

IN THE TIME OF HARVEST

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The Trampling Down – The Scattering #20 in Time of Harvest Series Jamal Sankey

In the last presentation we began talking about the 2520 and we saw that there are two lines in this prophecy; one for the Northern Kingdom, the ten tribes; and the second for the Southern Kingdom, the last two tribes.

Turn to Jeremiah 50:17;

- Jeremiah 50:17 "Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."

When it comes to this time prophecy the Bible lays down a very beautiful thought that when it comes to the end of this time prophecy, God will start gathering His people again and when He looks at His people and He looks for their sins, He won't find them. When people search for the iniquity of His people there will be none. Beautiful thoughts that are taking place here when it comes to the 2520. But before God gathers His people, one of the stories in the 2520 is the scattering. That is what we will focus on in this presentation.

I invite you to turn with me to the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28: here Moses again laid down the blessings and he began going through the cursings

and when he finally gets to verse 45 he lays down some very specific things regarding his people.

- Deuteronomy 28:45 “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:”

When you continue to read on up until verse 58, it is describing one of the most terrible scenes that transpired in history and that is the destruction of Jerusalem, by the Romans. Many don't realize that Moses looked in time and saw the power of the Romans coming against his people. We read in Patriarchs and Prophets 467;

“By the Spirit of Inspiration, looking far down the ages, Moses pictured the terrible scenes of Israel's final overthrow as a nation, and the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Rome: "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; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young."” {PP 467.1 }

Looking down through inspiration he saw Rome and this was a power that began trampling and destroying his people. Daniel saw the same thing if you flip with me to Daniel 8. We are going to concentrate on one portion of the 2520, one part of the story and that is the scattering of God's people.

- Daniel 8:23 “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.”

As God was breaking down this vision to Daniel in chapter 8 and He was explaining things, he saw the same nation that Moses saw. The descriptions are the same, a nation of dark sentences here and Moses said it would be a nation whose language they wouldn't understand. A nation of fierce countenance Moses said, and Daniel saw the same thing. A nation from afar and Daniel saw the same thing—it was Rome.

Now Rome plays a very key part in Bible prophecy, as a matter of fact if you turn to Daniel 11:14, you'll see that Rome's part is to establish the vision.

- Daniel 11:14 “And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.”

We saw when we studied Daniel 11 and went through the history that the ‘robbers of thy people’ was Rome. Rome was the one that the Bible says establishes the vision. Rome doesn't just establish one vision, or a single vision, Rome is one of the focal points of Bible prophecy. God's people are intricately connected with Rome because Rome is the one that has trampled against God's people longer than any other.

The Bible says that this power would last until he is consumed by the Word of the Lord and by the Spirit of His mouth at His Second Coming. So Rome is the longest power to trample against God's people. To recap a little:

The Northern tribes and Samaria went into captivity in 723 BC and then the Southern tribe of Judah went into captivity in 677 BC. We saw that in 742 BC Isaiah in Chapter 8 gave a prophecy that within a 65 year period the Northern tribes would go into captivity and indeed it did 19 years after that prophecy. And then 46 years later the Southern tribe of Judah went into captivity.

If you add 2520 to the time of the Northern Kingdom, 723 BC it comes to 1798; if you take 677 BC and you add 2520 years, you come to 1844. The Bible describes the 2520 in two parts for a very beautiful reason, because it describes how He is going to re-establish the covenant with His people; but it also is a fearful thought to think that the Northern tribes never came out of captivity. It represents two classes of people at the end of time—one that will stay in captivity in Babylon and the other whose covenant God would re-establish.

Tonight we'll deal with the scattering. Look in Daniel 5:

- Daniel 5:25 “And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.”

We saw that this was weights of measurement which ended up referring to 2520 gerahs.

- 26 “This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. 28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Now each one of these things although it was representing the fall of Babylon, also represented what happened to God's people. Let's take it verse by verse: “God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.” Turn over to Daniel 9: these things can be applied to Israel. Did God number the kingdom of Israel?

- Daniel 9:24 “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.

