The Roar of the Mighty Angel

THE ANOINTED PRINCE, THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE LAW, AND THE ANOINTING OF THE SAINTS IN LATE OCTOBER 2022

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Dedication

"The Roar of the Mighty Angel" is the companion to a previously written book under the title of "Light for the Wise". It is dedicated, with deep gratitude, to our loving Father and to His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Also to John the Revelator, Daniel the "Time Prophet", and all the other Bible writers for faithfully recording the information needed by Jehovah's last day army. It is further dedicated to the future joy of the well-known servants William Miller and Ellen G. White; and to any other faithful servants of the past; all of whom will soon see that their difficult life work was fully successful. These will be amazed to see that, far in advance of their time, they laid the important foundations which were to guide the 144,000, the Lamb's mighty army, through the last few years of this earth's history.

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PREFACE

With an increased intensity, we are racing toward the last scenes of world history. The time clock of prophecy is running. For many years the church was in a waiting time. A reprieve was granted for special preparation. But even as I write, the prophetic clock is again ticking away its time. The roar of the mighty Angel has set the hands in motion, and no power of earth or hell can stop it now. Its hour hand, minute hand, and even its visibly moving second hand are all rapidly cycling toward the predetermined end. In only a few short years, the 6000 years of God's forbearance with this sinful world will be over. The time prophecies will have done their work with punctuality. The end of all things - the wicked powers, the iniquitous cities, and even the temporal life of all wrongdoers - is at hand.

The nations of the world are about to take an unprecedented position against the law of God, a move that will only bring on disaster. Widespread desolation is to come on thousands of churches and their cities. God's destructive trumpet judgments, given in mercy, which are meant to get the attention of both leaders and people, will be upon us in a few short months. We are amidst solemn events. Let none be too proud to deeply and carefully re-examine their position from the Bible. There is to be a great humbling down among those who will finally be saved.

The mighty Angel has roared "as when a lion roareth" (Revelation 10:3). He is demanding attention! This thundering roar, causing the earth to tremble, is resulting in a massive "head turning"; setting in motion a series of seven announcements that will ultimately grip the attention of the entire world. Amos says, "The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" And John says this mighty Angel "cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, <u>seven thunders uttered their voices</u>" (Amos 3:8; Revelation 10:3).

The Bible is teaching us that when the mighty Angel roars as a lion, it is time to wake up and "fear". It is time to "prophesy". Hence, we have a clear command and authority for writing this book. And the title chosen is "*The Roar of the Mighty Angel*". In response to this roar, the prophetic voices of <u>the</u> <u>seven thunders</u> have already begun to speak. These mysterious thunders are the subject of this book.

The Seven Thunders

The reader should know this writing is an extension of the book "Light for the Wise" by the same author. That book was primarily prepared in an effort to break down prejudice against the truth and give instruction regarding the chronologic history of the world. Bible chronology, when locked together with the jubilee years, shows that we are hasting toward the deliverance of God's people, which is in the autumn of A.D. 2027.

However, the prophetic events of the <u>seven</u> <u>thunders</u> were only lightly touched on in "Light for the Wise" by giving a general outline. The book you have in hand goes deeper into these prophecies. In short, "The Roar of the Mighty Angel", in connection with the chronology set out in "Light for the Wise" will develop one's knowledge of these prophetic utterances and deepen the already clear evidence from Scripture that thrilling events connected with the last days are right upon us; continually laying before the eyes of our understanding the gripping reality that we have come to the end of the world.

The prophetic announcements made by the seven thunders are inseparably linked to Daniel's time periods. They are a crucial part of Scripture because they give us the "delineation" or "timeline" of last day events from the book of Daniel. They help us know where we are in the stream of time, the moves currently being made in heavenly places, and the corresponding movements taking place around us on this earth. A pagan world is now setting in place a system of control that is making the way for an apostate church to come to power. And when the religionists do finally gain power, they will commit the ultimate sin. They will not only continue to build up the oppressive work begun by the secular/pagan state, they will complete it by preparing the way for Satan to sit on the throne; aiding him in his last effort to reign on the earth. All these things, with their timing, the seven thunders unveil.

And more than this, the seven thunders expose the location in time of the judgment of the living, the special anointing of our Commander, the crucifixion of the law, the seals, the first four trumpets, the decline of the left (paganism), the image beast, the three woes, the personation of Christ by Satan, the great time of trouble, glorious deliverance, and the ushering in of the everlasting kingdom.

What is in the Book?

Section 1, containing the first three chapters, lays a vital foundation for the reader. Its purpose will be to expose what the seven thunders really are and how they are to be located in the stream of time. In doing this, we will endeavor to show that the "little book" being unsealed in Revelation 10 comes from the book of Daniel. More specifically, it was the "portion" of Daniel's writings which were originally sealed. And these sealed records contained the time message or prophetic periods (correlating to events) that would be needed near the end of time. We also want to establish that the seven thunders uttered their announcements out of Daniel's little book. And it follows without reasonable question, since these thunders spoke from the now unsealed little book, they were uttering the "time message" or "prophetic periods" given to Daniel, for that is what was sealed in his book. It will likewise be important for the reader to see these seven voices make their proclamations and do their work well after 1844. After establishing that these seven thunders were uttering a timing message, we will let history and the Bible show the reader the correct layout of these prophetic periods in relation to one another. And

finally, how the Bible locates them in the stream of time.

Section 2 of the book speaks to the "timing" and looks deeper into the "events" that surrounded the first thunder, which uttered its voice in the autumn of 2020. We are now living during the period of this leading thunder and are only beginning to feel the pagan oppression.

Section 3 contains five chapters and constitutes the main body of the study. This section begins by introducing the solemnity of the 2300 day judgment of the living, which as of early summer 2021, we have likewise already entered. From there, however, we will concentrate primarily on the first part of that judgment, the seventy weeks of Daniel 9. This is of particular importance and crucial interest to anyone in our day not wanting to repeat the sad history of the dissertation is Jews. Here. given a on the requirements to be fulfilled during the last seventy weeks of probation that is now being granted to a dying church. Then the study quickly moves on, giving "present day" life to the thrilling events surrounding the final week of seventy, set to arrive in October of this year.

Thus the subtitle: "*The Anointed Prince, the Crucifixion of the Law, and the Anointing of the Saints in Late October of 2022*". The information in this section, as well as the remainder of the book should make a strong appeal to every soul; leading each one to forever choose which side they want to serve upon; to be Spirit filled or to be abandoned by God. At the end of this seventy weeks, the two sides are established and the battle begins. Each side working with extraordinary power to bring in souls to the cause embraced. Shortly after this period terminates, the destructive trumpet judgments are expected to begin.

The final section brings to view the events beginning with thunder #3 and proceeding to the end of time and deliverance of the saints. A special emphasis is given to the opening of the seals and the sounding of the trumpets, and how they connect to the events of the seven thunders. While the seals begin immediately after the end of the seventy weeks, the trumpet judgments begin to sound shortly after; either late in 2022 or in the first part of 2023.

We Believe it

Be it known to all who read this small work that we do not regard the "definite times" announced by the seven thunders as being our own; not as times we have <u>set</u>. We are simply presenting to the best of our understanding, an explanation of what the Almighty has said within the books of Daniel and Revelation to those living in these last days; and we believe it! We are simply stating what we see the prophecies saying and we are content to let them verify themselves <u>by</u> <u>their fulfillment</u>.

For those who question the idea of "definite time", and question whether we can know exactly when something is going to happen based on the foreknowledge of God and His revelations to man in Scripture, we suggest you go to the book "Light for the Wise" and carefully read and consider pages 10-57. Definite time is addressed starting on page 38. There is a free download of the book at "lightforthewise.com".

The very foundation of the advent faith is based on a definite time; Day of Atonement, October 22, 1844. Further, it would be impossible to believe in Daniel's end time prophetic periods at all without definite time, since the prophecies indicate 490 days, 1290 days, 1260 days, 2300 days, and 1335 days; etc. Should the chronology which dictates the location of the prophecies in this book turn out to be incorrect, the time being so near at hand will expose it. But even if it really were in error, it can only be by a hair's breadth; and the events predicted are so soon to come, the mistake would almost be negligible in the scale. These seven thunder prophecies <u>will not fail</u> in their work of providing a framework for the fulfillment of the many last day events of Revelation. Most importantly though, the reader must know we could not in honesty and good conscience, believing as we do, based on the Bible, do other than what we have done by publishing abroad this information.

But should the soon coming events tell that we have the truth on the subject contained in these pages, and if the Scriptures under consideration should prove to be correctly applied, you reader, could be shaken to the very core. It will not be difficult to perceive, as you read, these things should cause the heart to well up with serious concern and hopefully with expectant joy. It should cause any honest soul to tremble and to make certain their preparation by solemn self-examination. Such truth calls loudly for a letting go of the "things" in this world; cutting loose from a mindset of possessions and the constant race

toward survival and acquisition. In the words of William Miller, a proper response to the information becomes "doubly important to us, because we live on the eve of one of the most important events ever revealed to man by God – the judgment of the great day." "What vast and important events must soon be realized! And how necessary that every individual be prepared that that day may not come upon them unawares, while they are surfeited with the cares and riches of this life, ... "And now, my dear readers, I beg of you to lay aside prejudice; examine this subject candidly and carefully for yourselves, Your belief or unbelief will not affect the truth. 'Not one jot or tittle of His word will fail" "your servant, WM. N.Y." Miller, Hampton, Washington County, (Evidence from Scripture and History, 1842, Introduction).

Conclusion

Again we say, the truths presented in this book "come from" and "belong to" God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ. And they also belong to His people, those to whom He desires them to be sent. It is for this reason we are putting them in print.

I do not feel as though I can emphasize enough our

sincere hope that the reader will discern the kindness and grace of God in both forewarning and equipping His people with the timing of last day events; timing that is to help guide us through to the end of time. The deeper purpose of last day *time prophecy* is aimed at the formation and presentation of the 144,000 - the glorious climax that is to especially satisfy the heart of Jesus and is God's final answer to Satan's ongoing claims over this world.

It is His Word that is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. To those who know God, who believe that Jehovah still reveals *"the deep and secret things"* (Dan.2:22) of the future to His people, we sincerely hope this book will help light your way; that knowing only a brief span of time remains, will help you make solid and practical day to day decisions.

Grace and peace to all the beloved brethren, believers in the "advent near", who believe in and obediently love Jesus Christ and who love His soon appearing.

And "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Revelation 1:5, 6).

Section 1 The Seven Thunders

Chapter 1 Daniel's Time Message

"And I saw another Mighty Angel come down from heaven, ... And He had in His hand <u>a little book open</u>" (Revelation 10:1,2).

ONE thing we can be sure of as we read the subject Scripture: a vital message is coming "down from heaven" to be proclaimed to the inhabitants of the world. And this special communication is proceeding from the "little book open" in the hand of the Angel messenger, meaning it is being "unsealed" or "open to our understanding". This fact, that the book is being held open, depicts that an ongoing increase of knowledge is to proceed from it; even to the end (See Daniel 12:4).

The "Little Book" of Daniel

"And He had in His hand a little book open"

How do we know the "little book" in the Angel's hand was the book of Daniel? The Bible interprets itself. The "little book" that was originally sealed, and to be opened at the end of time, is plainly material from the writings of Daniel: "But thou, O Daniel, <u>shut up the words</u> (matter), and <u>seal the book</u> (writings), even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be *increased*" (Daniel 12:4). Not merely once, but a second time the angel confirmed Daniel's writings as those that would not be "opened" until some point in the distant future: "Go thy way, Daniel: for <u>the words are closed up</u> <u>and sealed</u> till the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9).

Another evidence that Revelation 10 is referring back to the prophetic book of Daniel, is the similarity between the oath taken by the Man clothed in linen and that of the mighty Angel; also their likeness of posture, and the fact that they both declare the end of time deliverance:

Daniel says, "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when <u>He held up</u> <u>His right hand and His left hand unto heaven</u>, and <u>sware</u> <u>by Him that liveth for ever</u> that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, <u>all these things</u> <u>shall be finished</u>" (Daniel 12:7). In other words, it will be the end of time.

John says, "And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth <u>lifted up His hand to heaven</u>, and <u>sware by Him that liveth for ever and ever</u>, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, <u>the mystery of God should be</u> <u>finished</u>, as He hath declared to His servants the *prophets*" (Revelation 10:5-7). Again, it will be the end of time.

Someone may ask why it is called a *"little"* book. The book of Daniel is called a little book because it is only a select *"portion"* of the information contained in his writings. Notice: *"The book that was sealed* (little book) *is...that <u>portion</u> of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days." The angel commanded, 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.' Daniel 12:4" (Acts of the Apostles, page 585).*

Thus we conclude that the "little book" being unsealed in Revelation 10:2 is referring us to some portion of the book of Daniel; that some designated portion of the prophetic words within the sealed writings of Daniel contain important information for those people living at the final end of time. What was this special information?

The Message to be Unsealed is a "Time" Message *"The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to <u>time</u>" (Manuscript 59, 1900).*

The student of prophecy does not have to research too deeply to discover that Daniel is, in a unique sense, the "time" prophet. We will now show that the information Daniel was told to seal in the little book, which was later unsealed in Revelation 10, is a message which lays out the timing of events to take place at the end. "*The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to* <u>time</u>." "that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days" (Ibid; Acts of the Apostles, pg. 585).

Notice the last part of Daniel 12:4, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." This Scripture is rich with truth and teaches us exactly what Daniel was told to seal within his little book. It contained "increased knowledge" regarding the "timing" of last day events. The subject verse makes clear that as the end of the world approaches - "at the time of the end" - many will be running "to and fro" in an effort to understand the information that was shut up and sealed. This running "to and fro" is an ancient expression which, in this context, means running "back and forth" through the pages of the Bible, searching to know "when" the end is coming". And the promise is sure that "knowledge shall be increased" regarding "when" the end will actually be.

Notice how Joseph Wolff responded with the same understanding to those who put forth that men are to know <u>nothing</u> concerning the second advent being <u>near</u>: "Are we never to know that period, whilst He (Jesus Christ) Himself exhorteth us not only to read Daniel the prophet, but to understand it? And in that very Daniel, where it is said that the words were shut up to the time of the end (which was the case in his time), and <u>that 'many</u> shall run to and fro' (a Hebrew expression for observing *and thinking upon the time), 'and knowledge' (regarding that time) 'shall be increased.' Daniel 12:4"* (The Great Controversy, pg. 360).

It is not difficult to see, that if men are running "to and fro" through the writings of Daniel (and the other prophets) to know "how long" it will be until the final deliverance, and if knowledge is being increased "regarding" when the approach of "that time" is, then sealed within Daniel's recorded work must be time periods disclosing "how long" to that time. The point is, the mysterious message being increasingly unsealed in Revelation 10 was a <u>time message</u>. We will now give one more Bible evidence of the fact.

Gabriel had just finished giving Daniel a glorious view, bringing him down through history to the deliverance of the saints and special resurrection (see Daniel 12:1-3). Daniel then hears the words spoken by Gabriel promising that *"knowledge would be increased"* regarding "when" the end of the world would take place (Daniel 12:4). This is what encouraged and prompted the prophet to ask the question, *"How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"* (Daniel 12:6).

But in verse 9 of chapter 12, Daniel asked again: "Twice Daniel inquired, <u>How long shall it be to the end</u> <u>of time</u>? 'And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for <u>the words are closed up and</u> <u>sealed till the time of the end</u>'" (Manuscript Releases, Volume 18, pg. 15).

Here is unquestionable evidence to confirm the point. Daniel asked, "<u>How long shall it be to the end of time?</u>" The answer came: "<u>the words are closed up</u> and sealed till the time of the end." What words, then, are closed up and sealed? The time message! The answer to his question "<u>how long shall it be to the deliverance?</u>" The answer to his question, "<u>when</u> is the end of time?" That is what Gabriel told him was sealed. Plainly then, seeking for the <u>sealed information</u> is one and the same as seeking for the <u>time information</u> as to "when" the end is approaching. The information was to be unsealed, knowledge was to increase regarding it, and it was to be especially understood by the generation living at the end. Gabriel added that "the wise shall understand".

In quick summary: The fact that "the unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time"; that men would "run to and fro", seeking information from the sealed book, to know "the time"; that knowledge would be "increased" regarding when the end would be; and that Gabriel told Daniel outright that the answer to his "how long" question (how long to the end) is what was sealed in his little book; all these things indicate that <u>sealed within the writings of Daniel was a time message</u>; information regarding the various "time periods" given him. And we are about to see that these periods have a future application and are especially connected to the final deliverance; that this same "little book, as it is being unsealed or held "*open*" in Revelation 10, is bringing to the view of those searching the prophecies, the much needed time periods given to the prophet Daniel; the timing of events benefiting those of us who now live at the end of the world.

Yes, Daniel is, in a special sense, the time prophet. The prophetic periods were given him. And to our knowledge, there is no prohibition placed upon us to stop us from studying these prophecies. Contrary to what very many believe, we are not on forbidden ground, especially as we approach the days of final warning, in studying, expecting to understand, or in proclaiming this sacred information.

Now that we have determined that the "little book" contains the time message, we will show the seven thunders utter their voices out of these same writings; out of the little book containing Daniel's prophetic periods.

NOTE: In Daniel 12:6, it was Daniel that was asking, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" The word "one" is italicized and does not belong to the text. "And [one] said to the man clothed in linen"... How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" This should properly read: "I Daniel looked" (vs.5) and "I Daniel said to the man clothed in linen" (vs. 6). This is why Ellen said "Twice <u>Daniel</u> inquired "How long shall it be to the end of these the end of time?" Once in Daniel 12:6 and again in Daniel 12:8.

