## The Vision of Nashville – A Prophetic Study

- While I was in Nashville, a scene was opened before me. A great ball of fire seemed to fall from heaven, and from it went forth flashes of light. When these flashes of light would strike a building, the building would burn like tinder. And then I heard someone say, "I knew that this was coming. These are the judgments of God that I knew were coming." "You knew!" said another. "You were my neighbor. Why did you not tell me that these things were coming? Why did you not warn others?". Ms 154, 1904, par. 36
- When I was at Nashville, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were flames going out like arrows from that ball; houses were being consumed; houses were tottering and falling. Some of our people were standing there. "It is just as we expected," they said, "we expected this." Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. "You knew it," said they, "you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!" They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them or given them any warning at all. Ms 188, 1905, par. 13
- There was a scene presented to me. It was the night before the Sabbath. That is when that scene was presented. I looked out of the window, and there was an immense ball of fire that had come from heaven, and it fell where they were casting buildings with pillars, especially the pillars were presented to me. And it seemed as if the ball came right to the building and crushed it, and they saw that it was branching out, branching out, enlarging, and they began to cry and mourn and mourn, and wring their hands; and I thought some of our people stood by there, saying, "Well, it



The Nashville Parthenon

- is just what we have been expecting; it is just what we have been talking about; it is just what we have been talking about." "You knew it?" said the people. "You knew it, and never told us about it?" I thought there was such an agony in their face, such an agony in their appearance. Ms 152, 1904, par. 21
- From it came flames going forth like ARROWS may suggest a terrorist attack... o Genesis 16:15-16 (KJV) 15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. 16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

- o Genesis 16:12 (KJV) 12 And Ishamel will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.
- Genesis 21:19-20 (KJV) 19 And God opened Hagar's eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the Ishmael drink.
  20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.
  - Ishmael is the father of Islam. In the Bible, Islam is always associated as having arrows, or tails that sting, or bringing war and persecution. Ishmael was the first archer. And in the vision, God showed Mrs. White that the fire ball that attacks Nashville will shoot out arrows and destroy the homes. Could this be eluding to a terrorist attack by Islam on American soil, like 9/11 was? Or was her vision of the arrows used only as an adjective to describe this heavenly-originated fireball? *Only time will tell*.

# The Judgments of God Falling on a Possible Timeline Relative to Prophetic Events

**Out of the cities**, is our message at this time. Be assured that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large cities. The Lord calls for His people to locate away from the cities, for in such an hour as ye think not, **fire and brimstone** will be rained from heaven upon these cities. When **ONE city** is destroyed, let not our people regard this matter as a light affair, and think that they may, if favorable opportunity offers, **build themselves homes in that same destroyed city**. {Lt158-1906.3} Take from Book: *Last Day Events page 95* 

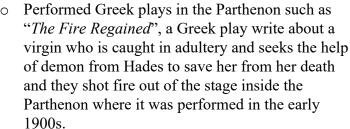
This is before the No Buy, No Sell Law of Revelation 13:17

**Revelation 13:15-17** (KJV) 15 And he [America] had power to give life unto the image of the beast [enforced worship], that the image of the beast should both speak [a decree], and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed [death decree]. 16 And he [America] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell [no buy and no sell laws without proof of observance of mark], save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

## So, the Logical Question then becomes, "Why Nashville?"

Why Nashville? O Nashville's nickname is the "Athens of the South"
 They Built Parthenon in 1897 to honor Greek mythological goddess, Athena. This is the largest PAGAN Temple in North America, standing over 5

stories in height and inside it stands the largest Pagan idol in North America, Athena, standing 42 feet tall. The pagan statue is a counterfeit antithetical image of the description of the Bride of Christ in Revelation 12.

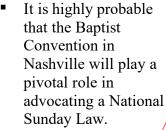






Nashville is **the music capital** of the world. O Largest record labels ever signed in Nashville and it is the home of the Grand Ole Opry – country music is often about sex, alcohol, and divorce – music that makes you feel good, but it is not Biblical.

- Satan was the chief musician in heaven, had golden pipes, and seal of perfection (Ezk 28:1215).
- Nashville is the headquarters for the **Southern Baptist General Conference**. The city itself identifies stoutly as a strong Protestant town in the middle of the Bible Belt in North America, and yet it is one of the most sex-trafficked and illegal drug operating hubs in America.