That word ‘Determined’ means cut off. These Seventy weeks were ‘cut off’ off of the time prophecy. Israel was given a specific allotted amount of time. Their kingdom was numbered. When you look at the 2520 part of it represents a numbering of a kingdom to bring it to an end.

Now let’s go back to Daniel 5:27 where we see; “Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.” Did that happen to the Jews? Turn back to Daniel 9: after numbering the kingdom and bringing it to a certain point where it would end, the Bible shows how they were weighed and found wanting.

- Daniel 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. 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.”

Part of this prophecy brings in the time period of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ being anointed as Messiah, in 27 AD at His baptism; but leading up to His baptism there was a man preaching on the Jordan and his name was John. And depending how Israel accepted the ministry of John, so it affected how they accepted the ministry of Jesus. We know the story—the majority of Israel rejected John; because they rejected John they crucified Christ; they weren’t benefitted by the day of Pentecost; they had no understanding what was going on in the heavenly sanctuary—they were being weighed in the balances. And how they were weighed was they were specifically being looked at regarding how they came in line with the message. They were being weighed in the balances but in the end they were found wanting.

Turn back to Daniel 5: “Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” We know this was referring to Babylon, but again Israel was numbered; their kingdom was finished; the Bible shows that they were weighed in the balances and found wanting; and finally the Bible says their kingdom would be divided.

- Daniel 9:26 “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.

Who were the ones that came and destroyed the city and the sanctuary in Jerusalem? Rome came and destroyed the city and the sanctuary. The Bible says “and the end thereof shall be with a flood”.

- 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.”

We know in our understanding of the Seventy week prophecy that at the end they were cut off as a people in the year 34 AD. They were weighed in the way that they came in line with the message of John and Jesus, because they were not in line with the message they began in 34 AD to be cut off and the gospel went to the gentiles.

Now this trampling down that the Bible speaks about with Rome is intricately connected with the Jews and the fact that they were cut off as a people. Turn to Luke 21 and were going to try and gather in all the things we have been talking about in a nice little package and point it towards the 2520.

- Luke 21:20 “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.”

When we studied Luke 21, we asked which things were these that were written afore time dealing with the vengeance that would be brought upon Jerusalem and we went back to Deuteronomy and we saw that Moses said because they broke the covenant that the Romans were going to come, besiege them and destroy the city. So it was a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, and the Bible says in verse 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.”

Now when it comes to the times of the Gentiles, we’ll have a better understanding of its fulfillment when we finish the next presentation, but here we will focus on one aspect. Turn to Revelation 11: and again the story that we are dealing with in the 2520 is the scattering.

- Revelation 11:1 “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. 2 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.”

The forty and two months comes to 1260 years in Bible prophecy. 538 AD is where that 1260 begins and it ends in 1798. 538 AD was when Papal Rome came into power and they were given power for 1260 years. But in the line of the scattering of the Northern Kingdom there are two periods of 1260 years. One was for literal Israel and the other was for spiritual Israel. Paganism was given a time period of 1260 years to trample upon God's people—the first part of the 2520. The second part was for the Papacy to trample God's people for 1260 years.

When you look at Luke 21 and Jesus is referring to the time of the gentiles here, it brings specific focus to the time period of 538-1798. Why are we saying that there are two time periods of 1260 years? Notice what Jesus taught in Matthew 24:15

- Matthew 24:15 “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:”

When we studied the Abomination of Desolation—who is it? Remember that from verse 16 onward in Daniel 11 is dealing with Rome. Rome is the King of the North, but in verse 30 there was a transfer from Pagan to Papal Rome. In verse 31 it says:

- 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.”

What is the Abomination that maketh Desolate? It is the Papacy. Turn to Daniel 12:11.

- Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily [~~sacrifice~~] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

We know that the taking away of the ‘Daily’ was in 508, and if you add 1290 to that you come to 1798. Turn to Daniel 11:31.

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Who is this Abomination that maketh Desolate?—the Papacy.

- Daniel 8:13 “Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily [~~sacrifice~~], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?”