Chapter 2 The Seven Thunders

"And He had in His hand a little book open: ... and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Revelation 10:2-3).

REVELATION is full of symbolisms. *Trumpets* are said to "sound"; these represent merciful warnings of approaching evil or coming judgment (Rev.8:6, 7). Vials are "poured out", indicating unexpected judgments, unmixed with mercy (Rev.16:1, 2). But in the Scripture above the seven thunders are said to "utter their voices", signifying making that they are important announcements. In this case, ones that God means will awaken and arrest the attention of His saints, who have the responsibility of notifying the world. The remnant people of God are to constantly know their position in the stream of time, where they are in the midst of last day events; that they may know what is expected of them and how to execute their work in an efficient way. We have learned what was in Daniel's "little book" was a time message. Now we want the reader to see that the seven announcements, that they utter their thunders are messages from this same little book, and they do it post-1844.

The Seven Thunders Speak from the Little Book

"And (the mighty Angel) cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Revelation 10:3). With the "little book" open in His hand, the mighty Angel is commanding attention. It is a battle cry. He is about to take His kingdom. "The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" Amos 3:8. The world is to be warned that it is the end. The final hour in His work of judgment is come. Destruction is soon to fall on man and beast (Zephaniah 1). In immediate response to His mighty roar, seven thunders uttered their voices".

But how do we know the voices of the seven thunders speak forth their mysterious information out of the "little book"? Take in the context of the scene. What is the basis of this mighty gospel movement coming down from heaven? Is it not the "little book" that brings a constant increase of knowledge? What is open in the angel's hand as He is descending? What is open in His hand when He puts His right foot on the sea? What is open in His hand when He puts His left foot on the earth? What is open in His hand when He cries with a loud voice as when a lion roareth? What is still open in His hand when the seven thunders utter their voices? What is open in His hand when He declares an intermission to prophetic time and then takes oath saying the time mystery (secret) will be finished at the very end of time? What is still open in His hand as John is told to eat the little book and then to prophesy again? It should not take a lot of persuasion, seeing the context of the entire chapter, to be convinced that <u>the seven thunders utter their voices from the little</u> <u>book</u>. We will now confirm this to be the case:

"And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, <u>Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered</u>, and write them not" (Revelation 10:4).

The Bible makes clear what information, relating to the last days, was to remain concealed until needed near the very end. "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). And again, "Twice Daniel inquired, '<u>How long shall it be to the end of time</u>?' ... And he (Gabriel) said, 'Go thy way, Daniel: for <u>the words are closed up and</u> <u>sealed till the time of the end</u>.'" (Manuscript Releases, Volume 18, Page 15).

That what the seven thunders uttered were "mysteries" is without question because John is being told to seal them up. The word "mysteries" implies things hidden. And it is reasonable to believe that the seven thunders uttered forth their secrets from the only book in the subject passage that both contained mysteries and was to progressively unfold its hidden mysteries - the "little book" of Daniel; the book being held open in the Angel's hand. Notice: "John heard the <u>mysteries</u> which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them". (Manuscript 59, 1900). "<u>Seal up those things</u> <u>which the seven thunders uttered</u>", and write them not" (Revelation 10:4).

Daniel had been told to seal up the time message given him. Here, John is likewise being told to seal up, as we will see in the next section, some future role of the time information that <u>he heard come forth from Daniel's book!</u> This is confirmed by Ellen White: "After these seven thunders uttered their voices, <u>the injunction comes to</u> John as to Daniel **in regard to the little book**: 'Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.' These relate to <u>future events</u> which will be disclosed in their order" (Manuscript 59, 1900).

Yes indeed, the same restriction comes to John "in regard to the little book" as it did to Daniel anciently. This is unquestionable evidence that the mysteries which these seven thunders uttered were expressions he heard from the book of Daniel. *The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy* (Daniel), *the other a revelation* (Revelation); *one <u>a book sealed</u>* (Daniel), *the other a book opened* (Revelation). *John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them*" (Ibid.).

In all fairness, then, the secrets the seven thunders uttered are coming from Daniel's little book. And what did we learn from the Bible was sealed in that portion of Daniel's writings? The prophetic periods correlating to end time events! Then it should be coming clear, these seven thunderous voices are uttering a future version of the marvelous time message written in Daniel's little book. "These (timing announcements) relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order" meaning in their proper sequence or established arrangement. And again, notice Ellen White's narrative on this: "The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation (timeline; time layout) of events which would transpire (escape from secrecy) under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people (when the little book first began to be unsealed) to know these things (future things), for their faith must necessarily be tested" (Ibid.).

Exposition has been made that Daniel's little book, now unsealed, contains "the message in relation to time". And having shown that the seven thunders utter their voices out of this book, the conclusion is solid: The seven thunders also then announce "the message in relation to time". We have one more step. To show these prophetic time periods, as uttered by the thunders, come out of the little book after 1844 and at the end of the world; that they correlate to events at the end of time. We have the promise that "knowledge shall be increased".

The Seven Thunders are Future They Utter the Timing for <u>Last Day Events</u>

"And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and <u>when He had cried</u>, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Revelation 10:3). We know, fixed in history, is the layout of time prophecies that emerged out of Daniel's little book just prior to 1844. Further, we are discovering the seven thunders to be a post-1844 time message coming forth out of the same little book. In this section, we want to make it even clearer that the thunders were uttering information regarding events to take place at the very end. It was not yet time for this information to be disclosed in 1844. The timing of the events the thunders were announcing was still future and belonged to our time.

Thunders sound after 1844

In the foregoing Scripture, the mighty Angel, meaning mighty messenger, exposes Himself as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Jesus Christ is here unfolding a special message; the final part of a long held secret. The following statement, again from Manuscript 59, 1900, shows that it is long after 1844 when He is heard crying *"with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth."*

"Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in <u>the</u>

closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth" (the Old World and the New World). "The controversy had waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their **height**. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty Angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth. After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered." These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order."

It goes without saying the time being spoken of is post-1844. Any living, breathing, rational soul who looks around can know that the working of the powers of darkness did not reach their "height" in 1844. And that they <u>are</u> reaching their height now. Note in the above quotation that the mighty Angel does not cry out, demanding attention, until "the concluding scenes" when *"the masterly working of the powers of darkness reach their height"*. Notice also how the seven thunders do not speak until after He cries out!

The setting down of His left foot, His demanding

attention, and the response of the seven thunders out of Daniel's little book, are all post 1844. And if there is still any question whether the seven thunders make their "time declarations" at the end, take notice that it was the year 1900 when she said, "*These <u>relate to future</u> events which will be disclosed in their order*."

One thing is certain, these are seven announcements, and they are telling God's people the "what, where, and <u>when</u>" of seven future events. The statement does not say these are the events, but they *"relate to"* future events. In reality, they are "times"; the periods within Daniel's prophetic message which correspond to or *"relate to"* the last events. They will be *"disclosed"* in their proper *"order"*, which is to say, each event in its correct sequence and at its correct time.

The reader may want to study carefully the similarity of these two statements: the little book contained "the message <u>in relation to</u> time" and "these" (announcements by the 7 thunders) "<u>relate to</u> future events which will be disclosed in their order".

The Mystery "Finished"

There is yet another witness that the seven thunders had not yet spoken forth their secrets when Daniel's writings were first being unfolded in 1844; and when they did finally speak, that John was seeing farther into the future:

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when

he shall begin to sound, <u>the mystery of God should be</u> <u>finished</u>, as He hath declared to <u>His servants the</u> <u>prophets</u>" (Revelation 10:7).

The only obvious "mystery of God", in the context of this chapter, is the mystery uttered by the seven thunders. And this we have shown to be Daniel's layout of prophetic periods which corresponds to the last thrilling sequence of events in this world's history. This mystery of God, so long held in secret by Him, could not be unfolded or announced until after the mighty Angel roared like a lion. But once the Angel roared, the thunders would break silence, the sequence of prophetic periods would come forth to do their last work, and the mystery of God be finished right on time "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel". In short, that which these thunders uttered was to remain hidden or a mystery until a short period just before the sounding of the seventh trumpet. And according to Revelation 11:15, this seventh or last trumpet sounds at the end of time:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever ... and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail" (Revelation 11:15, 19).

That these thunders were uttering a "prophetic secret" when the Lion roared, is further confirmed in the book of

Amos: "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth <u>His secret</u> (mystery of God) unto <u>His servants</u> <u>the prophets</u>. <u>The lion hath roared</u>, who will not fear? The Lord GOD hath spoken, <u>who can but prophesy</u>?" (Amos 3:7, 8). And as previously quoted, Ellen White also calls the utterances of these thunders secrets or mysteries: "John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them".

The point is made; according to Revelation 10:7, the seven thunders "finish" their sequence of prophecies at the very end. The Lion roars, the seven thunders, so long waiting in silence, unfold their secrets. These announcements extend to and are finished at the seventh trumpet, for we see no other mysteries remaining in the context of this chapter, other than the thunder proclamations John was told to seal.

Under the previous heading, we showed the seven thunders are post-1844 (future). They speak their mysterious prophecies when the powers of evil are reaching their height. But Revelation 10:7 has now given us even more insight, showing us these announcements extend to the very end of time. These things, together with more that are unmentioned, plead with us that the seven thunders announce the timing of important events from Daniel's writings at the end of time. As we will see later in this book, two of these periods we have already entered and others we continue to approach at stunning speed. We have arrived at the crisis of the ages. Let's now look at what the seven thunders are in a practical sense.

What are the seven thunders?

The Bible says, the "seven thunders <u>uttered their</u> <u>voices</u>." Simply put, the seven thunders are important <u>announcements</u>! Each one, as it successively utters its voice, is sending its own unique notification to the world. One which, in direct response to the loud cry and command of the mighty Angel, is letting out information that up to this point had been a <u>mystery</u>; figures regarding "when" the different closing events are taking place on earth.

Practical life tells us that a notice with three crucial pieces of information generally accompanies any sealed announcement we may receive. As we "open" it, we see: *what* event is being announced; *where* the event will take place; and finally, *when* the event will occur. But it is often the case that before even getting the announcement, some of the information has already been leaked. Which of the above three elements, in the subject prophecy, might we see as remaining a "mystery"?

The "where" question has already been answered. The mighty Angel has come down from heaven to place one foot on the sea (the old world), and afterward the other one on the earth (the new world). "Where" the events are to happen, then, is not a mystery. By the time the seven thunders utter their voices, the announcement is worldwide.

"What" is to happen is not really a great mystery either. Most seem to know that paganism (state dominance) and the beast and its image (dominance by the apostate churches) are the two powers that persecute the true church. Also that the closing work of judgment will someday begin, that judgment is inevitably coming on the living, and soon the sanctuary is to be finally and fully cleansed. Sunday will be established in opposition to the true seventh day Sabbath. The seals will begin, the trumpets will warn of the coming destructive judgments (in mercy), the image beast will be set up, Satan will personate Christ, there will be a time of trouble such as never was, the vial plagues will be poured out unmixed with mercy, and God's saints will be delivered. No, "what" is going to happen is not really a mystery either.

Well, that leaves us with the "when" question. And yes, that is clearly the mystery. "When" are all these individual end time events to occur in the earth? To connect "when" the above events are to happen with "what" is going to happen and "where"; this is the work the seven thunder <u>announcements</u> are to accomplish.

In recapping, the seven thunders were heard coming from Daniel's book. This is how we know they have the ability to tell "when" particular last day events will occur; for history teaches us that sealed within Daniel's writings was the full layout of the prophetic periods. And because the seven thunders delineate the last day events "in their order", we think it reasonable that each individual thunder consecutively announces a point in time associated with this layout; a point in time expressly corresponding with its own unique event or events.

Chapter 3 Locating the Seven Thunders

"O LORD; give me understanding according to Thy word" (Psalm 119:169).

HAVING established that the little book of Revelation 10 was a special portion of Daniel's writings; also that "the message" this book contained was a "time message", the proper "time layout" of the principal time periods given in Daniel's writings; and having established that the seven thunders were announcements coming out of this book, and that these "seven thunder mysteries" would be unsealed with the "increase of knowledge" and their testimonies from the little book be "finished" at the very end; then we think it is fairly plain that the seven thunders are announcing the "timing" for earth's final events which correspond with the prophetic periods from the little book. Timing of events is what came forth from Daniel's special writings in history (1844); and it is right to believe that timing of events is what comes out of these writings in the future, as the seven thunders tell or let out their secrets at the end of time. We have done what we promised. We have established what the mysterious seven thunders are. But how do we arrive at their location in the stream of time?

The Correct Layout

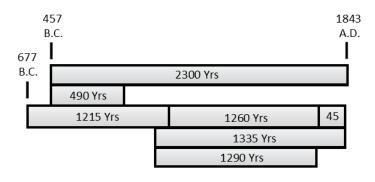
One is right to expect that an announcement for some future event will give you the time for that event to **begin**. Then we think it sensible to conclude, that since the seven thunders are making announcements, they would be marking out the beginning of certain last day events associated with the several time periods recorded within Daniel's little book. And each individual thunder would herald, in sequence, the beginning of its own time period as written in Daniel's overall time message. These would unfold "in their order" according to the layout of Daniel's entire cluster of time messages.

But the question arises, "What is the correct layout of these prophecies? In answering this question, it will be well for us to consider an important Bible principle: We see the new light by looking into the old.

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past" (Ecclesiastes 1:9; 3:15). And "It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled." But we are not to "seek to find new light in the prophecies" and begin "by turning away from the light that God has already given" (Selected Messages, Vol.2, Page 111). We are to believe regarding the work God has moved on His servants to do in the past. The relation which the prophetic periods sustain to one another has already been flawlessly laid out in history. The prophetic layout used in 1844 came out of the little book, and we have shown the prophetic layout now being announced by the seven thunders is also coming out of the same book. Then the first layout of the prophetic periods is a shadow picture of the second. The second is the final fulfillment of the first.

But how do we know it is the *entire layout* of the little book that is prophesying again? The layout or cluster of time periods from Daniel's writings is a whole: "And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and <u>ate it up</u> ... And He said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:10, 11). John is told to eat Daniel's entire time message before being told to prophesy again in connection with it. And he does indeed ingest the whole "message in relation to time".

All these things are indicating that the layout which came to light in 1844 forms a shadow picture of the layout to be proclaimed by the seven thunders at the end. The day/year application of Daniel's message was a symbolism; a type intended by Jehovah to show the reality of things to come. Then from the events and periods cemented in history, we can know how to order the prophetic periods uttered by the seven thunders in our day. Below is the full layout of Daniel's prophetic periods from history, showing their correct relation one to another.



Multiple time periods were given to Daniel, and all of these make up the "message" of His little book. In fact, the foregoing layout from history shows us there are seven of them. The 2300 day cleansing of the sanctuary, the 70 weeks or 490 days cut off from the first of that period; the complementary 1215 days and 45 days of oppression by paganism, the 1260 days of papal reign, the 1290 days to the personation of Christ by Satan, and the 1335 days extending to the deliverance and never ending blessing. All these constitute the time message given to Daniel, the message of His little book, the periods given us by inspiration of God. History gives us the correct relationship which these prophetic periods must maintain to one another. The thunders tell us they have an application in the future. But the question still arises: How do we properly place this cluster of prophecies in the stream of time?

Placing the Thunders in the Stream of Time

We have shown and believe the correct relation the prophetic periods hold to one another is based on events cemented in history. And it is proper and not a stretch, as already discussed, to believe the seven thunders are announcing <u>the beginning</u> of the various time periods which help us locate crucial last day events. In answering the question as to how we placed the seven thunders in the stream of time, we think it well to discuss a couple of truths that lay a proper foundation. We want to show that both the jubilee deliverance (at the end of the 6000 years) and the aforementioned cluster of prophetic periods terminate at the same point of time. All on the Day of Atonement in 2027.

The 6000 Year Chronology Ends in autumn 2027

The deliverance of the saints, based on our best efforts to understand, is in autumn of 2027. The reader is here referred to a free download of the book "Light for the Wise" which is available at lightforthewise.com. The corresponding chart can also be downloaded at no cost. Chapters 6-10 of the subject book comprise a study of Bible chronology which shows we are in the last remnants of time; that we are racing toward the end of God's longsuffering, the end of the 6000 years allotted to this sinful planet. This study uses the more specific chronologic periods as well as special jubilee years noted in the Scriptures. The jubilees act as mile markers, overlaying and locking together the more specific chronologic figures already given. The book then exposes that the jubilee deliverance of the saints (at the end of the 6000 years) is on the Day of Atonement, which falls somewhere on or near October 10, 2027.

The Cluster of Time Periods End in autumn 2027

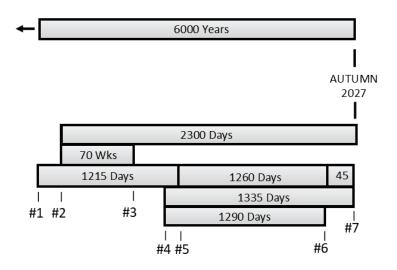
When reading the following description of the end time deliverance, take note of the prophecies that end on the Day of Atonement: the deliverance, the special resurrection, the saints shining as the brightness of the firmament, the voice of God speaking the day and hour of the second advent, and the never ending blessing at the end of the cleansing of the sanctuary. According to the statement, all of these "wonders" take place at the <u>commencement of the jubilee</u>, which the Bible indicates happens on <u>the Day of Atonement</u>. (See Leviticus 25:9). "It was at midnight that God chose to <u>deliver</u> His people." ... "There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, <u>came forth</u> <u>from their dusty beds</u>"... "God spoke <u>the day and the</u> <u>hour</u> of Jesus' coming"... The saints "countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and <u>they shone with</u> <u>glory</u> as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when <u>the never-ending blessing was pronounced</u> on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image. <u>Then commenced the jubilee</u>" (Early Writings, pg. 285-286).