Some of the largest (and wealthiest) companies also have their headquarters in Nashville:



## As in the days of Lot... (Luke 17:28-30) The

## Type/Antitype Fulfillment of Sodom and Gomorrah

- Luke 17:28-30 (KJV) 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
- In the **destruction** of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18 & 19, there were 6 players that need to be understood that apply to us living in the day that the Son of man will be revealed:
- 1. God God has not changed and is still the same player today, which is to say, if He allowed fire to reign down from heaven to wake his people up in the Old Testament, it is not outside of the realm of possibility today as He prepares to return again. So, Jesus said it would be like the days of Lot when Jesus returns at His second coming.
  - Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I change not; Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- **2. Abraham** God gave Abraham the message of judgment first.  $\circ$  Genesis 18:20 (KJV) 20 And the Lord said [to Abraham], Because the cry of
  - Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and **because their sin is very grievous**; ... 23 And Abraham drew near, and said [to God], Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ... 32 Peradventure ten shall be found there. And the Lord said,
  - o **I will not destroy it for ten's sake**. 33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as He had finished communing with Abraham.
    - Abraham had friends in the city that needed warned (Lot).
  - O Abraham represents the Christians who are the understanding friends of God (John 15:15). A friend of God knows the will of God for him in his life and does it. A fool is someone who does not understand the will of God and lives in error/sin (Eph 5:17). John 15:14-15 (KJV) 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. James 2:23 (KJV) 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

- Ephesians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but **understanding what** the will of the Lord is.
- Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV) 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth**, as it is in heaven.
- o Matthew 7:21 (KJV) 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven
  - We see here that Abraham received the message of the fire from heaven that was to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because he was God's friend and not only knew the will of God, but also did it. Abraham lived in the countryside, he did not seek the luxuries of the city life, where the temptations of Sodom could affect him and his children's decision making.
- 3. The Two Angels God sent 2 angels to warn the city of Sodom. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel's Message is one of "Get out of that City!" (Rev 14:8, Rev 18) God also sends his messengers 2 by 2 (Mark 6:7). The 2 angels represent God's end-time messengers who will prophecy again (Rev 10:17) and give the trumpet a certain sound (1 Cor 14:8) warning Nashville and other cities as time permits. God has a limit to sin and has given his people on earth a message of warning to give to those living in open rebellion against God.
  - o Genesis 19:1 (KJV) 1 And there came **two angels** to Sodom at sunset; and **Lot** sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them **rose up to meet them**;
    - Lot was a Christian, he believed in God. So, when he saw 2 of God's messengers coming to his town, he went out to welcome them and brought them to his home (a symbol of his church).
  - o Genesis 19:3 (KJV) And Lot did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.
    - The message the angel's brought was a solemn one, one of death and destruction, the meal they are represented a meal of soul affliction preparing for a time of trouble.
  - o Genesis 19:12-15 (KJV) 12 And the men said unto Lot, **Hast thou any [family]** here besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: 13 For we will destroy this place,

because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. 14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord

will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. 15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

- The 2 angel's message also included Lot going and warning his own family and telling them to leave, placing the burden of responsibility on Lot.
- Revelation 18:4-5 (KJV) 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
  - Revelation 14 and 18 shows a pattern of *repeat and enlarge* concerning an end-time prophetic message for God's people to be giving. Revelation 14 has 3 angel's messages that come to the earth as rays of light and truth waking God's people up. In Revelation 18, those messages are repeated with a certain sound (1 Cor 14:8) and that sound is to call God's people out of the wicked cities which are soon to receive their own plagues and destruction because their sins, like Sodom's, reached unto heaven.
- Matthew 10:11, 14-15 (KJV) 11 Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. 14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!
  - So, it was in the days of Lot...God sent messengers into Sodom to inquire in it who was worthy (God was looking for 10 righteous men), so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus has sent us 2 by 2 to go to the cities and warn them of what is coming. Those who refuse to listen now will receive worse fire and brimstone from heaven upon their city than did Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 4. Lot Lot was the low hanging fruit who was sitting at the gate in Sodom looking for truth. God still has those that are His children (Lot and his family) in the cities who are waiting to hear the present truth message for them to get out of the city when they hear the message of warning given in the right light of Scripture. Jesus says, "other sheep I have that are not of this fold, them also I must bring." (John 10:16) Lot represents the true Christians who have not heard the present truth warning message but who are waiting to be told, who welcomes God's messengers in their churches and homes to hear the message and call to action.
- 5. Lot's Children When the angel's warned Lot, they said go and tell this to thy children, (Gen 19:12-15) and so Lot went and told his sons, his sons-in-law, and his daughters. Only 2 of his daughters received the message of warning and left with Lot. The remaining children stayed in the city. In the 3 visions of Nashville by Mrs. White, she saw some wringing their heads and crying saying, "We KNEW this was coming, we were JUST talking about this."

