

IN THE TIME OF HARVEST

The Everlasting Gospel in Prophecy

Throughout the entire history of this old world since the fall of man, the Everlasting Gospel has been inseparably linked with Prophecy. Those who are trying to present a Gospel Message that is not woven through and through with the Golden Thread of Prophecy, will find their preaching degenerate into sentimental foolishness. God Himself states His claim to Godhood is based on the fact that He alone can tell the End from the Beginning. Here we wish to echo the very first words that Jesus preached when He began His ministry: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel!"

The Sequence of Events
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In the book of Daniel there are a few things I want to go over before we continue. In Daniel 11:40, we have the United States of America playing the role of Clovis and the seven European kings who gave their aid to the Papacy to overcome the three obstacles.

United States plays that role; it gives its military power to the Papacy in order to help it overcome the three geographical obstacles, so that its deadly wound would be healed.

Paul talked about this very event, but he did it in a way that we really need to understand. The ramifications of misunderstanding this very point are dire. Notice what Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:1. Paul was pointing forward to the very events in the day in which we are living in reference to how the United States plays the role of Clovis and the seven European kings to remove the three obstacles in the way of the Papacy.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 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. 3 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; 4 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."

Turn back to Daniel 11:36 and remember how we went through verses 30-36, the history that Sister White said would be repeated, notice in 2 Thessalonians he is talking about this one who opposes and exalts himself against God, calls himself God, sitteth in the temple of God so that he is worshipped as God. Speaking of the King of the North at the time of 1798, which is the Papacy:

- 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 be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.”

The same language in reference to the Papacy in Daniel 11:36, is used by Paul in regard to the Papacy in 2 Thessalonians 2, so we have the understanding that it is talking about the Papacy. We'll continue to read from verse 5.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:5 “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.”

Something was withholding the Papacy from coming to power. What was standing in the way of the Papacy coming to power? Paganism was in the way. Paganism had to give way—the removal of the ‘Daily’.

- 6 “And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (restraineth or hindereth) will let (restrain), until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

What truth? Paul is saying that these individuals who receive not the love of the truth won't be saved—what truth was he referring to? The truth about how the Papacy comes to power, with the removal of Paganism. Those who receive not the love of that truth, the Bible says would perish.

- 11 “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Paul puts a weighty emphasis on understanding this truth about how the Papacy comes to the head of the world. Why would Paul put such emphasis on how the Papacy rises to power? Because Paul understood that at the end of time this particular point of truth would be controverted. Wicked men would come in and subjugate the truth by theories of really no importance, and Paul says that

those who don't love the understanding of the truth on how these events transpire, he says they perish.

These are not my words—these are Paul's words and these are the very events of Daniel 11:40-45. How the Papacy rises into power is by overcoming three obstacles; how does she do it? Through the agency of United States of America, just like the seven European kings did for Papal Rome in the beginning. History is repeating; those that receive not the love of that truth can't stand before God in a correct manner. We are living in serious times.

Turn to Daniel 11:41. We saw how the Papacy came together with horses, chariots and ships to overcome the King of the South—atheistic communism. So the first obstacle is overcome—swept away—like a whirlwind. He entered into the 'countries' and overflowed and passed over—it is a fact that the Soviet Union was made up of several countries.

Bible prophecy says that with the aid of the United States it would enter into those countries and overflow and pass over. 1989 she struck—she was setting up for the greatest event that was to transpire in our lifetime and that is in verse 41.

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The Second Obstacle

- Daniel 11:41 “He (the Papacy) 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.”

In this verse 'countries' is a supplied word—it doesn't belong there, if it did it would be just like verse 40 in the original text. The understanding of what's being overcome now is not 'countries', it is people. You will see that it points specifically first to Adventism, then it moves to the rest of the world.

He enters into the 'Glorious Land' and there is much stigma about this 'Glorious Land' so we'll look at it through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Glorious land

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- Daniel 11:16 “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.”