Based on the above, the 2300 day cleansing of the sanctuary (Daniel 8:14) ends at the jubilee deliverance on the Day of Atonement. Why? Because as represented in the type, at the end of the Day of Atonement, the High Priest will come forth and pronounce the "never ending blessing" on the people. This same blessing is said to be pronounced on those who wait and come to the end of the 1335 days of Daniel 12:12.

The seven thunders, as already seen, end at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, which also takes place at this same point of deliverance. At that point "the mystery of God is finished" (Rev.10:7; 11:15-29).

And Daniel 12:7 is likewise referring to the same end. Daniel was told paganism would reign 1260 days (1215 + 45) and when this power completes the time allotted it to scatter God's people, all the foregoing wonders will be "finished". It will be the end of time.

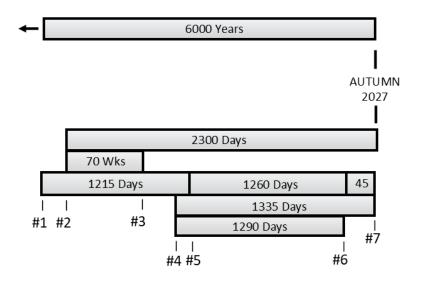
The point is made. The cluster of time prophecies end at the commencement of the jubilee at the end of the 6000 years. And the entire cluster of time prophecies is fixed by lining up the end of the 2300 days, the end of the 1335 days, and the end of the 45 days with the jubilee deliverance in autumn of 2027.



This might be a good place to mention that the "little book" of Daniel is about the sanctuary and the investigative judgment. Chapters 7 and 12 complement each other; and they primarily concentrate on the two powers, state and church, that have so often persecuted God's people. Chapters 8 and 9 also complement each other; and they primarily concentrate on the work going on in the heavenly sanctuary in their connection to events on earth, cleansing the hearts and lives of the saints and getting them ready for Christ's personal appearing.

Locating the Seven Thunder Announcements

It has been established that several of these glorious periods announced by the seven thunders extend to, and finish their work, at the end of time (Daniel 12:7; 8:14; Revelation 10:7). Also the 6000 year Bible chronology provides us with this endpoint - the Day of Atonement in autumn of 2027. Everything aligns at the jubilee deliverance of God's people. Both the end of the 6000 years and the end of the cluster of prophetic periods align at the same 2027 endpoint. We are now ready to explain how we located the seven thunders in the stream of time. Counting back from the jubilee deliverance, here are listed the beginning points for the prophetic periods which are announced by the thunders:



Thunder #1 - Counting back 2520 days *(1215+1260+45) from October 10, 2027 fell in mid-November of 2020. The secular (pagan) state especially usurped power at that time. *For explanation, see "Light for the Wise", pages 161-171.

Thunder #2 - Counting back 2300 days from October 10, 2027 fell in late June of 2021. This marked the beginning of the closing work. The judgment of the living commenced. This <u>began</u> a special fulfillment of the loud voice calling the inhabitants of the earth to "fear God and give glory to Him and worship Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." (See Revelation 14:6, 7).

Thunder #3 - Counting forward 70 weeks or 490 days from thunder #2 places thunder #3 in late October of this year of 2022, and is the main subject of this book. This closes the time allotted to the nominal churches and <u>begins</u> the second phase of the 2300 day judgment. It begins the 1810 day (2300-490) "gospel of the kingdom" to the non-Christian world.

Thunder #4 - Counting back 1335 days from October 10, 2027 will fall in Feb. of 2024 (2023 when using Bible time which extends from April to April). The secular state power is <u>beginning</u> to fall; giving way as life is being given to the image beast.

Thunder #5 - Counting back 1305 days (45 + 1260) from October 10, 2027 places thunder #5 in March of 2024, Gregorian calendar time. This period <u>begins</u> the church gaining full power of the state for 1260 days.

Thunder #6 - Counting back 45 days from October 10, 2027 falls in late August 2027. This marks the standing of the abomination of desolation in the holy place. The personation of Christ by Satan. The beginning of the end.

Thunder #7 - There is no counting back. This is the end of time! But not to be confused with the second advent. It is rather the deliverance, when God gives the day and hour of Jesus' coming!

The Seven Thunders in Literal Time

The following comments are added because so many want to know what the justification is for using literal times when considering the end time fulfillment of Daniel's time periods.

The fact that the prophecies are fulfilled in literal time at the end has plenty of justification. The simplest being to just read them as they are written. Who is bold enough to reproach someone for reading the word "day" and taking it to mean a day? Or a week as a week? Or a year as a year? Daniel & John's prophecies are written in literal time. And they are the Word of the living God. Then one would expect that at some point these periods will be fulfilled just as He has spoken them - 2300 days; 70 weeks; 3 1/2 years; 1335 days; etc.

It was right and good for the pioneers to use the day/year interpretation of prophecy; they found this principle given them in the Bible, once in Ezekiel 4:6 and then again in Numbers 14:34. They also found justification for using a day as representing a year because of such striking agreement with the events of history.

But let me assure you, there is also an abundance of Scripture justifying the literal fulfillment of time prophecy. To name a few: the 120 years until the flood, the 400 years expressed to Abraham that were fulfilled in the "selfsame day", and the 70 year captivity. The days of creation also support literal time: "the evening and the morning were the first day" (Genesis 1:5). And Jesus set forth this important time principle when He asked, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" (John 11:9). Twelve hours of day and twelve hours of night make one literal twenty-four hour period.

We cannot afford to live in the past, depending only on the sweat of others who mined out the truths especially applicable in their day. Rather, we are to build on their work. We do not live in 1844. 1844 was not the final end of time. We live in 2022. They used Scripture to interpret Daniel's prophetic periods for their **symbolic** application of prophecy and we use Scripture to interpret Daniel's prophetic periods for the **reality** of these last days. The relevance of the 2300 days at the end of time is a good example:

"Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary <u>be</u> cleansed" (Daniel 8:14). This text brings to mind a most important question, "Is the sanctuary cleansed of sin yet?" While the work has been going on for many years, the truth cannot be controverted. The answer is no! The sanctuary does not "exist as" cleansed. The anti-typical Day of Atonement is not over. And the completion of the 2300 days, in its most perfect fulfillment, is yet future. The sanctuary began to be cleansed in 1844 on the Day of Atonement. But according to the typical service of the Old Testament, the

sanctuary will not "be" cleansed until the High Priest puts the sins on the head of the scapegoat, sends him out of the camp into the wilderness, and comes forth from the sanctuary to bless the people. Daniel 12:12 places this event of "blessing the people" at the end of the 1335 days and the deliverance of God's people. "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Further, verse 13 places this blessing at the resurrection of Daniel: "But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest (die), and stand in thy lot (be resurrected) at the end of the days (1335 days of verse 12). Again, in its most perfect fulfillment, the completion of the 2300 day prophecy is still in front of us. The sanctuary will not "be" cleansed until after the final test is taken and the image of Jesus Christ is fully reflected in His people. This takes place at the end of the 2300 days for the text says: "unto two thousand and three hundred days (evenings and mornings), then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14). The word "days" in the foregoing verse, in the original Hebrew, is translated literal "evenings and mornings", the same as in Genesis 1. How could the Spirit of God make the literal nature of this prophecy, one day equals 24 hours, more clear? In its final and most perfect fulfillment, this prophecy is clearly in literal time; creation evenings and mornings. In conclusion, when the sanctuary is finally cleansed; when the Day of Atonement is over; when the

sins are on the head of the scapegoat; when Daniel is resurrected; when the never ending blessing is pronounced; then the 2300 days or evenings and mornings of Daniel 8:14 will expire. The sanctuary will be cleansed.

The "Day of Atonement" in 2027 should be coming into focus as being very important. The cleansing of the sanctuary, at the end of the 2300 days, must be completed on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:2, 29, 30, 33; Hebrews 9:6, 7). Also, the jubilee deliverance at the end of the 6000 years is scheduled for the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 25:9). And the never ending blessing pronounced on those that wait and come to the special resurrection and end of the 1335 days is also on the Day of Atonement (Daniel 12:12, 13).

Much more could be said, but some simply will not believe.

Summary of Section 1

We have been about answering the question, "what are the seven thunders?" We have shown how they are laid out in relation to each other and located in the overall stream of time. We realize that we are often accused of time setting and date setting. But we go right on, believing the Word of God and seeking to understand and proclaim the prophetic periods as Jehovah has spoken them. And even though they are definite dates, we do not consider that we are "time setting", but rather simply making our best effort at proclaiming what <u>He</u> has already said.

We make an appeal. We politely ask you to show us from the Bible where we are in error. Can you give evidence that the timing of future events was not recorded and sealed in Daniel? Can you deny that the seven thunders are uttering their voices out of the sealed little book and that they are doing so right now, when the powers of darkness are reaching their height? Can you give evidence that these mysterious thunders end anywhere other than at the deliverance?

We have made honest effort to give tangible evidence of our faith in the soon coming of Christ. But what will really confirm the Word of God, to those who study to know and are "watching", are the events of thunders #2 - #7; the ones which are being and about to be fulfilled. After one short chapter reviewing what happened at thunder #1, these will be the central focus of the remainder of this book. According to William Miller and the words of Daniel 9, the events at the end of the 70 weeks (under thunder #2) are the ones to "seal" or give authority, or in effect, to especially confirm the 2300 day vision; allowing us to pinpoint with surety where we are in the overall layout of prophecy.

Section 2 *Thunder #1*

Chapter 4 Thunder #1

IT is true there was already an aggressive warfare by secularism against the religious sector well before 2020. The pagan state was preparing to rise to power. But to the best of our understanding, the first thunder sounded in autumn of 2020 at the time of the election, when the secular state or paganism, as we call it, made a blatant attack on our country; assuming and taking power. This event started the last day prophetic time clock running. At the time of this writing, we are already between the 2nd & 3rd thunder.

The Timing of Thunder #1

The figures 1215 days + 1260 days + 45 days can be thought of as depicting 2 periods of 1260 days each; one for the secular state's rule over God's people (1215 + 45)as derived from Daniel 12, and one period for domination by a fallen church (1260) which is equivalent to that represented in Daniel 7:25. Again, the sum of these two 1260 day periods is 2520 days. For more information about how these periods were arrived at, see Light for the Wise, pages 161-171.

As already covered in the last chapter; since the deliverance at the end of Daniel's 2520 days is one in the

same point with the "2027" jubilee deliverance, <u>counting</u> <u>back from the autumn of 2027 a full 2520 days</u>, lands Thunder #1 in the autumn of 2020. This was the beginning point of the last day prophecies of Daniel's little book; when the time clock started running for the second and literal layout of Daniel's time periods.

The Event of Thunder #1

The next logical question is: "What happened when thunder #1 sounded? Let's review the shadow picture in history. In the Old World, in 689 B.C., an attack was made on God's peculiar nation, the nation of Judah. 12 years later, in 677 B.C., Judah's king was placed into power as a vassal or puppet ruler, subject to the will of the pagan power that had placed him in office. In simple terms, the Jews lost much of their long enjoyed independence as a nation! This started the prophetic time clock running.

Who cannot see that a pagan power (democratic socialism) attacked our country, and put in their puppet ruler, in the autumn of 2020? On November 4, 2020, an attack came on the United States of America. 12 days later, on the morning of November 16, Biden announced that he had met with his team, those to whose will he is a subject. He then publicly announced to this country the new pagan "build back better" agenda given him and being pushed by those who would now be in executive

power. The first thunder, relative to the rule of a pagan state over God's people had now uttered its voice in the New World. Though some may not realize it yet, the United States lost much of its independence as a free nation to this announcement of the new pagan world agenda. And the prophetic time clock again began running. Right on time. Consider it:

Day for a year application: An attack took place on the Jewish nation in the Old World. The leader who is then put in place by others (he is not really the one in power) announces the new program of subservience <u>12</u> years later and the prophetic clock starts running.

Day for a day or literal application: An attack takes place on the United States in the New World. The leader put in place by others (he is not really the one in power) announces subservience through the new "build back better" program <u>12 days</u> later and the prophetic clock starts running.

All this would seem to further verify the end date for the 6000 years as being in autumn of 2027; that the time clock, based on the announcements made by the seven thunders from Daniel's little book, started running again in autumn of 2020. Literal time! The first of the profound last day events, the timing of which was uttered forth by the first of seven thunders, began in autumn 2020 when paganism or democratic socialism usurped power in the United States - the earth beast of Revelation 13. November 16, 2020 is exactly 2520 days back from the Day of Atonement in 2027.

In summary, the build back better agenda, global in its scope, which was announced in the United States on the 16th of November is now a reality. Who cannot see and feel the results of paganism coming to power in our country. The attack is on freedom. We are now under hidden tribute. Look at the high prices and oppression. The people that took power in 2020 hold the secular motto that "freedom of religion" is "freedom from religion". These will not stop until people are on a digital currency, a system of social credit scores, a tracking system, fully depending on the means and mercy of the government, amidst a police state, living in fear, and reduced to being wards of the secular state. Businesses have been and still are being ruined as a result. Fuel and food prices are killing both travel and private enterprise. The mandates have only begun. Satan, having studied the laboratories of nature, is using wicked men to upset the climate and all natural balance in our world. People as well as the plant and animal creation are dying. Though the lies stay in the shadows, this is all very intentional.

Many are tempted to see the things going on around us as insignificant. But soon "by reason of transgression", there will be a shift and another power will surely assume control. Because of the sins of paganism there will be a leaning toward religion. All this open sin is only paving the way for church domination. Satan knows by experience exactly what he is bringing about. First a pagan oriented state brings the population under an ungodly oppression and nearly total control; so that by the time the secular state (daily) loses its influence over a secular minded people, they will have put in place all the necessary **controls** to make life difficult in the extreme for those who would obey God rather than men. This includes a work-free Sunday being pushed by the labor unions and by those making efforts to protect the climate.

Did you notice the phrases "digital currency" and "social credit scores"? Secularism is currently on a mission to bring all "<u>buying and selling</u>" under the complete surveillance and control of the state. This will give them the ability monitor and stop certain types of purchases and even prohibit any purchasing at all. It will simply be a matter of how they program the digital systems. "*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"* (Revelation 13:16, 17).

The executive branch of our government, under Joe Biden's "build back better" program already has the digital currency system in its sights. And when the state passes the scepter to an apostate church, it is not hard to see that Sunday worship, as the "mark" or sign of the beast, will be able to be connected with one's buying and selling.

Section 3 *Thunder #2*

Chapter 5 The Hour of Judgment

"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for <u>the hour</u> of His judgment <u>is come</u>: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:6, 7).

AT the writing of this book, thunder #2 has already begun uttering its voice. Harmonizing with the historic shadow picture, this thunder simultaneously announced the beginning of two time periods from Daniel's little book - the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 "Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be *cleansed*" and the 70 week (490 day) prophecy of Daniel 9:24 "seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city". These two periods give special insights to the timing of events now taking place in heaven. The discussion of the thrilling events associated with the seventy weeks are the main subject and focus of this section and will be taken up in detail in the upcoming chapters. The last 2300 days before our deliverance and the call to "fear and worship God" will be the topic of the remainder of this chapter. Thunder #2 marks the beginning of this last 2300 days; the final and closing work of cleansing the sanctuary to be accomplished by

the investigative judgment of the living; a process of bringing everyone in the world to a settled position and final decision regarding how they have decided to relate to their Creator.

Thunder #2 The Judgment of the Living

"Unto two thousand and three hundred days, <u>then</u> <u>shall the sanctuary be cleansed</u>" (Daniel 8:14). The cleansing or removal of sin from the heavenly sanctuary is a work of judgment. This work began almost two centuries ago when Christ entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary at the end of the 2300 years in 1844. This is brought to view in Daniel 7:9-11, when "the judgment was set and the books were opened". But there are <u>two phases</u> in this work of examination. A review of the cases of the dead first, and then of the living:

"The judgment of the dead has been going on, and soon the judgment will begin upon the living, and every case will be decided. It will be known whose names are retained upon the book of life, and whose are blotted out" (Signs of the Times, June 2, 1890).

"Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. <u>Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the</u> cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review" (The Great Controversy, page 490). NOTE: In Ellen White's day, she says "none know how soon". What she didn't say is that "none would ever know" how soon. She did not say that God would not tell His people when the time draws near. "Surely the LORD God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

Yes, this work of investigation has two phases. The 2300 years ending in 1844 marked the beginning of this sanctuary cleansing, starting with the examination of the cases of the dead. Think how many have died and been buried in the history of the world! These have already made their decisions, closed their cases, been under examination, and were either found under Christ's blood and recorded in the book of life, or blotted out of it. But the second thunder announces the last 2300 days to the end of time. Please understand this special phase of cleansing the sanctuary is to the living, as they are the only class left to be judged; the only phase of the cleansing of the sanctuary yet to be accomplished. There are billions of people still living on the earth. Before Christ comes, and in order to finish up the 6000 year work of redemption, God has the special project of bringing everyone "still living" on the planet to a point of "final decision" in a relatively short span of time. Thus the term: "the judgment of the living". This phase of the

judgment is also, in a special sense, brought to view in Revelation 11:1 when John is told to *"Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and <u>them that worship</u> <u>therein</u>." There is a special work of cleansing the soul from sin that is to take place among the living worshipers and for all who will stand before Him, alive, when He comes:*

"Says the prophet: 'Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that may offer unto the Lord an offering in thev righteousness.' Malachi 3:2, 3. ... Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. ... There is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. Then the church which our Lord at His coming is to receive to Himself will be a 'glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.' Ephesians 5:27. Then she will look 'forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners' Song of Solomon 6:10." (The Great Controversy, page 425).