- Those who knew the destruction was coming but were left in the city to experience the devastating wrath of God represent the children of Lot who heard the Gospel warning but did not love the Lord enough to leave and do His Will. Because of their love of the city-life and love of the world, they did not have the Faith of Jesus to live up to the light they were given when the time came for them to make a commitment to God.
  - Thinking deeper: In Sodom, only 2 groups of people knew the city was going to be destroyed:
    - 1. Lot and his wife.
    - 2. Lot's children who did not live with him and stayed even after being warned.
  - *In the vision of Nashville, 2 groups are seen after the city is destroyed:* 
    - 1. Those who were taken completely off guard this group represents the wicked.
    - 2. Those who said, "We knew this was going to happen". They represent the only ones left in the city who knew destruction was coming but did not leave the family/children of the Adventists who did leave before it was too late.
- 6. The Wicked In Genesis 19, the wicked try to attack the messengers but Lot stands up to protect them. Then the wicked come after Lot, but the Lord gives the angels power to blind the wicked. When the warning message comes to Nashville, the wicked Gentiles of the city will not want to hear the message that God is going to destroy their city and that they must sell their homes and leave. Regardless of their repentance, God had for-ordained the destruction of Sodom and the only solution was for His people to get out while God tarried for them to leave. So, it was with Belshazzar's kingdom, "I have numbered your days..." (Dan 5:26), and so it was with Jerusalem when Jesus cursed the fig tree and said one generation will not pass once the budding of the fig tree occurs (Matt 24:32).
  - o 1 Thessalonians 5:6-7 (KJV) 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
    - What time did the warning message come to Sodom? At Even, which is to say, at sundown.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 (KJV) 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**.

- Do we love pleasure more than conviction?
- o 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (KJV) 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9
  - God's judgment of choice for the wicked has always been fire from heaven. Those who will die in any judgment, plague, or at the very end –

hell itself, will all be consumed by fire, as a purging, cleansing flame, as sin is consumed by the fire of God (Heb 12:29, Deut 4:24, Isaiah 33:1415).

- o Proverbs 10:8 (Berean Bible) A wise heart will receive commandments, but **foolish lips will come to ruin**.
  - The wicked will not listen to the Commandments of God, which is how God measures sin, for sin is transgression of the Law (1 John 3:4).
- o Job 20:5 That the **triumphing of the wicked is short**, And the **joy of the godless is only momentary.** o Psalm 92:7 That when the **wicked** sprouted up like grass and all who did iniquity flourished, it was only that **they might be destroyed** forevermore.
- Genesis 18:23, 32-33 (KJV) 23 And Abraham drew near, and said [to God], Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ... 32 Peradventure ten shall be found there. And the Lord said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. 33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as He had finished communing with Abraham.
  - Odd would not destroy the city as long as He might find 10 righteous men in the city. What do you think will happen to Nashville as righteous men and their families begin to move out of Nashville and there are less than 10 righteous left in the city?
- What is the power of a righteous man? James 5:16 (KJV) 16 ... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. For the righteous' sake, the wicked are yet living and prosper.

What we are looking at here is an end-time parallel or antitypical fulfillment of the destruction of various cities where God's people are called out of not only spiritual Babylon, but also out of these large cities which will be visited with the Judgments of God first. The prophetic evidence suggests **Nashville** will be the *first* of many cities that will be devastated by such a visitation from the Wrath of God being poured out without mixture.