It is right here where many take a wrong turn in regards to the Glorious Land. Notice what our pioneers believed about this verse:

“Although Egypt could not stand before Antiochus, the king of the north, Antiochus could not stand before the Romans, who now came

against him. No kingdoms were longer able to resist this rising power... (Pagan Rome is now in power in verse 16)

Having put 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. Thus for the first time was Jerusalem placed by conquest in the hands of that power which was to hold the "glorious land" in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it." Daniel and the Revelation, 258-260

People tend to take this to mean that the 'Glorious Land' is Jerusalem and Jerusalem at the end of the world is the church. But it does not fit because it breaks the pattern. When Rome overtook Jerusalem they were there for all the areas of Palestine. Here brought to view is the conquest of Rome over Palestine—Palestine was the 'Glorious Land', not just the city of Jerusalem. It mentions Jerusalem as being in the grasp of Rome because it had to overtake that to conquer Palestine.

Sister White also described Palestine or Canaan as the goodly land or glorious land.

"The great Ruler of nations had declared that Moses was not to lead the congregation of Israel into the goodly land, and the earnest pleading of God's servant could not secure a reversing of His sentence. He knew that he must die. Yet he had not for a moment faltered in his care for Israel. He had faithfully sought to prepare the congregation to enter upon the promised inheritance." {PP 469}

"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." {1BC 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." Psalm 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.

"The Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him." Deuteronomy 32:9-12. Thus He brought the Israelites unto Himself, that they might dwell as under the shadow of the Most High. Miraculously preserved from the perils of the wilderness wandering, they were finally established in the Land of Promise as a favored nation." {PK 16-17}

Palestine is referred to as a glorious, goodly, Promised Land. These quotes show that God established the glorious land of Palestine, and gave it to His people, for spiritual, economic, and other temporal advancements. Palestine was situated where many had to pass by and God intended that so the truth would go to every nation and people on earth.

Past and Present

- Jeremiah 3:18, 19 "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. 19 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."

This teaches an interesting spiritual lesson; here we see that Judah and Israel would walk together. The Nation was split into north and south and went into captivity—one into Assyria and one into Babylon. In this verse it is describing a gathering of His children together again. As He is gathering His people He describes them as being in a land where there was a goodly heritage, a pleasant land—the best nation on the earth.

When did God being gathering His people again? In 1844; in that time period of 1840-1844 Satan sent out his wedding invitation to the harlot woman and God sent out His wedding invitation to the marriage of the Lamb. What group you chose, indicated where you would be going—whether you were a foolish virgin or a wise virgin. In 1844 God gathered His people again and began to establish a covenant with them, and He did so the Bible says, in an area that was considered the most prominent nation on earth. We know that the Millerite

History, although it spread around the world, was prominent in United States of America.

“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,”

Sounds just like Palestine—doesn't it?

“-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.” {ST, June 12, 1893}

Likening the glorious land of Palestine to the United States of America, using the same words used in reference to Palestine.

“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.” {Mar 193}

“The United States is a land that has been under the special shield of the Omnipotent One. God has done great things for this country, but in the transgression of His law, men have been doing a work originated by the man of sin. Satan is working out his designs to involve the human family in disloyalty.” {7BC 975}

The USA was provided by God to be a modern day glorious land to provide all the advantages to spiritual Israel as He did for literal Israel. If we also look at the Hebrew word for glorious we see that it comes from a root word that refers to military superiority:

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The term ‘glorious’ has to do with a beautiful area where God can supply for His people, but ALSO refers to military power.

Now let’s look at the church for a moment—how is God’s church today? Are we standing in prominence in the world right now? Are we in a sense of prominence among all the other churches in the world? No we are not. If this was applied to a church, which church would we apply this to? Roman Catholicism. So this can’t refer to the church!

Do we have an army? No, and even though God’s people are to be the church militant, many of God’s people do not know how to fight or wield the sword of the Word—so it can’t be an army even in the spiritual sense.

This cannot be the church for another reason—notice Daniel 1 for another Bible principle: the Law of first and last mention. For example, in the book of Genesis in the beginning of the Bible, God created man, man sinned, and they were cast out of the Garden and could not eat of the Tree of Life. When we come to the book of Revelation it’s different: God overcomes sin, makes man new and give them the ability to eat from the tree of Life. What is first mentioned is the exact opposite at the end.

Daniel is written on this principle—notice what it says in Daniel 1:

- Daniel 1:1 “In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.”

Babylon overcame God’s people in the beginning, but notice in Daniel 11: 44.

- 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. 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.

In the beginning Gods people are taken captive—in the end Babylon does not triumph over God’s people—His church. So when we start saying that the ‘Glorious Land’ is not the United States of America, but the Seventh-day Adventist church—we’re going against Bible principle. God will purify His church in the end—God’s church looks like it is about to topple over but it goes through—the sinners in Zion are sifted out.