This 2300 day period, the work of cleansing the sanctuary and the "judgment of the living", as of summer 2021, we have now entered. The sins are to be blotted from the records for both the righteous dead and the righteous living, and their names written in the book of life, while those names examined and "found wanting" are blotted out of the book of life. And this process begins with those who have made the highest religious profession. "Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary <u>be</u> cleansed" (Daniel 8:14). Before going to the last section of this chapter, please suffer me to sound a caution.

Not Easily Visible

Some say, "But we did not see anything happen in 2021"! Be careful! As it was in the days of Christ, so it is now. The people of today know not "the time of their visitation". The second thunder delineates the timing of events that are taking place <u>out of human sight</u>. The 2300 day cleansing of the sanctuary is the closing work of judgment going on <u>in heaven</u>. The 70 weeks begins this closing work with a probationary period on the churches.

Did the world see it when Jesus entered the holiest apartment of the sanctuary in 1844? How many of the Jews knew that Daniel 9:25 was being fulfilled when Jesus made His public announcement in Nazareth in 27 A.D.? How much of the world and how many of the Jews, in A.D. 31, knew the prophecies well enough to know ahead, to the very day, when the Son of God would be crucified? Again, we must be ever so careful. It is dangerous to reason that just because one does not suddenly see some outward thing, something which it is commonly thought must happen, that the prophecies are not fulfilling.

God will be pleased to have His people diligently study and understand His Word, believe it, and then act on it and by faith proclaim it. "Are we to wait until <u>the</u> <u>fulfillment</u> of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? <u>Must we see things</u> <u>foretold come to pass</u> before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, 'even at the doors'. Let us read and understand before it is too late" (Testimonies, Volume 9, pg. 20).

Yes, many are looking for some smashing or cataclysmic event to happen. Beware! "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign" (Matthew 12:39). The theory goes something like this: "when we see this or that happen, then we will know it is almost time; then we will get our lives in order and get more serious about our spirituality." This kind of reasoning is

"likely" to be fatal. It is often the result of wrong thinking from long held but erroneous traditions; or also frequently comes from desiring to continue to live in gain seeking, sin, and ungodly law breaking.

Thunder #2 The Call to Fear and Worship Him

"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for <u>the hour of</u> <u>His judgment is come</u>: and <u>worship Him</u> that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:7).

Wake up! If need be, pinch yourself! It is the end of the world. We are in it! The present truth accompanying the sounding of thunder #2 has set in motion an increase of knowledge regarding the first angel of Revelation 14. *"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for <u>the hour of His</u> <u>judgment is come</u>: and <u>worship Him</u>. This present truth cry is the first angel announcing it is time for the closing work; the final cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary from sin. The great transition has been made to the judgment of the living. The true understanding of the above verse, when combined with Daniel's prophecies, gives us an awareness of where we are in the stream of time and should cause the "fear of God" to be upon every reasoning mind and enter within every open heart. Again, the "judgment hour" message transitioned from the dead* to the living in the summer of 2021, for the hour, with renewed emphasis, did indeed come. Chronology and time prophecy plainly indicate we are in the final 2300 days. "Unto 2300 days, then shall the sanctuary "be" cleansed"!

"In the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ." ... <u>But multitudes have no more understanding</u> of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. ... When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message" (The Great Controversy, pg. 594).

Yes, the judgment hour message of the <u>first angel</u> is now being sounded to the inhabitants of the earth with new import and emphasis. Thus, Jehovah has entered into and will accomplish the difficult task, in only a few short years, of bringing everyone on the earth to serious reflection and a deeper evaluation of their case. There is an end. As it was during the days of Noah, *"so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be"* (Matthew 24:37).

The call of the subject Bible text, in our day, is to "fear" Him. This means we are to have a "holy awe or reverence" for Him, His government, and His laws. One which is born from knowing Him and having a real love of the divine character. This fear will lead its subjects to

abhor and shun everything that can offend such a holy Being, and incline them to set themselves toward perfect obedience". The text is also a call to "give glory to Him", meaning to praise Him aloud and physically cast yourself before Him in adoration. We are to bend the knee in adoration and "extreme submission" from a heart full of reverence, respect, honor, and intense love. We are to "worship Him that *made* heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Here is a direct link to the fourth commandment of the Decalogue which says: "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:9-11).

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14).

Summary

Within both heart and soul, people in general are feeling an intensity building. It is painfully apparent, to a large number of common sense men and women, that we are squarely facing not only catastrophic events and difficult eternal decisions, but the very last "days" of earth's history. With many, a crushing weight seems to be looming and increasing. And this growing pressure, which so often accompanies the present day, may even make some feel they are at the breaking point. This need not be. The truth is able to set you free; removing your eyes and heart from the temporal and seen, and immovably fixing them upon the unseen and eternal. And more than this, knowing the truth about where one lives in relation to events at the end of the world can surely help you make difficult, but practical day to day decisions.

Even though the hearts of men may resist, oppose, and refuse to recognize it, there is an end and <u>it is near</u>. Time is doing its work. It is moving steadily onward. The Bible figures are in. They clearly show we have now entered the period when the case examination of each person living is taking place; the time when God is now bringing every cognizant human on the planet to make their last and irreversible decision either for or against His laws, His government, and His rulership. Each, whether consciously or unconsciously, are deciding if they trust the wisdom and ways of Him who made them. This process, together with all the trouble and trauma that will soon accompany it, is now surrounding us. Jehovah has ordained it in order to close up the plan of salvation. The judgment will be expedited by the trumpet plagues which God is about to use to bring a merciful warning to this world; a statement to all that He is not happy about the transgression of His covenant.

laying We have now completed down some background for our study of Daniel chapter 9; the seventy week time period between thunders #2 & #3. As previously mentioned, thunder #2 marks the beginning of two time periods. The 490 day period being especially cut off from the first part of the overall 2300 day judgment. Thus, the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 reveals the first portion of the judgment of the living. We now want to turn the attention to this period. This prophecy will show us that judgment has begun with the professed Christian churches and a professed Christian nation; and this with a call to cease transgressing and seek purification. And the prophecies involved become the most thrilling as we enter the last week of the seventy, which is now upon us. Not until this period expires will the judgment of the Gentile world take place.

Chapter 6 The Seventy Weeks

"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" (Daniel 9:24).

DANIEL chapter 9 is about a disobedient nation and people who have embraced all Jehovah's blessings and yet tromped the terms of their covenant with Him. Is that not where the world stands today? Who can lift their eyes or head and not see that the Christian world is in the same position as was Israel when under the government and rule of paganism in the past? Notice just a few phrases from Daniel's ardent and earnest prayer:

"O Lord, the great and dreadful God, <u>keeping the</u> <u>covenant and mercy</u> to them that love Him, and to them that keep <u>His commandments</u>; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from <u>Thy precepts</u> and from <u>Thy judgments</u>:" ... "Neither have we <u>obeyed</u> the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in <u>His laws</u>, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yea, <u>all Israel</u> have transgressed Thy law, even by departing, that they might not <u>obey Thy voice</u>" "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 <u>understand</u> <u>Thy truth</u>" (Daniel 9:4-6, 10-13).

A Period of Probation

"Seventy weeks are determined"

The "Seventy weeks" of Daniel 9 is a special time of probation allotted to accomplish a moral purification and spiritual outpouring among the saints. This period is "cut off" from the very first portion of the 2300 day judgment of the living. (Dan. 8:14).

A limit is set. A period of trial is here imposed upon the different bodies of professed Christians. It is a special end time moral examination and proving. A measurement is being taken, and a decision or judgment will then be made at the end of that period.

This is brought to view in Revelation 11:1: "Arise and measure the temple of God (place of worship), and the altar (pulpit teachings), and them that worship therein" (Revelation 11:1). This command to measure was given to the prophet John well after the destruction of Jerusalem, giving strong evidence that it has relation to the last days; to the "worshipers" and "temple" in our day. Additionally, these words were given to John right after he ingested Daniel's "little book" of time prophecies and was told to *"prophecy again"* (Rev.10:11). Thus further connecting this time of measurement to the "little book's" second prophecy at the time of the seven thunders.

In the shadow picture of history, the Hebrews continued for centuries to fall lower and lower in morality. Finally a cutoff point was determined. They must fulfill their mission or God would pass them by and use others to move His program forward.

As of old, we believe from the very same prophecy that a probationary limit has also been placed on the professed Christian world of our day: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city." This period began in the summer of 2021 and therefore ends in the autumn of 2022. We are now approaching the end of this time with blinding speed. It has been granted as a final appeal to consecrate both the places of worship and the people to the true system of divine worship. Beyond this point, if there is no repentance, the fallen churches are to be spewed out. He will no longer acknowledge their governments or recognize these violators as His children. Jehovah has exercised extraordinary patience with this world and all its professed Christianity; especially with the American churches. But the time clock is running and it is becoming more apparent every day, by observing mainstream and modern Christianity, that their final rejection of God's covenant terms is

imminent.

According to the later parts of this same prophecy, destruction will soon fall on all who follow suit and join in the last campaign against God's law.

The Jews professed to extol and magnify the law, yet they hated, rejected, and crucified Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Christian churches in our time profess to extol and magnify a crucified Christ, but in majority, they effectively despise and downplay Him as Governor and King. They do this by hating and rejecting His kingdom regulations, and will ultimately crucify them - especially that portion which pertains to the Sabbath and worshiping Him - and this, right at the time He is being anointed in heavenly places to go forth and conquer the throne.

The Present Day Churches

"upon thy people and upon thy holy city"

Gabriel tells Daniel the "seventy weeks" pertains to "thy people"; meaning to Daniel's people. And in history, Daniel's people were the Jews; those who were the "seed of Abraham". But who are the prophet's people in the fulfillment of this prophecy today? The apostle Paul says of those baptized into Christ, "There is neither Jew nor Greek ... for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:28, 29).

Then "thy people" in our day represents those who

claim to be of the seed of Abraham; which seed is Jesus Christ. In this context, Christians worldwide are Daniel's people; those who say they are Christ's and make a public claim to be keeping Jehovah's covenant terms.

What then is the meaning, in our day, of the phrase "*thy holy city*"? Anciently, it was the city of Jerusalem. Then later, around the year 34 A.D., the Jews experienced a complete spiritual fall. And having lost favor, they were rejected as a nation; and God's presence was withdrawn. Without question, until that time, the earthly Jerusalem had been the "headquarters" for the true religion of Jehovah. But the city was subsequently destroyed. So then, what does Daniel's "holy city" refer to at present and where is it?

The "center of operations" for the true sacrifices of religion is no longer limited. It is now extended to anywhere on the globe. The gospel of Christianity belongs to no exclusive nation. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). The believers can now connect with the church in "heavenly places" from any location on earth: "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:22,23). Today, "thy holy city" - the "headquarters" of religion - encompasses the entire

world. Notice the teaching of Christ to His followers in Matthew 28:19, 20: "<u>Go ye therefore, and teach all</u> <u>nations</u>"... and, lo, I am with you alway, even <u>unto the</u> <u>end of the world</u>." And Christ's parting words to His then emerging church were: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and <u>ye shall be</u> <u>witnesses unto Me</u> ... <u>unto the uttermost part of the earth</u>" (Acts 1:8).

In summary, "thy people" and "thy holy city" in our day would be the Christian world and their centers of worship; the <u>professed Christians</u> that are worshiping in <u>the professed Christian churches of the world</u>. This includes any or all of the many various denominations which can be found in the nations of the world. The seventy weeks, then, is the allotted time given these churches "as a group" to show themselves faithful to accomplish what is set out in the rest of our text. The higher and "closer to truth" their profession, the closer will be the scrutiny of their cases.

A Time of Purification *"and to make an end of sins"*

As the first step of cleansing the sanctuary, the saints of earth must be purified. The seventy weeks have been granted us to be a time of revival; of deep heart searching repentance; of contrition and of mighty reforms; a time of purification in preparation of receiving the Spirit with unparalleled power. It has been granted the Christian world: "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" (Daniel 9:24).

The above verse says, to "finish the transgression". The word "transgression" in this verse means "a national or moral revolt". In these last days there already exists, within the professed Christian churches, a rebellion against what God intended when He spoke the Ten Commandments, including the more detailed instruction and requirements. This fall in morality on the part of the churches, taking the law of God lightly, is the root cause for the decline of the morality in the world. The call is to forever put an end to the overspreading moral rebellion.

"And to make an end of sins": The same "seventy weeks" have been allotted for those who profess to be the people of Jehovah to be <u>purified from sin</u>. This is the work that must be done before the saints can be "anointed" with the fire from heaven (Rev.8:5). Making an end of sins means to make a complete break from anything that would separate one from God or prevent him from receiving the full outpouring and allocation of the presence and attributes of Christ.

"And to make reconciliation for iniquity". During this time we are to make amends for wrongs committed. It is

an opportunity to make restitution and to compensate for damage we have done to others. By this time, we are to be approaching an experience of righteousness that will endure forever. As the saints go forth into the last battle they will "bring in everlasting righteousness".

William Miller taught that to "seal up the vision and prophecy" means: by the end of the seventy weeks, we are to be confirmed in our understanding of the little book. When the events of the last week of Daniel 9 come to pass, we can know of a certainty that the timing is authentic and that the rest of the vision, the final cleansing of the sanctuary, and the jubilee deliverance will of a surety come as prophesied. And more than this, "to seal up the vision and prophecy" means to ratify or establish the covenant by <u>fulfilling the conditions</u> it sets forth and receiving the Spirit with power.

Finally, the seventy weeks is the time period set to *"anoint the most holy"*, meaning to set apart "the already purified saints" for the sacred work ahead of them, by filling them with the Holy Spirit. This outpouring of the Spirit means the full infilling of the soul with the mind, heart, and righteousness (right doing) of Christ.

But only those who gain the victory over every besetment, over pride and selfishness, over love of this world, and over every wrong word and action, will receive the outpouring of the Spirit of God in latter rain power. "I saw that none could share the "refreshing," unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence" (Early Writings, pg. 71).

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Since shortly after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, there has been an almost continuous and downward moral fall by the Christian church. The apostles had their soul temples cleansed, kept the Sabbath and gathering times, taught the second advent and the timing of the prophecies, received the Holy Ghost, had the gift of prophecy, did works of healing, were a pure church, understood and taught the sanctuary and judgment; they had the truth on the millennium, the state of the dead, dress reform, health reform, education, etc.. They wrote the last portion of the Bible! The apostles, as Christians, were in advance of the Protestant Reformation, the Great Advent Movement, and Seventh Day Adventists at any time in history. God has been trying to bring His people back. Those who are purified, ratify the prophecy, and receive the Spirit during this time will accomplish this His purpose. The pure, Spirit filled, loving, obedient, Sabbath keeping Christian church is the "true church".

In summary of this chapter, seventy weeks is the time designated to consecrate both the place of worship and the people to the true system of worship. Before the vision can be sealed and the Holy Spirit poured out on the "most holy" meaning the "cleansed" or "consecrated saints", the Bible teaches sins must be put away and wrongs must be made right. There is to be a work of testing, measuring, shaking, and sifting, among God's people.

Thus, the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24, in its end time application, contains vital information and is a very crucial and important time period. It takes the lead part in the closing work of judgment. It is a time of decision making of infinite consequences for the modern churches with their large bodies of professed Christians who have been trampling the law of God and setting up their own standard of law in its place; not fulfilling the purpose of God in the keeping of His covenant terms. The seventy weeks is a time of weighing, and a time when souls begin leaning in one direction or the other. It is a time of the Laodicean message. It is a special period for purification that has been granted "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" (Daniel 9:24).

> "We know that, when He (Christ) shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him <u>purifieth</u> himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3).

Chapter 7 **The Anointed Prince** October 21, 2022

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem <u>unto the Messiah the Prince</u> shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times" (Daniel 9:25).

WE have reached the focal point of this book. It is time to discuss the first of three thrilling events that take place in the final week of the 490 day prophecy. We have discussed the command to restore and rebuild the Christian church; to finish the transgression, make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, and bring in the type of righteousness that will endure; also the command to cleanse the sanctuary, to begin measuring the living. All this correlates with the command in Isaiah 58:12 to *"build the old waste places" "raise up the foundations of many generations"*; to repair *"the breach"* and restore the *"paths to dwell in"*. And the above Scripture is teaching us that from the time this decree went forth in heaven to restore and rebuild the true worship of God until the "Anointed Prince" or, in other words, until the time Christ is anointed as Prince (soon to become King) is sixty-nine weeks or 483 days. Very soon after this time He is to lead forth His saints to take the kingdom.

"But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever." Daniel 7:18. "Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle" (Letter 112, 1890).

You will remember from the last chapter that the "most holy" saints were to be "anointed" with the Spirit by the end of the seventy weeks. Seventy weeks were "determined" or allotted for this to be done. We believe heaven is telling us, in the subject verse: "because the first members of My remnant are to be anointed to '*take* the kingdom' by the end of seventy weeks, I want you to 'know therefore and understand' that I am going to receive a special anointing as 'Prince' to lead you forth at the end of 69 weeks". "The street (the way or faith of Jesus) shall be built again and the wall (the law or commandments of God) even in troublous times". Jesus Christ, as our high Priest, is here beginning to receive His kingdom. We think it reasonable then, that very soon after He is anointed, His saints will be anointed and begin to receive the Spirit in latter rain measure.