All three times in Daniel, the Abomination of Desolation is the Papacy. So when Jesus says in Matthew 24, '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:)' who is Jesus referring to? He is referring to Pagan Rome—let me show you why. I am going to read a statement in Great Controversy 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.

This is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem—Pagan Rome is also the abomination of Desolation—why? Turn to Daniel 9:26.

- Daniel 9:26 “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;”

Who was going to come and destroy the city and sanctuary at Jerusalem? It was Pagan Rome. Notice the second part:

- “and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

What does this mean? Turn over to Revelation 12:

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

Who was caught up to God and His throne? It was Jesus in 31 AD. Pagan Rome was in power at this time. Now notice verse 6:

- 12:6 “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.”

It is Papal Rome that has this 1260 time prophecy associated with it. Verse 5 it mentions Pagan Rome and verse 6 it mentions Papal Rome. Notice

verse 13. All through Bible Prophecy it goes back and forth between Pagan and Papal because it is teaching an important lesson.

- Revelation 12:13 “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

The dragon that represents Satan also in a secondary sense it represents Pagan Rome. Why do we say that? Was it a literal dragon or would Satan come out literally and try to kill Jesus when He was born? No, what power did he use to try and do it? Pagan Rome; so Pagan Rome is a representation of the Dragon. In Revelation 13 we see that the Beast got its power, seat and great authority from the Dragon, which was Pagan Rome. So Pagan Rome in verse 13 and then you come to verse 14:

- 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, from the face of the serpent.”

Now we are in the 1260 time period and Papal Rome is in power.

- 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.”

Which power casts out the flood? Papal Rome; so when you look in Daniel 9:26; “and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;” That is Pagan Rome, Then when it says, “and the end thereof shall be with a flood,” that is Papal Rome. Then it says in the end of Daniel 9:26;

- “and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

‘Desolations’ is plural; in Bible prophecy there are two desolating powers, Pagan and Papal Rome, Paganism and Papalism. When Jesus said ‘when ye see the Abomination of Desolation’ this was Pagan Rome. Why could He say this? It was a desolating power. Daniel teaches in 9:26 that there are ‘desolations determined’ plural. Verse 27 says:

- 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.”

Notice ‘Abominations’ is plural—two abominations; two desolations; Paganism and Papalism. The top line of the 2520 teaches that principle; there was a paganism power and under paganism God’s people were trampled and under Papalism God’s people were trampled. That is what we see in the 2520 for the Northern Kingdom, but Bible prophecy seems to focus more on the ending

aspect with Papal Rome. Why? It tells a story that is repeated and it's repeating right now.

In Daniel 9:26, 27 we read that there are these two desolating powers that were to desolate God's people. Now as Daniel was being taught this vision, as Gabriel is here making Daniel to understand the vision, he was explaining this specifically because of Daniel's prayer. Because of Daniel's prayer Gabriel was able to come and give him wisdom and understanding.

Notice Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:10.

- Daniel 9:10 “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. 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.”

What was written in the Law of Moses that Daniel understood was being fulfilled? It was the 2520—Daniel specifically understood that because they had fallen away from the Law, because they had forsaken the Holy Covenant, this curse was upon them. So in answer to Daniel's prayer, God sends Gabriel, and Gabriel begins explaining to Daniel the secret things.

- Deuteronomy 29:29 “The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

In context this is specifically dealing with the indignation that was being poured out because God's people had forsaken the covenant.

In Daniel 9, Gabriel comes to Daniel and he begins to describe to him the 70 week time prophecy. We need to understand that because of the very prayer of Daniel, this 70 week time prophecy is very intricately connected—not only to the 2300 day prophecy, but to the 2520 time prophecy.

All of Bible prophecy is connected together for reasons that we need to understand. The 1260 that deals with paganism or papal Rome—we need to understand this because it tells our story at the end of time. We might be one that has the experience of the Northern Tribes, we might be having an experience like those who never came out—or we might be one that has the experience of the Southern Tribe. In the Law of Moses was written this 2520 time prophecy.

- 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.”