We don’t have to worry about Jesuits and all these things—yes Jesuits are in the church—Jesuits all over—might be some here—but that’s not our focus. The focus of Bible prophecy is not on who is a Jesuit and how to decipher and figure out who it is. The focus on Bible prophecy is bringing us into a covenant relationship with Christ based upon the final movements of Bible Prophecy. If we get off that mark—we’ve lost it!

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America. Again and again the thought, almost the exact words, of the sacred writer has been unconsciously employed by the orator and the historian in describing the rise and growth of this nation. The beast was seen "coming up out of the earth;" and, according to the translators, the word here rendered "coming up" literally signifies "to grow or spring up as a plant." And, as we have seen, the nation must arise in territory previously unoccupied. A prominent writer, describing the rise of the United States, speaks of "the mystery of her coming forth from vacancy," and says: "Like a silent seed we grew into empire."--G. A. Townsend, *The New World Compared With the Old*, page 462. A European journal in 1850 spoke of the United States as a wonderful empire, which was "emerging," and "amid the silence of the earth daily adding to its power and pride." --*The Dublin Nation*. Edward Everett, in an oration on the Pilgrim founders of this nation, said: "Did they look for a retired spot, inoffensive for its obscurity, and safe in its remoteness, where the little church of Leyden might enjoy the freedom of conscience? Behold the mighty regions over which, in peaceful conquest, . . . they have borne the banners of the cross!"--Speech delivered at Plymouth, Massachusetts, Dec. 22, 1824, page 11.

"And he had two horns like a lamb." The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as "coming up" in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and downtrodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth." {GC 440-441 }

Historical Parallel

- Daniel 7:24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”
- Daniel 11:31 “And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.”

There were three powers in the way of the Papacy. She had to overcome three powers and she did so with the help of those seven European kings.

Three powers in the way of global domination must be removed through the alliance of once conflicting powers. Now in verse 40 America accepted the role of Clovis and those European kings and came to the agency of the Papacy.

- Daniel 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, (United States) 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.
- cf. 11:40, 42 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.
- 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

The papacy was able to enter into the Soviet Union, the kingdom of the south, and conquer it by the aid of the USA. In like manner the papacy enters into the USA, the glorious land, and conquers it by the aid of USA or apostate Protestants through the passing of the Sunday Law.

“The time has come when judgment is fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. But the Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, and his ear is not heavy that it cannot hear. The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and "national apostasy" will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin.” {RH, May 2, 1893}

National Apostasy is followed by Nation ruin—National ruin is the breakdown of the Kingdom. National Apostasy is the Sunday Law. Already we have given countenance to the Papacy; already we have surrendered Protestantism in America—already it has happened. The next theme to take place is National Apostasy and we're right on its borders. But it doesn't really sink in until we see that probation closes on us at the Sunday Law.

Many shall be overthrown—the ‘many’ here is not ‘countries’—America is not made up of a conglomerate of countries. When the Papacy enters into the ‘Glorious Land’, many people are overthrown and it begins with the house of Israel. It is a progressive work we see in 40-45.

As the Papacy begins to move, as she overcomes kingdoms, the judgments and tests that come upon those kingdoms are also progressive.

About the Sunday law: many have questions on what exactly happens at the Sunday Law. Now if we got a paper tomorrow or we check the internet news and we see, ‘Sunday Law Passed in America’. What do we do? Are we done at that point? No, the Sunday Law that fulfills Bible Prophecy is when you are forced to keep Sunday and persecuted for keeping Sabbath.

We may have a law passed that says no more work on Sunday. At that point we are told by the prophet we should go out and do missionary work on that day. Some try to say that doing this would be giving in to popery, but we are not receiving the Mark of the Beast by refraining from regular labor and going out door to door, sharing the message and warning the people.

The Sunday law will be just like any law; when a law comes in, there is a period of time where the information is getting out to the people and it is not fully enforced. But when the real test comes—when we as individuals are brought to the test—then our probation closes and we receive either the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God—depending on our choice to stand or give in.

When the Sunday Law starts coming in, and God employs this in mercy—maybe there will be some in Adventism will jump on board and try getting ready then, but prophecy tells us clearly that those who step by step yield to sin; little sins here; little anger there; little snapping at your wife or husband or children here; little going off from the brethren here; little over-reaching in trade there; little bit of watching too much this or reading too much that; step by step yielding develops in you the nature and image of the Beast. When the Sunday Law comes, and you’ve step by step yielded, it will be easier for you to give in.