This follows the pattern of the outpouring of the Spirit in the <u>shadow picture</u> of history. In A.D. 31 (in the midst of the last week of Daniel 9), Christ went back to heaven to His Father and our Father, and as soon as He was inaugurated as High Priest, the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the praying apostles. His anointing for the kingdom also reflects the type given us in the history of King David. David was anointed for the position of king quite some time before He took the throne. He was compelled to fight; he had to go forth with his mighty men and take the kingdom. The interim time between when he was anointed and when he finally took the throne was a time of much trouble and continual danger.

If Daniel 9, where Christ is anointed as Prince, were the only place this scene of Christ receiving His kingdom was brought to view, we would feel more apprehension about teaching it. But let's go deeper into the subject.

Given the Kingdom in Daniel 7

History tells us that at the end of the two thousand and three hundred years in 1844, the judgment began. Daniel sees: "<u>thrones were cast down</u>, and the Ancient of days did sit" and "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: <u>thousand thousands ministered unto Him</u>, <u>and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him</u>: <u>the judgment was set</u>, and the books were opened." Daniel also says he watched this judgment scene from when it began all the way to the end: "I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame" (Dan. 7:9-11).

Again, in verse 13, Daniel goes back and records the scenes at the beginning of the judgment: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days". But then he moves us forward to the time we have under discussion, when Jesus Christ begins to receive His kingdom: "and they brought Him (the Son of man) <u>near before Him</u> (His Father). And there was given Him (by His Father) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan.7:13, 14).

This kingdom is to be given Him during the close of His mediatorial work and of His work of judgment. "*He comes to the Ancient of days in Heaven to receive dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, which will be given Him* <u>at the close</u> of his work as a mediator" (The Great Controversy, pg. 480). Webster says: "In general, the word "at" denotes nearness"; thus meaning the kingdom will be given Him "near the close" of His work in the most holy place. This scene of Him receiving the kingdom from His Father is before the close of probation. It cannot possibly be other than *during* Christ's work in the most holy place, for according to Daniel 7:13, 14, He is still in the most holy place. And as we are seeing from Daniel's little book, He is now closing up this work. But this will be made even more clear elsewhere in the Bible.

Given the Kingdom in Revelation

We want to now view this same judgment scene in Revelation and show that Jesus begins to receive His kingdom well before the end and at the opening of the first seal. John says, "And immediately I was in the spirit; and, "behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One (The Father) sat on the throne And round about the throne were four and twenty seats (thrones)" (Revelation 4:2, 4). So here, as in Daniel 7, we see that thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit. During the same throne room scene John records, "I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Revelation 5:11). Again this matches the number of angels in the throne room given in Daniel 7:10 "thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him."

Notice now that "in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne" is "a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals" (Rev.5:1). This is the

book of "the kingdom". In it is contained the history of all individuals, nations, and powers from the beginning of the world to the end. It is needed to close up the work of judgment. It is needed to judge the living. None were "able to open the book, neither to look thereon" (Rev.5:3). But "the Lion of the tribe of Juda" "the Lamb as it had been slain" "the Root of David" comes near the throne and takes "the book out of the right hand" of His Father (see verses 5-7). Jesus receives the kingdom. In the words of Daniel, this "root" of King David is brought near His Father, "And there was given Him (by His Father) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom." Dominion is given Him. This means He is now beginning to receive the kingdom. But notice, like David after his anointing, He must still open the seals and take the kingdom: "And I saw when the Lamb opened one (the first) of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder", one of the four beasts (the one with the face of a Lion) saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and He that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto Him: and He went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Rev. 6:1, 2).

Christ has been rubbed with oil as Prince, the earnest of His going forth to take the kingdom. He has been given "dominion" meaning the power to direct and control the battle. The saints have "*made an end of sins*" and been purified; they also, about to be anointed with the Holy Ghost, will have been made ready for Christ to use them.

By the time the first seal is opened, the 490 days or seventy weeks has come to an end. This first seal represents the church going forth, "bold as a lion", under the direction of her Head. Consider that the noise of thunder John hears is the third thunder, for that is the one we are at when the final battle begins. In the passage, Jesus is now represented as beginning to take His kingdom, riding (using and directing) a white horse which represents a purified people. Zechariah 10:1-3 says that in the "*time of the latter rain*", He will visit His people and make them His "goodly horse in the battle". Notice He now has a crown given Him. This is a chaplet, a symbol of the honor and of the "dominion" given Him as Prince of princes. He has been anointed to take His kingdom and is going forth conquering and to conquer.

"Clad in the armor of Christ's righteousness, the church is to enter upon her final conflict. 'Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners' (Song of Solomon 6:10), <u>she is to go forth into</u> <u>all the world</u>, <u>conquering and to conquer</u>. The darkest hour of the church's struggle with the powers of evil is that which <u>immediately precedes the day of her final</u> <u>deliverance</u>" (Prophets and Kings, pg. 725).

"The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies." In the power of <u>Him who rides forth conquering and to conquer</u>, weak, finite man may gain the victory (Manuscript 151, 1899). "<u>The Lion of Judah</u>, so terrible to the rejecters of His grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful" (Acts of the Apostles, pg. 589).

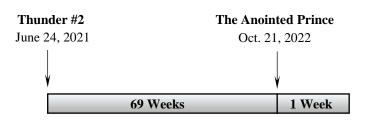
"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: "Come into line. Let those who are loval to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate."... The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, "as when a standardbearer fainteth" (Isaiah 10:18). But their apparent retreat was but to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to

His soldiers. <u>His power was mightily displayed</u>, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as <u>He led</u> <u>them on step by step, conquering and to conquer</u>. At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, "<u>The commandments of God, and the</u> <u>faith of Jesus," was gloriously triumphant</u>" (Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 41).

In conclusion, the anointing of Jesus Christ as Prince in Daniel 9; the giving to Him of dominion in Daniel 7; and His receiving the book of the kingdom in Revelation 5, which allows Him to open the first seal and go forth to take His kingdom, are all the same <u>most holy place event</u> that takes place at the end of the 69 weeks of Daniel 9:25. This is a sanctuary event that we are now looking squarely in the face. Coming forward 69 weeks from thunder #2, has this momentous anointing of our Prince happening on or very near October 21, 2022. "God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where . . . our great High Priest . . . is <u>interceding for His people</u>" (Review and Herald, November 27, 1883).

The figures of the Word of God are in. They do not lie. To the best of our understanding, they are heralding the approach of the time when Christ is to escort His army of true believers into the last battle. Like the apostles of old, we have the privilege of being among those who are first to press the triumphs of the gospel of the kingdom and of our soon to be King. For the last gospel to be preached is in a special sense the gospel of the KINGDOM! When it is preached in all the world, as a witness to all nations, *"then shall the end come"* (Matthew 24:14).

"The burden of Christ's preaching was, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.' Thus <u>the gospel message</u>, as given by the Saviour Himself, was <u>based on the</u> <u>prophecies</u>. The "<u>time</u>" which He declared to be fulfilled was the period made known by the angel Gabriel to Daniel" (Desire of Ages, pg. 233). Likewise, the last message and the burden of our preaching is based on the prophecies and on the period made known by the angel Gabriel to Daniel. The <u>time</u> is fulfilled! The kingdom of heaven is at hand!



Chapter 8 Crucifixion of the Law October 24, 2022

"And <u>after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah</u> <u>be cut off</u>, 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 <u>desolations</u> are determined" (Daniel 9:26).

HISTORY verifies that the phrase "after threescore and two weeks" means after the seven weeks and the sixty-two weeks mentioned in verse 25; it means after the sixty-nine weeks has ended and after the last or seventieth week has arrived. This cutting off of the "anointed One" happened historically in the midst of the seventieth week.

Almost 2000 years ago, at His first coming, Jesus Christ came to this world with His mercy. He came to pay its penalty of sin. In autumn of A.D. 27, He was "<u>anointed</u>" at the Jordan River for His more public ministry. This anointing was marked by the descent of the Holy Spirit. Subsequently, 3 1/2 years later in the spring of A.D. 31, He was "*cut off*"; meaning He was rejected by His ancient people and they crucified Him for claiming to be their Messiah.

But now, these scenes from the shadow picture of

history are about to be re-enacted. In this re-enactment He is to be "<u>anointed</u>" as Prince and soon to become King. This time, He receives this anointing in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, for that is where He is. And further answering the prophecy of Daniel 9, He will, in effect, be crucified a second time. This acting out of the scenes of history and latter fulfillment of Daniel 9:26 will unveil a wicked rejection and crucifixion of the law of God by the professed Christian world.

"Jesus, looking down to the last generation, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. <u>The great sin of the</u> Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of <u>God</u>, the foundation of his government in Heaven and earth. The precepts of Jehovah would be despised and set at naught. Millions in bondage to sin, slaves of Satan, doomed to suffer the second death, would refuse to listen to the words of truth in <u>their day of visitation</u>. Terrible blindness! Strange infatuation!" (Great Controversy, pgs. 22, 23).

A pagan state, under the influence of the Jews, crucified Christ. And a pagan state, under the influence of professed Christianity, will reject Jesus as lawgiver and take some kind of action to <u>establish Sunday</u>; meaning they will endeavor to crucify the law of God and do away with it forever. As though it is not enough that

the world rejected Him as the Messiah or anointed Saviour, now He is also about to be rejected as Governor and King. His law and government, as it is set forth in His Word, is as much despised by professed Christians and by the world today, as He was hated personally by His ancient people. But to reject Him as lawgiver is to reject Him as Saviour. After all, the law is simply a statement of who He is and a reflection of how He is; of His character. This comparison of the ancient Jews rejecting and crucifying Jesus, to the modern Christian world rejecting, and in effect, crucifying the law, is reflected in the following quotations:

"God's standard of character is his law. Satan said, I will tear down this standard, and will plant my own standard in its place ... <u>The Jews did not see it, and that</u> is why they crucified Christ. The Christian world do not see it; and that is why they refuse to acknowledge the law of God. In so doing they make themselves accountable for the sins that destroyed ...the Jewish nation" (The Christian Educator, August 1, 1897).

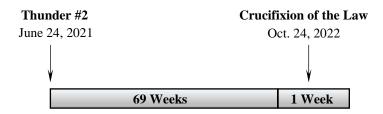
And the following is an account of Moses in vision: "And now another scene passed before him (Moses). He had been shown the work of Satan in leading the Jews to reject Christ, while they professed to honor His Father's law. He now saw the Christian world under a similar deception in <u>professing to accept Christ while they</u> <u>rejected God's law</u>" (Patriarchs and Prophets, pgs. 476, 477). His people, near the end of the Jewish age were exalting the law, crying out: The Law! The Law! At the same time they rejected and finally crucified Jesus Christ as Messiah and Saviour. And without question, the people near the end of the Christian age have been exalting Christ, and crying out: The Saviour! The Saviour! Yet they have spent very much of their time minimizing and rejecting the Law of God and they are about to be guilty of finishing this work of rejection by crucifying it! This replay of the crucifixion of the Saviour afresh by the rejection of His law is reflected in the quotations below. The previous statement continues:

"He (Moses) had heard from the priests and elders the frenzied cry, "<u>Away with Him</u>!" "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" and <u>now he heard from professedly Christian</u> <u>teachers the cry</u>, "<u>Away with the law</u>!" (Crucify it! Crucify it!) <u>He saw the Sabbath trodden under foot, and</u> <u>a spurious institution established in its place</u>. Again Moses was filled with astonishment and horror. How could those who believed in Christ reject the law spoken by His own voice upon the sacred mount? How could any that feared God set aside the law which is the foundation of His government in heaven and earth? With joy Moses saw the law of God still honored and exalted by a faithful few. <u>He saw the last great struggle of earthly powers to</u> <u>destroy those who keep God's law</u>" (Patriarchs and Prophets, pgs. 476, 477). "<u>Those who reject God's law crucify the Son of God</u> <u>afresh</u>. They identify themselves with those who crucified Him between two thieves on the cross of Calvary. The world is asleep. <u>The people know not the time of their</u> <u>visitation</u>. To them the words apply; "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." <u>All</u> <u>need to be aroused. We cannot afford to be rocked to sleep</u> <u>in the cradle of carnal security or indifference; for we are</u> <u>deciding our eternal destiny</u>" (Review and Herald, January 30, 1900).

Thus, the title of this chapter is "The crucifixion of the Law". Based on the jubilee chronology study, the last week of Daniel 9, to the best of our understanding (within a couple of days), falls between October 21 and October 27, 2022. With the middle of the week falling, this year, on "October 24, 2022". Somewhere on or around this day, we believe/see a very high likelihood that the crucifixion will be re-enacted. A rebellious action will be taken that will be a rejection of Jesus as king. The "anointed One" will again be "cut off".

It can be shown with fair certainty from Scripture that the jubilee deliverance of God's people, the termination of His longsuffering with this sinful planet, and the end of the 6000 years occur in the autumn of the year 2027. This evidence can be found in the book *"Light for the Wise"* and seen by its accompanying chart.

Further, Revelation 10 has made it clear that the "little book" containing Daniel's time messages, prophesies twice. The second time, it prophesies as seven thunders. And as shown in Chapter 3 of this book, the last of these seven thunders also ends at the jubilee deliverance on the Day of Atonement in the autumn of 2027. The beginning of the 70 weeks is back 2300 days from that end date. The end of the seventy weeks being only 1810 days back (2300 – 490 =1810). Coming back 2300 days and 1810 days from Day of Atonement in the fall of 2027, which also accords with the shadow picture "layout" that has been cemented in history, places the second and literal application of the 70 week prophecy of Daniel between the summer of 2021 and autumn of 2022, with thunder #3 sounding at the end of October, 2022. This 490 day prophetic period, being fulfilled just as it was spoken (490 days), has been the focus of this small writing especially the last or 70th week.



It was not every nation of the world that passed the sentence to crucify Christ. It was done by a select few religionists who sought to influence and pressure the secular state power. Neither will it be every legislature in the world deciding simultaneously to crucify the law. Who is involved in carrying out this horrid act? It will be done by the professed Christian churches which experienced a partial moral fall by rejecting truth in 1844. These and any other of the unfaithful churches of Laodicea, who choose to go along with the action will be guilty, the whole lot of which are about to be spewed out forever.

The churches of the Christian world have been drinking the wine of Babylon. The Christian world has long been both suppressing and rejecting the Sabbath. They are accepting another leader. But once this crucifixion of the law takes place by legally <u>establishing</u> Sunday, the first day of the week which is the false Sabbath, we will be only a few short days from the time when the cry is to go out: *"Babylon is fallen! Is fallen!"* (Revelation 14:8). The people must hear the message that *"Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven."* (The Great Controversy, pg. 607). After the end of the seventy weeks in October, the message of the second angel of Revelation 14:8, with all its eternal consequences, joins the first angel and begins sounding

forth for the last time with a fresh and increased emphasis. While the churches experienced a moral fall prior to 1844, not until the union of the church with the world is complete throughout Christendom can it be said that the fall of Babylon is complete, "and the <u>perfect</u> <u>fulfillment</u> of Revelation 14:8 is yet future" (The Great Controversy, pg. 390). Please notice the words "perfect fulfillment" imply another or second application of the prophecy. At any rate, full destruction does not yet fall, for a work must very soon go forward to hurry the people out of the doomed churches.

"And the people of the Prince that shall come shall destroy the <u>city and the sanctuary</u>; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined" (Daniel 9:26).

Jesus Christ will send forth the armament of His choice and "destroy the city and the sanctuary" (the guarded and the sacred place). He will send forth "His armies" and destroy "those murderers" and burn "up their city" (See Matthew 22:7). The churches will be left to the fate they have chosen. The people have said "the LORD will not do good, neither will He do evil" (Zephaniah 1:12). But the mandate sent forth by the King of kings will utterly lay waste the "centers of worship" with their sacred precincts; the whole system of worship is to suffer desolation and destruction. Though in mercy the judgment might be delayed, it will surely come. And

it will come as an overflowing deluge. Astonishing and even stupefying devastations have been decided and decreed on these centers and systems of worship. Once the Father lifts His hand, the unhappy results will be irreversible. There will be no return or recovery all the way to the end of time. This portion of the text will be better covered under the discussion of thunder #3.

In summary, in 31 A.D., Jesus was rejected by His own people as "the anointed One", the Lamb of God and Saviour of the world. Now He is to be repulsed by the professed Christian world as "Messiah the Prince" or the anointed Prince at the very time He is being anointed as ruler and soon coming King in heaven. And though supposedly being magnified and embraced as Saviour, His law and government is to be "cut off" meaning rejected or "crucified" by those who profess to be His chosen people. The result will be serious devastation.

What marvelous events are taking place around us! Oh how few know we are approaching, and really have effectively reached, the day of visitation. Beware! The acceptance of any exaltation and reverence of Sunday by state mandate is a rejection of the government and law of God. What I say unto you I say unto all: "Watch!" And remember, the world in general, did not know the Son of God had been crucified. There were some however, when once awakened, who embraced the exalted privilege and arduous task and went forth, Spirit filled, to tell the world what had happened; that the Son of God had been rejected and crucified by His own people.

"The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ." "The history of Israel was written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." "Christians "Do not see that in their experience they are passing over the very same ground." "Modern Israel are fast following in their footsteps, and the displeasure of the Lord is as surely resting upon them" (Sermons and Talks, Volume 2, pg. 331).

"Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15).