What was it that was determined? Let’s trace this phrase or thought through the Bible: Daniel 11:

- 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.”

This is referring to the Papacy, the Papacy would do its thing until the ‘indignation’ be accomplished. What was the Great Indignation? It was the 2520. Moses refers to this as God pouring out Great Indignation. Notice Deuteronomy 29 for a view into this great indignation, which is always in reference to this 2520 time prophecy.

- Deuteronomy 29:25 “Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: 26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them: 27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book: 28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.”

The great indignation that came upon God’s people for forsaking the covenant was the 2520 chastisement. Returning to Daniel 11:36, this King of the North, the Papacy, would do according to his will:

- 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.”

Again, what was determined upon God’s people? Turn back to Daniel 8. As we read in the book of Daniel we often see the word ‘vision’, and we need to understand this word in context, there are two different Hebrew words that Daniel uses here.

Two Visions

Chazown: Complete vision – duration the entire vision from beginning to end.

Mareh: Portion, appearance, segment of the vision – point in time, piece or snapshot.

In English it says ‘vision’ but Daniel is being specific; he is either dealing with the entire vision of Daniel 8 or just a portion of that vision. We are going to take note of where these two words are used.

- Daniel 8:13 “Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the **vision** (**Chazown: Complete vision**) concerning the daily [sacrifice], (Paganism) and the transgression of desolation, (Papacy) to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? 14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

The question was ‘How Long’, how long would this vision be where God’s people would be trampled and that the sanctuary be trampled under foot? The answer comes back; the 2300 days, which ended in 1844; but if you look in verse 13 it gives you both 1798 and 1844. It says, ‘to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot’. How long were the Gentiles to tread the holy city under foot? Revelation 11:2 says forty and two months, which ended in 1798.

- Revelation 11:1 “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. 2 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.”

Then the answer comes back 1844--is it contradicting itself? No, because the Great Indignation, the 2520 is one complete whole, even though broken up into two parts telling two stories, it’s a complete prophecy. We’re breaking it up to tell the story, but you can take this and you can find so much meat in this 2520 that you can be studying this until Jesus comes.

- Daniel 8:15 “And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the **vision**, (**Chazown: Complete vision**) and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the **vision**. (**March**)

God said, ‘Gabriel, come and make him to understand the vision, not the entire vision, the part of the vision’; a specific part, the part dealing with the 2300 days.

- 17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the **vision**. (**Chazown: Complete vision**)
- 18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. 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.

What is the great indignation? It is the 2520, and Gabriel says he shall make Daniel to understand what shall be in the last end of the indignation. The

total 2520 ended in 1844. The last or second end of the indignation was 1844, so the first end of the indignation is 1798. Gabriel is going back and forth with Daniel, 1798; 1844.

1844 is the most beautiful time period in the world because it was at this particular time that God began re-establishing the covenant with His people. But the first end of the indignation tells a very sad story. This sad story is really about many of us. The first end of the indignation is 1798, what is so sad about this time period? Remember Daniel 11:30;

- Daniel 11:30 “For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, (Dealing with the first four trumpets that brought down Western Rome) and return, (The Papacy) and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.”

He would have specific indignation against the Holy Covenant. This first time line of the 2520 deals with how God was trying to establish the Covenant with the people and you have a specific group of people falling away from the truth—forsaking this covenant, and then gathering together a group that would also forsake the covenant. He would have intelligence, communication with those who would forsake the Holy Covenant.

The forsaking of the Holy Covenant tells a story. Those who forsook the Holy Covenant were those seven European kings, from 496 – 508. The Papacy had indignation against the Holy Covenant and these kings forsook the Holy Covenant in order to gain ground with the Papacy. Once they forsook this covenant, they became the might behind the Papacy. When they established the Papacy in 538, it fell in 1798; so we have the forsaking of the Covenant, the establishing of the Papacy and its falling away.

How does this have to do with us? Remember Revelation 17, ‘the Beast that was and is not and yet is’; it went underground and it began having intelligence with Protestantism. Protestantism, who had forsaken the Holy Covenant, began to be the tool whereby the Papacy would be placed on the throne of the world again.