When these small character tests come, if we’re not overcoming, if we’re not daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, if we’re not having this Early Rain experience—we will never be sealed by the Seal of God and receive the Latter Rain in its fullness! Never! We will receive the Mark of the Beast.

It is a very spiritual atmosphere in Daniel 11:40-45. It’s the Gospel, but it’s written in such words as to cause you to do what the Bible tells you to do anyway and that is to *fear* if you don’t enter into God’s rest! Serious things are laid down.

These progressive steps are shown in 1 Peter 4; the progressive step of probation closing when the Sunday Law comes into the United States of America transpires first with the church of God, the Seventh-day Adventist church and then it goes on into the world.

It is repeating the platform of the Millerites. In 1842 there was the first cleansing, when the Protestant churches began closing their doors to the message. One cleansing then, and in 1844 another cleansing happened. Jesus Christ cleansed the temple twice before He was crucified. The platform of

Ephesus, the platform of Philadelphia and the platform of Laodicea are each the same—each has two cleansings. The first is with us.

- 1 Peter 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

Judgment begins with you and me; God is not looking at those who have no understanding of these things right now—God is looking at His people. The things that we have known for years; the things that we have not grown in; the light of truth that we have left languid on the wayside; the truths that we haven’t been soaking in and growing in; she says that if those who have received great light and opportunities and have not improved upon them—they will be the first to be left! This is Adventism; we have great light—everyone here has glorious opportunity—which side will you be on?

Notice what the Bible says in the book of Ezekiel—I know that in certain circles this is a point of controversy—Ezekiel 9—there are so many different teachings on this chapter, but let me explain something to you; if you are on the firm platform of Daniel 40-45, you don’t have to worry about these foolish understandings of Ezekiel 9 that some try to bring in. Daniel 11:40-45 is a firm platform, it doesn’t matter how they like to twist it and turn it, Daniel 11:40-45 lays the firm truth. The Man with the writer’s inkhorn is walking through God’s professed people here:

- Ezekiel 9:4 “And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. 5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: “Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.”

Again—probation closes on us first. We looked at Acts 3:19;

- Acts 3:19 “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, (have the Early Rain Experience) that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing (the Latter Rain) shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

When is the Latter Rain poured out in its fullness? At the Sunday Law: God cannot put the Latter Rain on any unclean man or woman. Spirit of Prophecy is very clear that not one spot, not one stain, not one wrinkle can be in our character. Those of us who are waiting for the Latter Rain to purify us for all filthiness of the flesh and spirit are making a terrible mistake! We must be pure prior to this time—that is the glorious opportunity that God is giving us right now, because when the Latter Rain is poured out at the Sunday Law, those who don’t receive it, are those who have received strong delusions in its place.

They believe a lie; this lie they begin pointing at those who are talking about this Latter Rain and start saying, 'Oh, this is of the devil—this is the devil's working,' when it is that of the Holy Spirit. Their discernment is so twisted because they receive not the love of **this truth**.

In Great Controversy 605 she talks about the development of two classes:

“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.” {GC 605}

There is no middle ground here; you are either going to receive the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God and it is by your choice. Did you know that none of us here will be lost if we choose not to be lost? Did you know that? If you are lost in the end it is because you wanted to be lost. God is going to lay it out before you and say, “Listen; I gave you all of this—and you chose darkness rather than light.” When the judgment is going on and that man is standing there without a wedding garment on, his response will be what? Silence! You can't say a word because God is right—I heard the message, I read it, I knew it was clear—but I allowed brethren to sway me; I allowed those who were in popular positions to sway me; I allowed some of the things I had heard about some who are teaching these truths, and I allowed it to sway me.

Brethren; the Word of God is clear, and there won't be any excuse for receiving the Mark of the Beast and being lost.

The first separation happens in the church.

The First Separation

“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. . . .” {3SM 385}

The Sunday Law removes the dross; the tares from the church.

“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.” {2SM 368}

The fiery trials that test—you can see in context is the Sunday Law.

“As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.

“In this time of persecution the faith of the Lord's servants will be tried.” {GC 608}

Those who are going to be against you are those who can break this message down point by point—they are going to be the ones who are against you. Why? Because all they saw were the events—they had a theory of the truth, but they didn't understand that this is the covenant message to bring them into a relationship with Christ. They had knowledge but no experience.