Chapter 9

Spirit Filled or Left Desolate

End of the 70th Week; October 27, 2022

"And <u>He shall confirm the covenant with many</u> <u>for one week</u>: 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 <u>the</u> <u>desolate</u> (abandoned)" (Daniel 9:27).

THIS Scripture teaches us that the seventy weeks allotted to the various church bodies of professed Christianity has been working a work that is coming to a climax as we approach the last or seventieth week. The prophecy is fast drawing to a close. Two groups are to be seen emerging at this time.

Jesus Christ is gathering His last day army, the beginnings of His remnant. History and prophecy teach us the Master is planning to confirm and strengthen His covenant with "*many*" during this last week. Upon these, He will pour out His Spirit with extraordinary power. But as for the nominal churches and formal religious bodies, their "sacrifices and oblations" will soon no longer be acceptable; their abominations are considered so prolific and their profession of religion so abhorrent that Christ declares He will remove His presence. "*He shall make it desolate, even until the consummation*". He will abandon them. Their massive religious centers and houses of worship are to be "left desolate", never to recover, even to the end of time. Left empty! By this Christ is saying, "I am leaving and I am not coming back". If you want to meet with Me after this, you will have to do it in the way I have specified and place yourself among those whom I have now chosen to be present with.

The last part of the subject verse fearfully indicates the seven last vial plagues, which are bottled up unmixed with mercy, will not long hence be "poured upon the desolate". This means that severe and inescapable judgments will ultimately come upon those individuals who continue to cling to their errors, popular creeds, and dead forms. The cause has brought the result, and they too are "left desolate".

By the end of this seventieth week, the unfaithful churches of Laodicea are disowned and spewed out, and the first part of the final remnant have been formed and readied for their work. His fire-filled remnant is becoming visible, and the final warning begins. The Father moves on with the next phase of the judgment of the living. Every inhabitant of the earth must be warned. We will now examine the subject Scripture in more detail.

Adding Mighty Strength to the Covenant

"And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"

The everlasting covenant says: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and <u>ye shall be clean</u>: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, <u>will I cleanse you</u>. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 36:25-27).

Here is reason to be most ecstatic. What a promise! This is the promise of the Almighty to add end time force to His covenant, unveiling His mighty power, and establishing this agreement with "many" for one week. The last week of the seventy weeks is the one in which Daniel 9:27 tells us this covenant promise is especially to be fulfilled. At the beginning of the week, the Prince has been anointed for His soon coming kingdom. In the midst of it, He has been rejected as Governor. The authenticity of the vision has, by this time, also been confirmed. But thoughout this same week, it seems clear from the text that the crowned Prince has been giving special attention to the readying of His people.

To the "many" with whom He is confirming (strengthening) His covenant; those who have been fighting back against sin, hanging on with a white knuckle grip and trusting Jesus to save them; to those "many" found believing and earnestly pleading, confessing and putting away sin, listen to what, in this last week of the seventy, His covenant says that He will do with added and mighty strength!

> "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: <u>from all your filthiness</u>, <u>and from all your idols</u>, <u>will I cleanse you</u>."

This is only the beginning of what He has promised, in the exercise of His special and extraordinary power, to complete in that last week. Nonetheless, according to the covenant promise, this step must be accomplished in needy contrition before giving us His new heart and putting His Spirit within us in latter rain power. We must be cleansed by Him from all our filthiness and all our idols. "And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

"But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will be, Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul." "No outward observances can take the place of simple faith (dependence on God) and entire renunciation of self" (Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 159).

Those who have, during the 490 days, been found finishing the transgression; making an end of sins; making reconciliation for iniquity; and connecting with an enduring righteousness; these He has been readying. The small number who, prior to and during the seventy weeks, have been taking the first step, that of being "purified", now receive a special endowment and the finishing touches of purification as promised in the covenant. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you." The first part of His glorious covenant is thus to be confirmed and strengthened with "many" for one week.

The covenant we have in discussion is clearly connected with the terms of law (My law, My statutes, My judgments - Ezekiel 36; Jeremiah 31) that have been crucified in the midst of the week. It is the covenant containing the Ten Commandments with all its more specific terms. *"The works of <u>His hands</u>* (the Ten Commandments written with His finger on stone) *are*

verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever" "He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: holy and reverend is His name" (Psalm 111:7-9). "He will ever be mindful of His covenant" (verse 5).

And the terms of His covenant are now, in this last week, to be in some special way more fully written within the hearts of the saints. He is promising to put within the remnant, with even more strength, the very presence and infilling of the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

"<u>A new heart also will I give you</u>, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

This new heart experience is leading and will continue to lead to separation among church members and even families. "*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword*" (Matthew 10:34). Decisions are being made. The fan is blowing out the chaff. Those people who doubt God's ability to do what He has said, those who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, and those who like to think God is less in earnest than He has said, will be separated from the precious wheat who truly believe. The "many" He is confirming His covenant with during the seventieth week, have been feeling the weight; going through a heavy process. By the end of this period, the separation is especially widening. The shaking had been going on for many years and then growing in strength throughout the four hundred and ninety days; but now it ramps up with special intensity.

Notice as this last week approaches, the vivid description of the two classes being formed during this shaking time:

"I saw some, with strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading with God. Their countenances were pale, and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their internal struggle. Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances" "Evil angels (bringing with them a poisonous atmosphere) crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view" "I saw angels of God hasten to the assistance of all who were struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels, and trying to help themselves by calling upon God with perseverance." They were praying for deep obedience to the repentance, true witness, and purification.

"Some, I saw, did not participate in this work of agonizing and pleading. They seemed indifferent and careless. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud." "His angels left those who made no effort to help themselves, and I lost sight of them." "The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, <u>did not</u> <u>obtain it</u>, and they <u>were left behind in darkness</u>, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks."

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. <u>Some will not bear this</u> <u>straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is</u> <u>what will cause a shaking among God's people</u>." "The solemn testimony (of the True Witness) upon which the DESTINY OF THE CHURCH hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded." "This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it, and be <u>purified</u>" (Early Writings, pgs. 269-273).

When you connect the period "allotted" the Laodicean church to Daniel 9, it becomes crystal clear this first 490 days of the 2300 day cleansing of the sanctuary will <u>begin</u> the formation of two groups. The cleansed and Spirit filled and the abandoned. But again, before putting His Spirit within us in latter rain power, we must be cleansed "from all our filthiness" and "all our idols". Before the end of the seventieth week, the purification and new heart, with its atmosphere, temperament, and tendencies must be given to us. Friend, the good news is, this is very soon to be done. And when it is, the momentous process of the seventy week period will reach its peak. It is time for the climactic covenant promise of this last week to be fulfilled; time for the most holy saints to be anointed and receive the Holy Ghost with power.

"And <u>I will put My spirit within you</u>, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them."

The process of shaking, pleading, and crying out has done its work. The promises have been fulfilled - "ye shall be clean" and "a new heart also will I give you". That special time in the "last week", to be filled with the Holy Ghost, has arrived. Now the saints receive the wonderful confirmation of the covenant promise "I will put My Spirit within you".

"Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken." "<u>Their countenances...now shone with the light</u> <u>and glory of heaven</u>. <u>They had obtained the victory</u>, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy." "I heard those clothed with the armor <u>speak</u> <u>forth the truth with great power</u>. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "<u>It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the</u> presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel." <u>Great power was with these chosen ones</u> (Beginning of the 144,000). Said the angel, "Look ye!" My attention was turned to the wicked, or unbelievers. They were all astir. <u>The zeal and power with the people of God</u> had aroused and enraged them." (Ibid.).

We have always read these things as though they are sometime in the future. There is a great danger in too much busyness and in putting the reality of eternal things too far off. Wake up! is the admonition to any who are soundly sleeping; and also to those even half asleep. We are screaming up on the end. Soon is here!

Bible Account of the Latter Rain

"And <u>I will put My spirit within you</u>, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them."

Below is the Bible account of the same outpouring we just read about; the now imminent latter rain. As we will see, the Bible continues to make clear that the timing of this blessing is at the end of the seventy weeks. In this case showing that it is just before the destructive judgments of God (trumpets) begin to fall on the cities of our world. We will see, in the last section of this book, these trumpets, are the first of God's judgments, and begin to sound not long after the end of the seventy weeks, when we are still in a time of mercy and repentance.

"And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him <u>much incense</u>, that he should offer it with <u>the prayers of all saints upon the</u> golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and <u>filled it with fire of the altar</u>, and <u>cast it into the earth</u>: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake." And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared *themselves to sound.*" And *"the first angel sounded"* (Revelation 8:2-7).

We know the angel that stood at the altar of incense, because He had a "golden censer", came from the mercy seat in the most holy place. That is where the golden censer resides (See Hebrews 9:1-5 and Early Writings, pgs. 251, 252). We also know that there is still ministry going on at the said altar after 1844 (Desire of Ages, pg. 568). Thus the angel in the subject scene, post 1844, has been given much incense to offer with the prayers of "all" saints. As the prayers come up before God's throne, mixed with the fragrant merits and perfections of Jesus, there is a response from heaven to earth. "And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it into the earth*". Here is depicted the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain measure. The angel casts "fire" into the earth in response to the saint's prayers. Based on the response from heaven, these prayers had obviously been very directed and particular. They were prayers for both soul readiness and the outpouring of the Spirit. "The true altar is Christ, and the true fire is the Holy Spirit" (Manuscript 1, 1895, pgs. 18, 22). Then this "fire" being "cast" or "poured with intensity" into the earth is the Holy Spirit, the presence of Christ, and it is being sent from Christ, the true altar! Did not the Holy Spirit descend on the disciples in early rain power in the form of fire? And what then are these last day saints praying for? Yes, they

are even now earnestly asking of the LORD rain in the time of the "latter rain"; asking for the heart, mind, and perfect righteousness of Jesus. "To those who in faith claimed this promise it was speedily fulfilled. . . . As the disciples <u>made humble supplication</u> to God, their differences were swept away. They became of one mind. Then <u>the way was prepared for the Holy Spirit to enter</u> <u>the cleansed, consecrated soul temples</u>. <u>Every heart was</u> <u>filled with the Spirit</u>" (Manuscript 21, 1900).

This is to be the work prior to and especially during the last week of the seventy. It is interesting to note in the foregoing verse that this latter rain or "casting of fire" scene happens after the seven angels receive their trumpets and just before they prepare to sound and then actually do sound. This indicates the trumpets begin to sound very soon after the latter rain. This harmonizes with the shadow picture. The first trumpet, according to the history narrated by Brother William Miller, sounded after the early rain was poured out; not too long after the end of the seventy weeks. Just so do we believe it will be again. Are you reader willing to look indifferently at this timing? Would it not be well to believe the prophecies and be found seeking Him in the "*time of the latter rain*"? (Zechariah 10:1).

You will remember that seventy weeks was the time given "to anoint the most holy" or properly, to anoint the saints. We are clearly told in chapter 9 and verse 25 of Daniel's prophecy that Jesus Christ is to be anointed for His kingdom at the beginning of the seventieth week. But by the end of that same week is the "determined" limit for the saints to be anointed; the time by which they are to be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit. It is not difficult to see the high likelihood, that sometime after Jesus is anointed for His kingdom, sometime between the beginning of the last week and the end of the last week, one can anticipate with great joy and fully expect the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the saints.

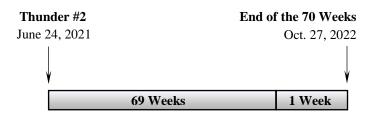
In agreement with this timing, you may remember from our study in chapter 7, Jesus Christ receives the book from His Father that allows Him to lead His armies into the last battle: "And He (the Lamb) came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne." Now notice, at the same time the "Root of David" or anointed Prince is given authorization to go forward and take His kingdom (at the end of sixty-nine weeks), the twenty four elders were still holding the prayers of the saints in vials. "And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints" (Revelation 5:7, 8). Thus at the beginning of the last week, the elders are yet holding some prayers that are worthy of particular mention. These are the same distinct or very directed and special prayers of the saints that had

resulted in the much coveted "fire" being cast from heaven to earth. They had, at this point, still not been offered on the golden altar. But according to Daniel 9:24, they must be offered <u>before the end of the last week</u>. Seventy weeks was the outside limit allowed for the consecrated saints to be anointed; the end of the time allotted to "anoint the most holy".

Here is a practical suggestion: Pray like you have never prayed before. Plead for purity. Ask that your body temple to be cleansed and then filled with the very impulses of the mind and heart of Christ. Pray for the confirmation of the covenant to take place in your life in the last week of Daniel 9. Trust God to save you. Trust Him to purify you. Trust Him to fill you. Trust Him to cause you to be obedient. Trust His Word. Trust His kindness and love. Trust His heart to do you good. And be wide awake at this time to fast and pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain measure.

The End of the Seventy Weeks The Remnant Emerges

"The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded ... Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us" (Letter 112, 1890).



We have been learning that just after receiving the book of His kingdom, Jesus Christ, as crowned Prince, would open the first seal and then lead forth His last day army conquering and to conquer. When we reach the upcoming end of the seventy weeks, the Holy Spirit has fallen and the commandment keeping armies are ready to be led forth by their Captain. "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and He that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto Him: and He went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Revelation 6:2). The battle between the two sides commences.

A View of the Conflict

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. ... <u>The battle raged.</u> Victory alternated from side to side. ... The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle, and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as <u>He led them on step by step, conquering</u> <u>and to conquer</u>" (Testimonies, Vol. 8, pg. 41).

"It is impossible to give any idea of the experience of the people of God who shall be alive upon the earth when <u>celestial glory and a repetition of the persecutions of the</u> <u>past are blended</u>. They will walk in the light proceeding from the throne of God. <u>By means of the angels there will</u> <u>be constant communication between heaven and earth</u>" (Testimonies, Vol. 9, pg.16).

And, "the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (Daniel 7:18).

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). His people have been releasing themselves from all earthly entanglements. They are determined to give up all to worship Him according to His Word; daily, weekly, monthly, annually. These have been seeking to *"worship the LORD"* their God and *"Him only"* will they *"serve"* (See Luke 4:8). The truth has made them free indeed. The lure of higher pay or worldly jobs no longer has any power upon them. The world's education, the world's

commerce, the world's fame, fortune, or display means nothing to them. There is a prayerful drawing close of believer with believer. They have been learning to speak the same things - and this while still living among and surrounded by those who have so misemployed, garbled, and led astray the conscience that they have become unable to discern the precious truth of God's Word. But henceforth they have decided to firmly obey the command, "come out from among them and be ye separate" (2 Corinthians 6:17). They are careful with whom they connect. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

Religious Services No Longer Accepted

"And in the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease"

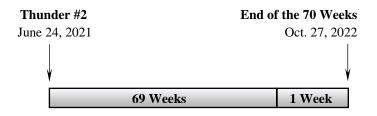
While this silent process of "infilling" has been going on among the people of God, the churches, blind to truth, have been growing more deluded and degenerate; preparing their hearts by the departure of Christ's presence, to hate and persecute. The professed Christian world seems wholly ignorant that their probation is fast closing; that from the time they take a more open position against the divine law, the LORD will no longer accept the worship and offerings of the rejecters of His government. He has weighed the places of worship and

found them wanting. This includes the sacrifices being made from the pulpit and the empty oblations from the mouths of the people. The command to measure has gone forth "rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein" (Revelation 11:1). And this to a people who, rejecting the truth sent to them from heaven, know not the time of their visitation. God foresaw that the various creeds and systems of religion in our day would be departed from truth and real worship, and the people, though many hold a high profession, would call good evil and of evil they would insinuate it as being good. This class continually refuse to repent of their lawbreaking, their modern and ungodly songs of praise, and their empty sermons and false teachings; their tainted gifts and donations are no longer tolerable in His sight. In short: "in the midst of the week" He will "cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease."

Left Desolate

"And for the overspreading of abominations He shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

This conclusion of Daniel 9 is teaching us that the overspreading of disgusting and filthy idolatry within the churches - the detestable abominations taking place within the supposed sacred precincts - have finally reached their peak and extreme limit. And that God has said He will, in the final battle, astonish these forsaken churches with devastation all the way to their utter end and riddance. That which is decreed - the seven last plagues - will be poured with intensity on those left desolate and forsaken. It may go without saying that this is not a very pleasant scene for contemplation. Nonetheless, history teaches us that the Jews' probation was closed as a people group at the end of the specified seventy weeks. It is worth noticing, this happened under the reign of a secular state and that it also happens under the secular or "daily" rule in our day. The Master has spoken, *"Behold your house is left unto you desolate"* (Luke 13:35). *Ichabod! - the glory is departed!* (The Great Controversy, pg. 33).



While it is true that the Seventh Day Adventist Church is not Babylon, nonetheless, at the same time the churches of Babylon experience their final moral fall, any of the visible bodies of Laodicea who are judged unfaithful for capitulating and concurring, are likewise spewed out. You do not have to be Babylon to be forsaken by God. The Jews were not Babylon either. "How is the faithful city become an harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy <u>silver</u> is become dross, thy <u>wine</u> mixed with water" (Isaiah 1:21, 22). Both the heart and the truth are diluted and corrupted.

"When purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing. Who can truthfully say: "Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted by the world"? I saw our Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the defilement beneath. Then He said to me: "Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character? 'How is the faithful city become an harlot!' My Father's house is made a house of merchandise, a place whence the divine presence and glory have departed!" (Testimonies, Vol.8, pg.250). If you know anyone still clinging to a "stay with the (sinking) ship" mindset, have them read or reread the first chapter in "The Great Controversy".