The forsaking of this Covenant that God was really trying to re-establish in 1840, and by the time of 1843, two classes were fully developed—one who accepted the invitation and the other who forsook the invitation. So from 1840-1844 you have the forsaking of the Covenant again; the forsaking of the invitation to the wedding. A group of people forsook it; 1840-1844.

When is the Papacy established at the head of the world again? Well in 1844 there was a moral fall in Protestantism and it began gaining ground. In Daniel 11:40-45 know that in 43, in the third obstacle when the Sunday Law becomes worldwide, it is firmly established.

“The second angel's message of Revelation 14, was first preached in the summer of 1844, [*we know it came in 1842 but they didn't recognize it and begin preaching it until 1844*] and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the Judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally

rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the Advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time, they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen, . . . because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this. The spirit of world-conforming and indifference to the testing truths for our time exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom; and these churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination. {GC88 389.2}

"The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;" and they that "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," will be left to receive "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." [2 THESS. 2:9-11.] Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished, throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Rev. 14:8 is yet future." {GC88 389.3}

- When you look in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 "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. 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 says clearly that this would happen because they received not the love of the TRUTH, and we saw that this TRUTH was the facts about the change from paganism to Papalism and the fall and the forsaking of the covenant and all these things. Paul said if you didn't love that truth, that you would receive strong delusions and be lost. This is in the process of fulfillment right now.

Babylon is falling but it is not completely fallen. God's people, those who claim to be God's people in the church will either accept the truth and stay in His church or forsake the covenant God is trying to establish again and go out.

The Northern tribes never came out of Babylon—they stayed in. that is not to say that God's church is Babylon, but Paul teaches the truth that not everyone who say they are Jews are Jews; not everybody who claims to be in Israel are really of Israel. We really need to re-evaluate and really see where we stand with God.

The 2520, the first aspect—the scattering, teaches a sad story of a people that when God was trying to lay truths out before them—they didn't receive the love of it and so they stayed in and never came out of Babylon.

“Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness, and alienation from God, that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in their communion. There are many of these who have never seen the special truths for this time. Not a few are dissatisfied with their present condition, and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected. As these bodies depart farther and farther from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the difference between the two classes will widen, and it will finally result in separation. The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Rev. 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God, still in Babylon, will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. When those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," [2 THESS. 2:12.] shall be left to receive strong delusion, and to believe a lie, 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." [REV. 18:4.]” GC88 390.

As she begins going through the churches of Babylon and then she switches at the end of that paragraph; she says that when those who have received strong delusion believe a lie, the light will go out for them; while those that are still left in Babylon, will be able to come out.

The first part of this story of the scattering and the gathering is a story that might be about you. It just might be you who forsake the Holy Covenant. God begins laying out truth to us—time and time again. He lays it out clear so we can see it, but depending on where we place our life; depending if we have indignation about the covenant—that's anger against it--.

Ever meet people who really hate the truth? They're in the church but they hate the truth—they're mad when people preach the truth—they have indignation against the covenant. That's one class; but we might be one who forsakes it—we never disliked it, but we might give it up in the end—some for popularity—some because we hold position in the church and we don't want to give up a title—will forsake it.

Some of us because the family won't get on board—will forsake it. Some of us love our husbands, and our wives, and our children, and our sisters, and our brothers, yea and our own life also—more than Jesus Christ—and we'll forsake it. That's why Jesus tells us in Luke 14:

- Luke 14:25 “And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”

Jesus is not being mean; Jesus is not being harsh; not being hard—He’s telling you something that is impossible—it’s impossible for us to be a disciple of Christ—if Christ isn’t first. If anything is before Christ—we’re going to be scattered, never to be gathered again. If anything is before Christ—we’re going to be staying in the dead, sin-sick condition that we are in. We will never be gathered.