It is not only head knowledge that matters; the Holy Spirit has to go through our minds so this is where it begins, but if you don't allow the knowledge of this message to grow and to mold you, and allow God to press you to that grinding wheel, and allow Him to purify your character—all the knowledge you have will be twisted and you will use it against the very brethren you once stood side by side with, proclaiming it. We need to gain an experience because we are soon to be tested by these fiery trials.

The second separation is the world:

The Second Separation

“When those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:12), shall be left to receive strong delusion and to believe a lie, (Adventism) then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord that remain in Babylon will heed the call: "Come out of her, my people" (Revelation 18:4).” {Mar 173}

Progressive Steps

When you and I are separated—when company after company leaves the church, the ranks of Adventism—tribe after tribe come in—it is a beautiful thought. Companies leave—but tribes take their places. You would be surprised at the number of people starving for the truths that we know now. In doing Bible studies I teach these prophecies to outsiders and after they go through it—they want to be an Adventist. They say, “Wow! I want to understand these things—I want an experience.” Don't be afraid to share your faith and show people that we

are in the final events. These things do not only apply to Adventism—the Third Angel’s Message must go to the world! We have an experience that we need to bring to them.

“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.” {TDG 163}

But you and I have an opportunity today—today is the hour of our visitation. Turn back to Daniel 11:40-45;

Many Overthrown

- Daniel 11:41 He (the Papacy) shall enter also into the glorious land, (United States of America) and many ‘countries’ shall be overthrown: (starting with Adventism, then it progresses to the world) but these shall escape out of his (the Papacy’s) hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

The word “countries” does not belong in the text (see Daniel 11:40, 42). Not many countries but many people are overthrown at the passing of the Sunday Law. What does the ‘hand’ represent?

Escaping the Hand

HAND: power and or authority

- Jeremiah 44:30 “Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.”

If you are in someone’s hand you are under their power. Turn to Job 1:12;

- Job 1:12 “And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; (the Hebrew word used here is ‘hand’) only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.”

‘Hand’ represents power; the Bible is saying here—‘all that he has is in your power—but don’t put his life under your power.’ Hand means power—so in Daniel 11:41, when it says that these shall escape out of ‘his hand’ or the power of the Papacy—what is the power of the Roman Catholic Church? How do they hold sway over millions? The Sunday Law; false doctrines; Sunday exaltation;

and millions and maybe even billions are under the hand of the Papacy. The power or authority of the papacy is the Sunday Law: when United States is brought to the test, many in Adventism go into her ranks but some escape out of his hand that are not in Adventism.

Prophetic Refugees

In Adventism you will have two groups, some will be saved and some will be lost; but the 'many' that escape out of his hand are described as Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. Let's break this down starting with 'Edom'.

These three tribes must be identified with the prophetic principle of "Triple Application of Prophecy." It is important to understand that these symbols should not be looked at in a literal sense but in a spiritual one.

Edom:

- Genesis 25:30-34; "And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. 31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. 32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?"

Esau sold his birthright—Esau is Edom, so the first characteristic of these people is they sell their birthright, and they were at one time connected closely with God's people. Edom was the brother of Jacob; closely connected with God's people but they sold their birthright. They sold the covenant that God tries to set up with them.

- 2 Chronicles 25:14; "Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them."
- 25:20 "But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom."

In the Bible not only was Edom closely connected to God's people, not only did he sell his birthright, but he was a worshipper of false gods, idols.

- Genesis 26:34, 35 "And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah."

Edom connected himself with these harlot women.

- Hebrews 12:16, 17 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Esau, the brother of Jacob, was a profane adulterer or fornicator who despised his spiritual birthright and worshiped false gods.

Moab and Ammon:

Lot had just come out of Sodom, his wife turned back and turned into a pillar of salt, he fled to the small cities and then had to get out of them too—so he fled to the mountains and dwelt in a cave.

- Genesis 19:30-38; And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: 32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

The mind of these women—they were harlot women again! Lot was nephew to Abraham, again connected with God's people, but Lot had these harlot daughters who made him drunk and had sons by their father.

- 37 “And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. 38 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.”