Summary

In summary of the last few chapters, we have been learning that the first phase of the 2300 day cleansing of

the sanctuary includes a seventy week (490 day) process wherein the churches or religious bodies are being weighed. Judgment begins "at the house of God" (1 Peter 4:17). Their probation is set. The clock has been running. Yet, as of old, they know not the time of their visitation. But to prepare for their abandonment, their loss of the presence of Christ, God has raised up a body of saints on earth that are being cleansed within. Prior to and during the seventy weeks, these have been finishing the transgression (putting an end to the violation of the laws of God), making an end of sins, making reconciliation for iniquity, and connecting with righteousness in a way that will endure forever. They know that to receive of the full outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the soul temple must be cleansed; that before putting His Spirit within them in latter rain power, they must be cleansed by Him "from all their filthiness" and "all their idols". As they approach the end of the 490 days, the promise comes: The everlasting covenant is to be confirmed with "many" for one week. This "one week" is the last week of the seventy. The Prince, at the beginning of this last week, is anointed and about to give the saints the gifts they need to take the kingdom. Jesus "rejoiced in the consciousness that He could and would do more for His followers than He had promised; that from Him would flow forth love and compassion, cleansing the soul temple, and making men like Him in character; that His truth, armed with the

power of the Spirit, would go forth conquering and to conquer" (The Acts of the Apostles, 1911, pg. 23). In the midst of the last week, Christ is rejected as anointed Prince and the law of God is crucified by establishing a false Sabbath. This occurs while still under the ungodly power of secularism. The saints are confirmed that the timing of the vision is correct, and in deep contrition, they pray for complete soul cleansing and a new heart as never before. They now only await the great outpouring of His Spirit in latter rain measure. Their prayers are heard and the Spirit or "fire" is cast into the earth and falls upon the praying and waiting saints. The blessed are made ready to emerge as the remnant. The covenant is fulfilled: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 36:25-27). All creeds are broken to shivers. Bible truth in the power of the Spirit alone forms this last body of Christ. The remnant now emerges.

Out of this prophetic period is to come a company of purified, Sabbath keeping, and Covenant keeping Christians; and a set of abandoned denominations and people groups that are in opposition to the law and government of God. There is no third group. The battle begins and both groups are seeking to gather souls to their cause. At this point the second angel's message goes forth with a fresh and unparalleled impetus, "Babylon is fallen! is fallen!" The second angel sounds anew and the churches of Babylon that have reached a complete moral fall will at this time and beyond be separated into two classes; those who follow worldly conformity and those who cling to God's moral law and the faith of Jesus. Those still in the fallen churches are soon to receive their last call from the third angel. If the professed or corporate Seventh Day Adventist Church capitulates with the opposition, they will also be left desolate, and all that haven't already done so will soon be made to take their side. Those among this group who are deceived with a mentality of "staying with the ship" are admonished to read again in the Great Controversy the chapter entitled "The Destruction of Jerusalem".

This 490 day period which we have had under discussion, in which we are still living, is now (at the writing of this book) drawing to a close. The allotted time for <u>the various bodies</u> of the saints to draw close to a covenant keeping God is almost finished. We live in a solemn time. Those whom the LORD is preparing will soon begin to take His last message of mercy and warning of judgment to the world.

Section 4 Destructive Judgments

(Overview of the Last Five Thunders)

Chapter 10

The Seals and Trumpets Begin A Time of Destructive Judgments

REVELATION is written for the last generation. The throne room scene (most holy place) of chapters 4 & 5; the seals of chapter 6; the holding of the winds and sealing of the 144,000 that begins as depicted in chapter 7; the outpouring of the Spirit and subsequent destructive judgments announced by the seven trumpets in chapters 8 & 9; the emphasis on the last layout of time prophecies, the beginning of the judgment of the living, and the last warning by the witnesses of chapters 10 and 11 are all packed with present truth for our day. The dragon going after the remnant in chapter 12; the 42 month reign of the beast (apostate religion of the old world) and image beast (apostate religion of the new world), with the accompanying mark of the beast in chapter 13; the 144,000 on Mount Zion and the three messages of Revelation 14; the vial plagues of chapters 15 & 16; the judgment of the whore and great Babylon coming in remembrance before God in chapters 17 & 18; and the glorious second coming and picture of the life to come in chapters 19 & 21; all these things are speeding on to their fulfillment in the very time in which we are now living.

The voices of the seven thunders, announcing the beginning of the time periods written by Daniel in his

little book, greatly help us give these and many other last day events their proper place in the stream of time. The last three chapters of this book are written to shed increased light on the placement of these events, but with a special emphasis on how they correlate to the seven seals and seven trumpet judgments. Thunder #3 is special in that it signals <u>the start</u> of this train of soon coming events and ongoing judgments that will increase in magnitude to the very end of time.

Thunder #3

As already made clear in chapter 9, by the time thunder #3 utters its voice, the "fire" or Holy Spirit has already been cast into the earth and the formation of the last remnant has begun. Thunder #2 announced the start of investigative judgment, beginning with the measuring of the church. Just as it was with the Jewish nation and the apostles at the time of Christ's first advent, while eternal decisions are being made for the woe of some, training has been quietly taking place for another movement and for new leadership to be born and replace the system that has so long been in place. The leaders of this movement are, by this time, both readied and empowered. For we are told "the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake." In the original language, this means that

fire was cast into the earth, and <u>the effects following</u> were a voice, <u>thunder</u>, lightning, and an earthquake. The thunder referred to must be thunder #3. What then does thunder #3 announce? It is announcing the beginning of the last battle; the gospel of the kingdom to the remainder of the world. Under thunder #2, the message has been: "<u>Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and</u> <u>them that worship therein</u>." But the measuring of the "outer court" or "remainder of the world" is not to take place until the completion of the seventy weeks granted to the professed Christian churches. "the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; <u>for it is</u> <u>given unto the Gentiles</u>" (Revelation 11:1, 2).

Thus thunder #3 announces the beginning of the judgment for those in the outer court. Simultaneous with its sounding, the Lamb begins to open the seven seals.

The First Three Seals

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one (the first) of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold <u>a white horse</u>: and He that sat on him had <u>a bow</u>; and <u>a crown</u> was given unto Him: and He went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Revelation 6:1, 2).

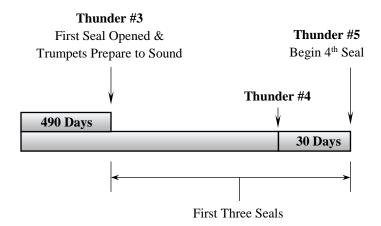
The first seal starts with the announcement of the last gospel work. Regarding the first four seals, the faces of the beasts depict the position of the church amidst the powers of earth at the time the seal is opened. The first beast had the face of a lion and this first seal represents the church going forth with the last message of mercy, bold as a lion. Christ is now seen leading forth a purified people (white horse) into the battle; with both power (a bow) and authority (a crown). He is the crowned Prince.

"And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out <u>another horse that was red</u>: and <u>power was given to him</u> that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword" (Revelation 6:3, 4).

The second beast has the face of a calf; an animal of slaughter. You have possibly heard of the "fatted calf". The power of the message being given under the first seal is enraging the wicked "and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth". The red horse represents the blood and carnage which is the result of the persecution, by the pagan power that sat thereon, against those going forth with the truth and who are living godly in Christ Jesus. And further, the text says "that they should kill one another". Here, it may be there is some civil war which brings about full military power. "A great sword", or great strength to war and fight, is given to the secular state governments, as they continue to prepare the way for the image beast to take action against the righteous.

"And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo <u>a</u> <u>black horse</u>; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine" (Revelation 6:5, 6).

The black horse represents a time of great moral and spiritual darkness. And the third beast has the face of a man. It looks like this represents unjust men possessing the power to hold other men in servitude; using their control over food and commodities in an effort to control the destiny of the people of God. Based on this effort, a declaration seems to come from heaven, promising to provide not only temporal food, but abundant grace and truth.



I think it well to interrupt this discussion of thunder #3 for a moment in order to lay a general foundation for the next part of our discussion – <u>the seven trumpets</u> (not to be confused with the seven thunders). Also to give information that conveys the importance of not dwelling in the cities; but of working them from outposts.

Destruction on the Cities

The destructive trumpet judgments are for the purpose of measuring the Gentiles, and part of the LORD's merciful plan to get people's attention before it is too late. We believe, as we will evidence in the next section, these desolating judgments will begin falling late in this year of 2022 or early in 2023. These are designed to bring men to repentance, and if not, they will surely bring all to a final decision.

"There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is <u>the</u> <u>time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn</u> <u>what is truth</u>. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, <u>while the door is closed to those who would not</u> <u>enter</u>. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time" (Review and Herald, July 5, 1906).

In prophecy, the sounding of trumpets is "used to denote the <u>downfall of some empire</u>, nation, or place, or some dreadful battle, which may decide the fate of empires, nations, or places. The prophet Amos says, 'Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?' Therefore we may reasonably conclude that a trumpet is the harbinger of destructive wars, and the dissolution of empires, states, or <u>the earth</u>, as the case may be" (Miller's Works, Vol.2, Lecture 8, pg. 115). It is not difficult to see this downfall and dissolution of the various ruling powers, in these last days, is largely dependent on the destruction of their wicked cities. Thus, we believe the trumpets are <u>God's destructive judgments</u> and these have their effect on the cities of the earth. I will simply quote:

"There are reasons why we should not build in the cities. <u>On these cities</u>, <u>God's judgments are soon to fall</u>."

"The angel that stood at my side then instructed me that but few have any conception of the wickedness existing in our world today, and especially the wickedness in the large cities. He declared that the Lord has appointed a time when <u>He will visit transgressors in</u> <u>wrath for persistent disregard of His law</u>. Terrible as was the representation that passed before me, that which impressed itself most vividly upon my mind was the instruction given in connection with it. ... The angel that stood by my side declared that God's supreme rulership, and the sacredness of His law, must be revealed to those who persistently refuse to render obedience to the King of kings. <u>Those who choose to remain disloyal</u>, <u>must be</u> <u>visited</u> <u>in mercy</u> <u>with judgments</u>, in order that, if possible, they may be aroused to a realization of the sinfulness of their course" (Letter 158, 1902; Testimonies, Volume 9, page 93).

"The time is near when large cities will be swept away, and <u>all should be warned of these coming judgments</u>" (Country Living, Page 8).

"O that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry" (Review and Herald, September 10, 1903).

The Seven Trumpets

"It is time for Thee, O LORD, to work: for they have made void Thy law!" (Psalm 119:126).

As seen under the previous heading, the seven trumpet plagues are seven peculiar and heavy judgments sent upon various people groups and powers of the earth. They begin during the rule of paganism, will continue through the reign of the beast and his image, and will ultimately reach to the end of time.

The seals have been showing us the position of the people of God among the last day powers of earth. As stated, the seven trumpets are destructive judgments. At the beginning, these trumpets will sound their warnings in mercy. They will serve to arouse the world to its need of repentance. But because of stubborn resistance, they also result in the weakening and overthrow (by Jehovah) of certain powers spoken of in prophecy; namely the "daily" and "abomination" powers. The first four trumpets, those which result in bringing down the "daily" or the 1215 day rule of "paganism", will have <u>their accomplishment under this power in the next couple of years</u>. The last three trumpets, trumpets #5-#7, which are called "woes", are very sore and heavy judgments. These three trumpets span the bringing down of the beast, his image, and finally Satan himself. These occur more in the last few years of this earth's history. Again, the trumpets largely do their work by either falling on or seriously effecting the wicked cities; the pride of their power.

Bible chronology gives us an anchor that we may know where we are in this earth's history, and the prophecies of Daniel 9 give us the more specific timing. We already learned the Spirit is poured out on the saints at the end of the 490 days, and Rev.8:2-7 taught us that it is not long after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and abandonment of the false churches that the trumpets begin to sound their warnings. Each trumpet blast is followed by its own destructive judgment. Chronology and prophecy are teaching us that momentous and catastrophic events are now within only a few months. If the reader is not there already, this chapter should soon confirm what is meant by an "overwhelming surprise".

The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the

Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. <u>Solemn events</u> before us are yet to transpire. <u>Trumpet after trumpet is to</u> <u>be sounded</u>, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us (Letter 112, 1890).

Friends, though not worldwide at first, greater destruction is coming. Destruction that will increase in intensity with the visitation of each judgment. And though there may be reprieves in between to prove the hearts of men, they will not lighten or cease until Jesus comes. Part of the reason for writing this book is to warn the reader to get spiritually and physically ready. Also to get your mental strength in place. Ask Jehovah to show you the way. Not the way that it <u>seems</u> like you should go, but the way you <u>really</u> should go; the way <u>He would have you to go</u>.

Once Satan pushes the button by establishing a false Sabbath (which he plans to <u>establish</u> using the secular state and then <u>enforce</u> by bringing the church to power), he knows he will have his hands full. He knows he must be ready to deceive the whole world, for he knows what God has said He will do. This is why the Sunday movement, that has been making its way in darkness, is so subtle, and has been so long a time coming. Once the rejection of God's law is confirmed, there is soon after going to break upon the world a massive and astonishing trouble. The armies have been gathering and preparing, the stage being set, and now the battle ensues. The conflict will escalate without stopping to the end of time. Apostasy will be followed by ruin.

With this general background on the trumpets, we will now go back and discuss the first three of these trumpets that occur under thunder #3.

The First Three Trumpets

"The first angel sounded, and there followed <u>hail</u> (cold) and <u>fire</u> (hot) mingled with <u>blood</u> (warm), and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up " (Revelation 8:7).

Based on history, this first judgment is sent for the destruction and dispersion of the offices, religious centers, and centers of worship of those religions who have professed to be representing God. But because they have bowed to paganism, He no longer recognizes them as His. It is sent on those systems of worship that are about to be abandoned during the first part of the judgment. I would expect these to fall largely and most heavily upon the facilities of those who have had an abundance of light and truth, bringing them to a state of unrecoverable ruin. Whatever these elements may look like, here is a phenomena. Hail and fire mingled with blood. Satan can garner the elements of nature and affect the weather, but it is against nature to have hail and fire come down together, and especially after first being mingled with blood. This is a judgment from heaven. Interesting choice of elements. <u>Cold</u> ice, <u>hot</u> fire, and mixed with <u>warm</u> blood. Sound familiar?

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, <u>I will spue thee out</u> <u>of My mouth</u>" (Revelation 3:15, 16).

The world is to be led to understand, based on the nature of this judgment and where it falls, that God's presence has left the lukewarm religious bodies. Their influence on the state has been key in the crucifixion of God's law, and He has spewed them out. The hail and fire of this plague is mingled with that which they have chosen: "lukewarm". They had neither chosen blatant sin (no religion at all) nor the pure article of righteousness (true commandment keeping). Because thou art neither hot nor cold, "*I will spew thee out of My mouth*". Here is evidence to the world, for those who will perceive it, of the abandonment of those apostate systems of worship on whom this destructive judgment falls. The reality will send a message. This plague will uncover the real and true state of those who had only "the appearance" of

green. They are seen as they are: subject to burning and now dry, dead, lifeless stubble. The burning of only "part" of the greenery indicates mercy still pleads.

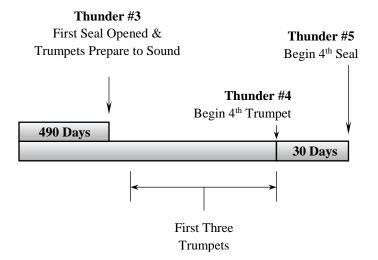
"And the second angel sounded, and as it were <u>a great</u> <u>mountain burning with fire</u> was <u>cast into the sea</u>: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed" (Revelation 8:8, 9).

This second trumpet is sent to warn those who have embraced and are continuing to embrace paganism. Pagan government, has by false means, taken command and asserted its dictatorial power over the people; mandating them, oppressing them, and taking many innocent lives. They have co-operated with deceived religionists to set up Sunday as a work-free day to help save a perishing earth. Here is a judgment which is to largely affect the proud and wicked seaport cities, their cargo ships, and their great centers of commerce. Apparently the domestic and military ships as well. The glory and rule of the corrupt secular state, whether local or worldwide, is sure to here receive a huge blow and be made to suffer loss and decline by this. Again, mercy is shown; the plague only affects the third part.

"And the third angel sounded, and <u>there fell a great</u> <u>star</u> from heaven, <u>burning as it were a lamp</u>, and <u>it fell</u> <u>upon the third part of the rivers</u>, and <u>upon the fountains</u>

<u>of waters</u>; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and <u>many men died of the waters</u>, <u>because they were made</u> <u>bitter</u>" (Revelation 8:10, 11).

This third trumpet, continues to quickly move matters toward the removal of paganism. This merciful judgment from God comes farther inland and falls upon the water supplies. Being a "great star" falling from the sky and burning like a torch, it is surely meant to be taken as a harbinger or message from heaven. Its name is wormwood. This judgment is again coming because of secular governments' continued and blatant the promotion of paganism, an open and blasphemous rejection of the divine law. As a result, the third part of the waters were made bitter; and many men die of the waters. That men may know that there is a God and He will work to vindicate His truth and His people, He sends death in the water. This time not merely the seaport cities are affected, but now the inland areas as well. Humans are dying. This judgment can be expected to especially accelerate the decline of the rule of paganism. The people see that God is not pleased with the order of things.



