

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. In the foreground, a large, dark tree with white blossoms stands on a rocky outcrop. The background shows rolling mountains under a hazy sky.

# The Golden Thread of Prophecy

# Section 11h

## The Gathering Time



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Nebuchadnezzar being chastised seven times in Daniel 4:22-37 is an ALLEGORY of the 2520 the chastisement of the Southern Kingdom 677-1844.

Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was gathered back to him, not only given back—when it was given back it was given with **excellent majesty!**

We see clearly that the **excellent majesty** added after 1844 deals particularly with the new covenanted people of God.

## Notice Daniel 4:33-36:


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, . . . 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.**

# Excellent Majesty

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!

# Scattering and Gathering

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.



# Scattering and Gathering

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, . .

## **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 had 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?

# God's Holy Law

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, . . . 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;**

# God's Holy Law

**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.**

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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

# Re-establishing the Covenant

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, . . . 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 111.4

# Excellent Majesty Given

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.

**The 2300 Days in Place**

# 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.”

# An Interesting Note

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.

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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.

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# His Spiritual Body—His Church

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!

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.

# His Spiritual Body—His Church

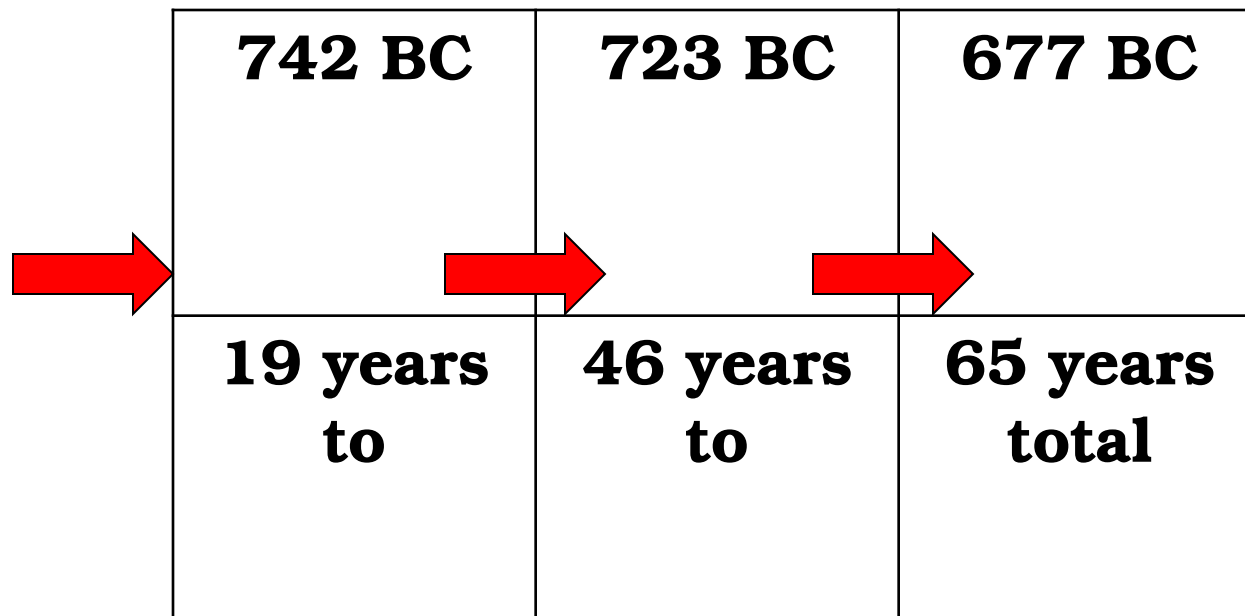
Between 1798 and 1844 is also 46 years—“46 years this temple was in building.”

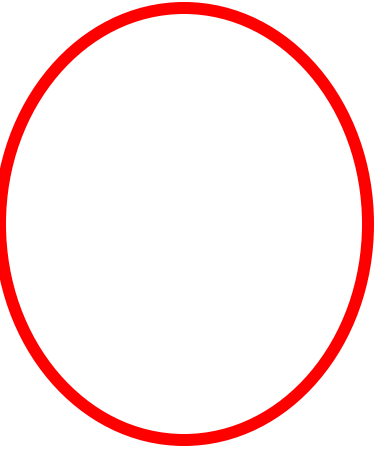
There were three decrees to build the temple. The last decree is when the walls and streets were built. It took three extra years to finish the streets and walls. The temple was finished in 46 years. From 1798 to 1844 is 46 years. Every one of these scriptures ties this whole prophecy together with exactness.

# Isaiah's Prophecy: Isaiah 7:8,9

Isaiah, in the year 742 prophesied: “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.





**The 46 Years**

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.**

**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.**



# Dream of Ellen White

Dream of Ellen White 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...**”