Moab and Ammon; closely connected with God's people, came from a relationship with harlot daughters; wine is mingled in here in this whole equation—Bible Prophecy gives us an idea of who this is when you put all these things together. These are the children of Lots daughters as the result of a drunken incestuous relationship with their father Lot the nephew of Abraham, who also worshipped false gods.

These tribes have a close connection with Israel and their prophetic characteristic is that they come from or are involved in unlawful relationships with women, drunkenness, and false worship. Esau sells the birthright; harlot women; a profane idolater and the Bible says in Hebrews 12:16, 17, that he was also a fornicator. Moab and Ammon came out of an incestuous relationship from some harlot daughters who were involved with wine. See Revelation 17:1-5;

- Revelation 17:1 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls,

having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

Mystery Babylon the Great has harlot daughters, these harlot daughters have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. These harlot daughters in 1840-1844 sold their birthright—forsook the holy covenant. These women, harlot daughters had these children—Edom, Moab and Ammon. In Bible prophecy, Edom, and Moab, and Ammon are those who are in Babylon but they come out when God’s people give a certain sound to the message at the Sunday Law. These escape out of the Papacy’s hand, even Edom and Moab and the CHIEF of the children of Ammon. That word ‘chief’ means first fruits or the ones who come first.

Chief Children

CHEIF: 7225 – From the same as 7218; the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a firstfruit). :--beginning, chief (-est), first (-fruits, part, time), principal thing

This brings into perspective the fact that at the enforcement of the Sunday Law and the corresponding persecution, when the church is purified by the shaking and the latter rain is poured out upon God’s people giving them power to give the loud cry; some of those who were once under the control of the papacy’s authority (Sunday observance) come out of Babylon at the beginning of the loud cry therefore being the firstfruits to respond to the message. This first takes place in the United States of America then progresses around the world.

We are living in the time when these things are about to transpire and are we prepared to give a certain sound to that message? Do we have the spiritual aptitude to be able to call men out of Babylon? You can’t just say, ‘come out of her my people’, who is she going to come into? If you are calling people out, what do you have for them? God’s church the way it is right now—we’re told that the reason that God does not work mightily for His people at this present time in bringing many from those churches in, is because what state would we leave them in? Where would we put them? What would we be giving them and feeding them that they might grow?

It gives us the understanding that first God has to cleanse His church before this transpires and that happens at the Sunday Law, it is then the companies of professed Adventists leave and make room for the tribes to come in. Don’t think for a moment that the ‘church’ is going to be the same at the Sunday Law, there won’t be any coming to your favorite pastor’s church on that day.

Now you might still be able to go in on that day—but you would have been given over to the Papacy then—the day will change—instead of Sabbath will be Sunday. It will still be the same old church—same old pews, same old message preached but it will be on a different day. We are still to be part of the ‘church’ but Brethren; the ‘church’ is not a four-walled building! It is those who believe, teach, follow, and know the TRUTH. God’s church is going through, and are we going to be one of those who call people out of Babylon and into the TRUTH. If you are—

you must have an experience in this message; this message brings the experience of the Latter Rain.

Are you ready? Are you preparing your hearts for it; it is sprinkling right now, and many of us are coming into an experience with God because of it. Don't lag behind thinking that you have time—time, in the Words of Jesus Christ, will be no longer. We have only a short amount of space in order to slide in—the door is closing and it's closing fast—which side will you be on?

Let us pray:

Dear Father, we pray in Jesus name—don't let us be lost! Others Thou are calling—do not pass us by! Soon, very soon, these events are going to shake to the very foundation Your church. We're sleeping now but then we'll be awake—but it will be too late. Dear Lord, while we have the opportunity—while You are there pleading for us, while You are there ministering in our behalf—please help us to find You! Help us to come into an experience with Jesus—help us to realize that Jesus is the Way, the *Truth* and the Life and in these final remnants of time, this TRUTH is found in Daniel 11:40-45.

Let us have an experience—those of us who for years have sought a way out—who always seem to be able to bring up side issues when the truth begins to grip our hearts—Father, please help that to cease! Help us to make the decision—let us be on the side of Christ—or let us be on the side of Antichrist—but let us not keep playing on the fence! Please dear Father—let us step over one side of the line or the other. In our lives dear Father, we pray for revival—if not a revival, then dear God let there be a riot—but let there not be any more stupidity and languid experience in Your people. Bless us and guide us to continue studying these messages.

In Jesus Name we pray - Amen!