God is trying to set His people straight, because we are about to enter into a time of trouble such as the world has never seen. God needs a people who have an understanding in their heads and an experience in their hearts. There is no way we can have a true experience—you can have an understanding, all day long—but you can’t have a true experience if one thing is before Christ. Everything must be given up—the Bible has explained that it has to be in such a way that we would hate—He uses strong words—hate anything else before us than Him.

In other words, if Christ is not first place—then that means we hate Him. But if He is first place—it is not that we literally hate our brethren, our sisters, our mother, our husband, but we love Christ more. And that is an experience that God has been trying to give since the Garden of Eden. And it was spurned there.

God tried to give it with Noah, and it was spurned there; God tried to set it up with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and it was cut off there. He tried setting it up through churches as the Reformation went on and it was spurned there. Came to the Millerite time period and a large group went out—50,000 to 50 overnight—spurned and forsook the covenant again.

God is looking for a people who will love this thing more than life itself. He wants each one of you to be part of this group that is not staying in our Babylonian mindset; not staying in captivity to sin; not staying with spiritual Nebuchadnezzar as our master; but one who will give everything to God and will come out when he calls.

We’re not leaving the church—that’s not the coming out I’m referring to—we need to come out from the world. There’s a call that says ‘come out of her my people’, that’s not for us—but there is another call that says:

- 2 Corinthians 6:17 “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

The Bible is clear that there can be no fellowship between light and darkness; no fellowship between Christ and Belial; there can be none of that. He says if we come out—then He will receive us. “You will be sons and daughters unto Me”. Brethren, we need to come out—we need to separate ourselves from the world 100%. God has been trying to set up this stage and tell us this story ever since way back when in the time of Moses.

As He looked forward prophetically, although He was referring to pagan Rome, He saw what would transpire with Papal Rome, because Papal Rome is nothing but Pagan Rome with a Christian mask—that's all it is. It's still the Dragon Power. Revelation 13 says those who worship the Beast would also worship the Dragon. It's Paganism.

In our mind-sets are we pagan? There is a way that we can tell which road we are on—turn to Daniel 8:

- Daniel 8:4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, **and became great.** 5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. 6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. 7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 Therefore the he goat **waxed very great:** and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which **waxed exceeding great,** toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. 10 **And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven;** and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. 11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.”

Do you see the progression? First GREAT, the next one comes it is VERY GREAT, the next one comes it is EXCEEDING GREAT. That word GREAT in the Hebrew; Gadai—it means self exaltation. That is the principle of Paganism—self exaltation. Where are we standing with God? Is our experience one like on that top line that represents paganism? A group of people that have never come to the point of yielding but instead as they go further and further in life, SELF gets greater and greater and greater?

That is an acid test! You look at your life; you look at the precepts of the Holy Law; you look at the Life of Jesus; see where you stand. If those things kick against you, that's nothing but self! It's SELF; and as long as self is waxing great—it doesn't say it gets less and less—as time progresses it gets greater and greater and if we're not overcoming today—tomorrow will be worse! And the next day will be worse; and the next day worse—Brethren the Bible says TODAY—if you hear His voice harden not your hearts. Because everyday you hear it and don't listen to it—it gets harder and harder and harder.

As much power as the Holy Spirit has, He cannot force Himself on us. He tries to water the ground, and as you water the literal earth and you do not break it up—the earth gets harder. And if I spread water on it again and I never break it up—it gets harder again—eventually as hard as concrete.

Water in the Bible is the description of the Holy Spirit, and as the Holy Spirit begins speaking to our minds and we resist—resistance can be, yes, I stand up when the appeal is made—but when I go home—I live the same old life; that’s resistance. When we resist, our life gets harder and harder and harder and it’s harder to yield. That’s why many of us have such a rocky and turbulent experience, but God is a beautiful thing for us.

Turn to Jeremiah 50.

- 17 “Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.”

God is seeking to pardon, we’re under the time period of the gathering. God is trying to gather a people. Will you be gathered? Will you say, “Lord, my heart might be as hard as stone but I want You to give me a clean heart and right spirit. I really want to come out of the experience that I am in now into a new experience—a covenant relationship with You.”