### Putting It All Together – The Drone Perspective

Our first interest should be to see that the work begun at **Nashville** is firmly established. **This city** is to be a **center** for the work in the South. If the **work** anywhere must be **deferred**, **let it be in places not so important.** 17LtMs, Ms 167a, 1902, par. 13.

#### **Exhibit 1: Sodom and Gomorrah**

26 And as it was **in the days of Noah**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also **as it was in the days of Lot**; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 But **the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone** from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Luke 17:26-30

#### Outline of events leading up to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah from Genesis

- Gen 13:13 Their wickedness grew
- Gen 18:20-21 God **measured** their sinfulness and recorded it in heaven
- Gen 18:32-33 God warned Abraham of coming judgments.
- God would save it for 10 righteous...
- Gen 19:21-22 God waited until His people were safely out of the city.
- Gen 19:23-25 God **destroyed** the city with fire and brimstone at sunrise, and all wicked lost their lives.

#### o The Pattern in Scripture when Judgments of God fall on the cities

- 1. God measures sin (See also 1 Thes 2:16)
- 2. God warns
- 3. God waits
- 4. God destroys

Matthew 10:11-15 "11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city."

This verse shows the same **pattern** of Judgment will be repeated again at the end of time.

## To the Law and to the Testimony – A Prophet Must Agree

- **Isaiah 8:20** (KJV) 20 To the **law and to the testimony**: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
  - o The test of a true prophet is illustrated by **2** things, that their words claiming to be from God, do not contradict or make void the Law of God, for his Law is neverchanging (Isa 66:22-23, Matt 5:17-18, Luke 16:17, Romans 13:12), and their words do not speak of themselves or puff themselves up, but rather speak of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 4:4-5, Gal 1:8-9).
- The prophets of the Old Testament were given over 333 literal prophecies and visions concerning the coming of the Messiah and things He would do in his life while on this earth from his birth, how he would be born, the town he would be born in, the year he would be born, to the various miracles he would perform, and also the order of events concerning his crucifixion and resurrection 3 days later. The Savior indorses this in Matt. 4:4 when He states, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Deut. 8: 3. In this way all God's inspired writings are different from any other books in the world. He simply develops, or magnifies His own word by inspiration, and this is the test of every true prophet. They give the same thought that is in the mind of God but express it in their own words. God does not take individuality out of men, but He inspires them to write, and their own words become His words filled with an infinite, far-reaching significance. God "guided the mind in the selection of what to speak, and what to write. The treasure was entrusted to earthen vessels, yet it is, none the less, from Heaven."

## The Gift of Prophecy in the New Testament – A Sign of a True Church

One of the most important subjects treated upon in the New Testament, is the doctrine of Spiritual Gifts. Paul gives it equal rank with the great question of the state of the dead, and says, 'Now, **concerning spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.' **1 Cor 12: 1**. He then proceeds to explain himself by saying that there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit; that is, there are various operations produced by the Spirit of God, and a variety of manifestations that result from its presence; but all are wrought by the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

There are **5 lists** of the **gifts of the Spirit** mentioned in the New Testament Scripture:

- 1. **Romans 12:6-8** "6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, **let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith**; 7 Or ministry,
  - let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."
- 2. **Ephesians 4:11-12** "11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, **prophets**; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"
- 3. 1 Corinthians 12:28 "28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily **prophets**, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."
- 4. **1 Corinthians 13:1-2** "1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the **gift of prophecy**, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."
- 5. 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 "1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."
  - The 5 lists of the gifts of the Spirit all differ in their parts consisting of what the Holy Spirit has power and authority to give; however, all 5 lists contain one single common denominator: *The Gift of Prophecy*. The single most important indicator of a New Testament church therefore is that Church's presence and use of the gift of prophecy. Man can fake many of the gifts or acquire them through manual effort, i.e. churches fake speaking in tongues or a man can study by his own intellect to be a knowledgeable teacher. However, man cannot fake predicting the future, for if he is a false prophet, any prediction he makes will not come true. This is why the most important gift of a true church is the gift of prophecy because it is the only gift Satan cannot replicate through his agents. Only the Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy Spirit, can reveal the things which are to come that have not come to pass and lead God's people into all truth (John 16:13-14).