descendant of Ishmael who was brought in by Balak to curse Israel. Instead all he could do, in spite of himself, was to bless Israel.

Triple Applications of Prophecy

Babylon is fallen, is fallen

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Revelation 18:2.

Twice Fallen–First at the Tower of Babel, second at Belshazzar's Feast. Characteristics of the 1st and 2nd are what we see in the 3rd.

The 3 Elijahs

Elijah: 1 Kings 18:17–22; 19:1–3.

John the Baptist: Matthew 14:3–11.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the **coming of the great and dreadful day** of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:5, 6.

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The 3 Elijahs

Elijah: was translated without seeing death.

John the Baptist: was beheaded.

In the final time of the Elijah Message, some will be martyrs and the 144,000 will be translated without seeing death.

In these two episodes we see other parallels and we see the three powers that unite to form Great Babylon at the end:

The Beast; the Dragon and the False Prophet

The Beast: Impure Woman/impure church—The Papacy--Jezebel & Herodias

The Dragon: King/Civil Authority—United Nations--Ahab & Herod

The False Prophet: Dance of Deception/deceiving power—USA--The prophets of Baal & Salome the daughter of Herodias

The Beast; the Dragon and the False Prophet

Elijah's and John's Message: in each case there was an Unlawful marriage–between A Civil and religious power. Ahab & Jezebel; Herod & Herodias.

The Third Angel's Message denounces an unholy spiritual marriage—Combination of church and state.

The Impure Woman

Jezebel & Herodias:

The Woman is in Control of Three-fold Power.

The Woman is Behind the scenes pulling the strings.

The woman’s Is Seeking to deal with Heretics

The King: Ahab & Herod in each case did not realize the plot.

The Civil power was deceived.

The 3 Romes: Pagan + Papal show the Final Rome

PAGAN ROME—Persecuting Power.

PAPAL ROME—Persecuting Power.

PAGAN ROME—Desolating Power: The Daily Desolating Power.

PAPAL ROME—Desolating Power: The Abomination of Desolation.

PAGAN ROME—Pontifex Maximus

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PAGAN ROME'S RELIGION—Paganism

PAPAL ROME'S RELIGION—Paganism (Baptized)

PAGAN ROME—Sun Worshippers.

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PAGAN ROME—Abomination of Desolation in AD 70 Time-Period.

PAPAL ROME—Abomination of Desolation in 1260 Year Time-Period.

The 3 Romes: Pagan + Papal show the Final Rome

PAGAN ROME—Represents State-Craft.

PAPAL ROME—Represents Church-Craft.

PAGAN ROME—Time Prophecy Identifying how long it would Rule Supremely.

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PAGAN ROME—Ruled Supremely once 3rd Geographical Obstacle was Overcome.

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PAGAN ROME—Ruled Supremely from the City of Rome.

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PAGAN ROME—Counterfeits Jerusalem and God.

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The 7 Trumpets: 1st 4

Revelation 8-9:

First: Goths under Alaric

Second: Genseric & Vandals

Third: Attila and the Huns

Fourth: Odoacer, the first barbarian ruler of Italy

These four scourges effectively brought down the Western Roman Empire.

The 7 Trumpets: the Three Woes

Fifth Trumpet: The First Woe

Islam: Arabia—Mohamed

THE KEY: Empowered after war between East and West that ended at the Battle of Niniveh:

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their tails: The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15.

Providential force that tormented (HURTS) the armies of Rome

History: From Mohamed to July 27, 1299 and then until July 27, 1449

Fifth Trumpet: The First Woe

Hurt not those who have the seal of God

After the death of Mohammed, he was succeeded in the command by Abu-bekr in A.D. 632, who commanded:

"When you fight the battles of the Lord, . . Destroy no palm-trees, nor burn any fields of corn. Cut down no fruit-trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat. . . As you go on, you will find some religious persons who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God that way; let them alone, and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries: and you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their skulls, and give them no quarter till they either turn Mahometans or pay 'tribute.' "

The 2nd Woe

Islam: Turkey—Othman – Ottoman Empire

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly **with explosives**

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their heads and tails: The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15.

Providential force that brought down (KILLS) Imperial (pagan) Rome

The Sixth Trumpet: 1840 through 1844

History: From July 27, 1449 until August 11, 1840 **and then** through October 22, 1844

The 3rd Woe

Islam: Worldwide—Bin Laden

Mode of warfare: strike suddenly and unexpectedly with explosives

Focus of warfare: the armies of Rome

Directed by their heads and tails

Providential force that torments **(FIRST HURTS)** the army of Rome and then brings down **(KILLS)** modern Rome: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet.

The Seventh Trumpet

The Investigative Judgment

History

From October 22, 1844 until September 11, 2001 until Michael stands up

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