Chapter 11 **Taking Away the Daily** & Rise of the Image Beast

(Thunders #4 & #5)

Thunder #4

THUNDER #4 announces and starts the clock running on two time periods recorded by Daniel. The first one being 1290 days (30 days + 1260 days). The second one is a 1335 day period. The termination of this second period is particularly set before the eyes of the saints because it reaches to our deliverance on the Day of Atonement. This is when the momentous "never-ending blessing" is pronounced upon the finally faithful. You may remember from the discussion in chapter 3 that the 1335 days is one of the three periods which connect to the "jubilee" deliverance at the end of the 6000 year Bible chronology, both occurring on the same Day of Atonement. Having said all that, the first 30 days of the 1290 days will be the period under consideration in the first part of this chapter. This is the period spoken of in the Bible in which the power of paganism is interrupted. It is the period known as "the taking away of the "daily".

Thunder #4 Announces: "The Taking Away of the Daily"

The Bible calls the short 30 day transition time between thunders 4 & 5 the "*taking away of the daily*", meaning the decline of the secular state as having sole domination. The Bible thus depicts a short period of time during which unconcealed paganism is still in power, but rapidly declining. This 30 day period is included as the first part of the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11, leaving a 1260 day period for the image beast to be in power.

A non-Christian state has been bringing into our world a different condition of things. The population has been brought under ungodly oppression and nearly total control. Satan has been using paganism to prepare the way for church dominance, so that by the time the daily loses its influence over a secular minded people, they will have put in place all the necessary controls to make life difficult in the extreme for those who would obey God rather than men. Including a work-free Sunday in a supposed effort to protect the climate.

By this time, real freedom has passed away. Voting systems and elections have become a mere deception that is practiced on the people. The people have been placed on a digital currency, a system of social credit scores, a tracking system, and most have become fully dependent on the means and mercy of the government. A police state has been established, with snitching, spying, and espionage increasingly being practiced on one another. Souls are living in fear and reduced to being wards of the secular state. Private enterprise is, to the masses, fully ruined and out of reach. What had been high fuel and food prices, are now turned to poverty and famine. The upset to the elements of nature and climate have only intensified. The natural balance in our world is found quickly passing away. Plant and animal life are languishing, together with more and more people dying. And this, while the excuses, justifications, and lies soar out of proportion.

Ironically, all these things, the non-Christian and Christian-hating secularism powers of have accomplished for the church. They have merely been preparing the way for the image beast. Sunday has, at this point, been established for some time and the Sunday issue greatly agitated. The buying and selling is being closely monitored and controlled. The message regarding the true Sabbath, and that Sunday worship is the mark or sign of the beast power, has been producing an increased effect. And it is not hard to see that the state has been smoothing the way for the apostate church to resist the truth with more force. The 30 days of transition following thunder #4 begins the bloody change. Church dominance is on the way.

The Fourth Trumpet

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise" (Revelation 8:12).

The fourth trumpet is the last one to be sounded during the 1215 day reign of paganism. It brings about the full taking away of the already weakened influence of secularism. This fourth plague is yet another merciful call to turn from a violation of God's law. But instead of repenting, the people now being influenced by apostate religionists, abandon any remaining allegiance to the pagan state and demand that power be handed to a paganized church.

It should not be difficult to see that according to the timing of the prophecies, we are racing toward solemn, stupefying, and even deadly events. Since this fourth trumpet is the judgment that finally brings down the "daily" power, this places it in early spring of 2024 (2023 according to the Biblical year). Power is now given to the church "by reason of transgression". In other words the world blames secular paganism, with all its unholy and sinful practices, for these judgments. There is an outcry by the people, "we need to get back to God". They have been acutely feeling the results of the devastation that has

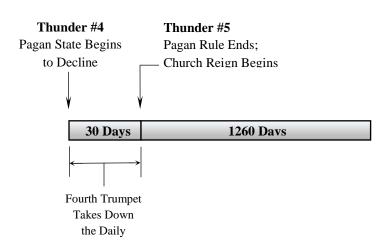
followed the other trumpet warnings; and now with this fourth one they are heard crying out to undergo a transition, clamoring for a new program. The desecration of Sunday by the true people of God is also being blamed for these judgments of Jehovah. It is at this point that the image beast is given life and the church rises to power. Thus, this fourth trumpet finally brings about the "taking away" of paganism; it accomplishes the taking away of those in power who were magnifying strictly secular lifestyles and exercising state control toward nature worship.

Think about what the judgments associated with the first four trumpets have in common. We have seen that they have hit their targets when sinful secularism and non-Christian earth worshipers are in power. Sunday has been promoted based on saving the planet - and this, in violation of God's Ten Commandments. Pagans are nature worshipers, and these first four judgments are all falling on nature: the green grass and trees, the sea, the rivers and fountains, and finally this last one on the sun, moon, and stars. "The third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise." The text seems to indicate that not only are these great bodies only partially working, but working only part of the time. We all know when things only

partially work and work only part of the time, it causes problems; but when the sun and moon and stars are broken?! This is a very serious judgment, and very fitting that it is chosen to finally take this already weakened power down. God is indirectly communicating with a pagan and wayward world by these things. They are a merciful call to put away all paganism; to yield to His everlasting covenant, with its original terms given at Sinai, and keep all the commandments of God. Plainly stated, it is an appeal to worship on the seventh day Sabbath and also to keep the statutes and judgments associated with that day

As it was in the days of Noah, Jehovah is still seeking to awaken a long deceived world to the fact that they have been, and still are, trampling upon His law and government. All these things are a merciful call to arouse individuals, in connection with the warning messages being given by the saints, to see and feel their danger and need of repentance for a violation of God's Covenant. It is a call to arouse them to come to Him, allow Him to work His work, be purified, and to be filled with His Spirit.

When this short period of "taking away the daily" has passed, taxes and tribute to the church will soar. The mandates to which the people had become more accustomed under <u>state rule</u>, will only increase exponentially under <u>ecclesiastical rule</u>. During the upcoming reign of the image beast, the apostate church will perform its work as faithfully as did the pagan state. And it will take an even more blasphemous step and prepare the way for placing the prince of darkness (though he appears as an angel of light) on the throne of this world. The good news is, at least while grace still pleads, the 1260 day reign of the church following thunder #5 will be yet another chance for honest souls to see the real issues involved and act accordingly. The battle is real and it is for sure escalating by this point.



Thunder #5

Thunder #5 announces the commencement of a $3 \frac{1}{2}$ year time period written within Daniel's little book, when the saints will again be given into the hand of persecution. This important period is recorded in Chapter 7, verse 25: "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." This 3 1/2 year time period correlates to the rise of the apostate churches and return of the Papacy to power (see Revelation 13:5). The Bible teaches that the now fallen Protestant churches, who form the image of the beast, will combine their power with the first beast and with Satan. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:16, 17).

Daniel 7 calls the papal power a "little horn". Daniel 8 also calls the apostate Protestant churches a "little horn", and no matter how good it may be made to appear, it is also called the "<u>transgression</u> of desolation" (Daniel 8:13). Revelation simply calls these two powers the "beast" and "the image of the beast". Daniel 12 terms the two as the power that "takes away the daily" and "sets up the abomination of desolation". As discussed, the pagan

power made the way for this power. And this apostate church power will reign 1260 days, 42 months, or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years. Who cannot see that the power of blatant secularism will "backlash" or "swing back", giving a reign of tyranny to the church; and that when the church assumes power, it will bring the secular state under its sway? The result of this could be summed up in one phrase: a new and unprecedented level of persecution will fall on the saints. "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:7). "And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (Daniel 8:24). "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" (Daniel 7:25).

Since the end of the seventy weeks, with the aid of the trumpet judgments, the third message has been growing in effect. The time is now approaching for the third message to be given with flaming glory and unsurpassed power. Simultaneously with the fourth and fifth seals and the first two woes - the fifth and sixth trumpets - the final warning is to be given to all that dwell on the earth ... to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. The time for final decisions will soon draw to a close. Get ready!

"A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" (Proverbs 14:16; 22:3).

The Fourth Seal

"And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the <u>fourth beast</u> say, come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth" (Revelation 6:7, 8).

Thunder #5 announces the opening of this fourth seal. It is opened at the time the church or ecclesiastical power begins to reign. The pale horse is named death, and hell (the grave) followed. This shows us plainly that the church has entered its 1260 day reign and it is to have the ascendency over one fourth of the earth during the opening of this seal. The phrase "power was given unto him", together with the appearance of the fourth beast that is saying "come and see" shows conclusively that this power on the pale horse is one and the same as the power mentioned in Revelation 13. "The dragon gave

him his power" "<u>power was given unto him</u> to continue forty and two months" "and it was given him to make war with the saints" "power was given to him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:2, 5, 7). Power is given to the rider under the fourth seal to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death; meaning the most cruel and bloody means of torture that will ever be imposed upon our world; the most excruciating torments that such an inquisition can devise. "And with the beasts of the earth". This needs no explanation.

But again, the opening of this seal must be at the beginning of the 1260 day reign of the image beast of Revelation 13. For the symbolic appearance of the fourth beast around the throne "was like a flying eagle". This fitly represents the position of the church at the time this seal is opened. "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." (Revelation 12:14).

The Fifth Seal

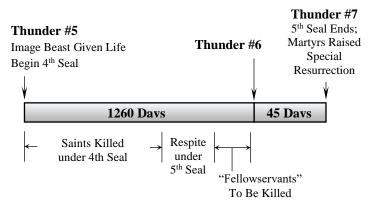
"And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Rev. 6:9-11).

Here there is not a beast to say come and see. This is for good reason. At the opening of this seal, the church has not changed her position, she is still in the wilderness. Thus she is yet under persecution by this same anti-Christian power. And this fifth seal, like the fourth, happens during the reign of the beast and image beast of Revelation 13.

But there appears to be <u>a little respite</u> enjoyed by the church. Here John sees under the altar the company of "them that were slain for the word of God" and "the testimony which they held". Notice how these are wanting their blood avenged on those who "dwell" on the earth at the time this fifth seal is opened. This would seem to indicate they died under the faith of the third angel's message during the fourth seal and the rider of the pale horse. These who are crying were killed during the first part of the 3 ½ year reign of the image beast. They are symbolically crying out to see justice done; but they are assured of salvation, given white robes, and told it will be a little longer before they can be resurrected. Why? Because more last day saints, their "brethren" and "fellowservants", are yet to be killed. And it is only a "little" longer because the plagues are about to fall and both groups will come up in the special resurrection.

Before this time the image beast has come to life, the papal church has recovered its lost dominion, and another strong angel (Rev.18:1) has come down from heaven and joined the third angel. When the fifth seal we have under discussion is opened, this strong angel is about to be joined with yet another voice: "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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4, 5). This is the final warning and last call to the inhabitants of earth. The remaining respondents who will yet make their decision in favor of the kingdom, are hurried out of the doomed churches; the judgment of the living is about to close.

"When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon" (Bible Commentary, Volume 7, pg.968).



Many have said to us, "all these things are side issues"; "do not concern yourself"; "what we need to do is to preach the three angel's messages"; "stay with the present truth". How deceived! Please, we urgently beg you to wake up! Can it not be seen in this study how the final warning gives fresh impetus to these three messages? How can the message to "fear God... for the hour of His judgment is come" be more solemn and powerful than when announcing the judgment of the living? (Thunder #2). How can the message that "Babylon is fallen" be more applicable than when the churches have taken a complete moral fall and been abandoned? (Thunder #3). And especially, how can the message "If any man worship the beast and his image" he will "drink of the wine of the wrath of God" be any more earth shaking and terrifying than when the image of the beast has become viciously alive and the plagues are looming just around the corner? (Thunder #5).

Trumpet #5

"And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, <u>Woe, woe, woe,</u> <u>to the inhabiters of the earth</u> by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!" (Revelation 8:13).

From the foregoing verse we conclude the obvious. These last three trumpets are miserable afflictions. Before they are finished, they will have garnered the last takers into the kingdom of heaven. And further, the first two of these woes will take down the papal and image beast, removing them from power. The last woe will break the power of Satan himself. The *"angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice"* should be a clear sign to us that these trumpet woes are warning messages that <u>we</u> are to be giving to the world. But how can you effectively give it if you know nothing about their timing? Who will be foolish enough to warn that these destructions are *imminent* if you know nothing of "when" they will occur?

"And the fifth angel sounded, and <u>I saw a star fall from</u> <u>heaven unto the earth</u>: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and <u>the sun and the air were darkened</u> by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power,

as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold. there соте hereafter" two woes more (Revelation 9:1-12).

Whatever these creatures may be or represent, they are sent on a mission to arrest the attention of the violators of God's law. The star that lights down on the earth is given

the key to open up what seems like a furnace of depthless chaos and affliction. Smoke is released and there appears a horror of darkness that obscures the sun and air. And out of the smoke comes stinging locusts. These have been given authority, they look intelligent, and they are ready for battle. They can bite, but they themselves are protected. They fly together in groups, moving swiftly onward to do their appointed work. They have stingers like scorpions and they are given authority by their king to torment and hurt humans for five months "and their power was to hurt men five months, but not kill them. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." These creatures are instructed not to hurt the greenery but only those who have not the seal of God. Then it is safe to teach that the angel given rule over the bottomless pit and who is instructing the locusts has the ability to recognize and read the seal of God. This angel of the bottomless pit, or properly, that is given rule over the pit and its creatures, is a holy angel because they are the only ones that have such ability. We know Satan and the evil angels cannot discern the seal, for we read: Satan "sees that holy angels are guarding" the saints "but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above" (The Great Controversy, 1888. pg.618). In other words, Satan himself cannot tell the righteous have been sealed.

The name of this angel "in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon". This word means "destroying angel". Then we conclude that he is the destroying angel of God. Notice, "What is the seal of the living God, which is placed in the foreheads of His people? It is a mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read; for the destroying angel must see this mark of redemption" (Letter 126, 1898). Only holy angels can see that "the intelligent mind has seen the sign of the cross of Calvary in the Lord's adopted sons and daughters. The sin of the transgression of the law of God is taken away" (Ibid.) and "The angel with the writer's ink horn is to place a mark upon the foreheads of all who are separated from sin and sinners, and the destroying angel follows this angel (Letter 12, 1886). "It is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved" (Manuscript 173, 1902).

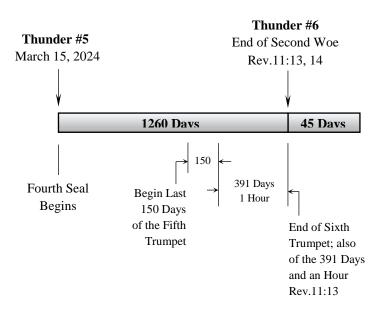
Trumpet #6

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in <u>the great river</u> <u>Euphrates</u>. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. *By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire,* and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Revelation 9:13-21).

Here is the final call. It is the last warning and the last judgment prepared to garner in additional souls. The tiding bearers have reached their limit of influence upon the souls of earth. They are now reaching to the very limits and border of the Promised Land. The duration of this last call and merciful plague is 391 days and one hour. Here is a true "definite time", for it is given to the very hour. The end of this period we believe is marked by thunder #6 at the end of the 1260 days (see Revelation

11:13, 14). The period begins when the four angels are loosed out of the great river Euphrates. At this time a massive body of troops (200 million) appear which are to slay one third of humans. It is the fire, smoke, and brimstone that proceeds out of the lion-like heads of the horses that are used to do the killing. It seems the riders upon the horses are protected. Their flaming breastplates are made out of the same material that is being used as weaponry to kill and destroy literally billions of humans. The horses' tails (which have heads like serpents) are used to hurt the remaining two-thirds of mankind that have not repented, but continue to refuse to keep the true commandments of God. Again, the slaving of only one third is a sign that mercy still pleads. It is a sign of God's willingness to save those who might not be totally hardened or who might yet repent. However this time, the results are in. The Scripture makes clear that the final decisions are made. The living have by this time been judged. The two thirds remaining, that were hurt but not killed, repented not: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. The work for souls is finished.

No further dissertation will here be made regarding trumpets #5 and #6; the first two "woes". Let it suffice to say that they will explain themselves, that they are <u>very</u> <u>severe</u> judgments, and they will accomplish the task of taking down and removing the apostate churches from power, just as the first four trumpets weakened and took down the secular or pagan states. According to history, the first two woes covered nearly the entire period of the reign of the church; causing enough distraction and destruction to allow the message to keep going forward. We would expect the same in this last 1260 days.



Chapter 12

The Personation of Christ by Satan and the Deliverance (Thunder #6 & #7)

THUNDER #6 announces the beginning of the period from Daniel's little book known as the last 45 days. The "beginning" of this period is one and the same with the "end" of the 1260 day reign of the apostate churches. This 45 days is very simply arrived at by taking the difference between the 1335 days of Daniel 12:11 that extend to the deliverance, and the 1290 days of Daniel 12:12 which only extend to the setting up of the abomination of desolation.

There are multiple events that take place around this time; the sealing, the close of probation, the blotting out of sins, Christ leaving the sanctuary and the seven last plagues; also the death decree, the time of Jacob's trouble, Satan being allowed to try and tempt the saints "to the uttermost", and many more. Should time and life permit, and Jesus direct, we hope at some point soon to do a small booklet on the last 45 days. Our first purpose here, however, will be to simply show that, according to Jesus Christ, Daniel, and Ellen White, thunder #6 is heralding the crowning act of idolatry; Satan's last act in the drama.

The Personation of Jesus Christ by Satan The End of the 1290 Days and the Beginning of the Last 45 Days

"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" (Daniel 12:11).

This is a sad ending to many offers of mercy. The church commits the ultimate sin. They put Satan in the place of Christ: "And they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate" (Dan.11:31). Here is Ellen White's testimony that this "<u>abomination that maketh desolate</u>", being fully set up or standing in the holy place (this last idol being placed before the people to be worshiped and which causes the final desolation) - <u>is Satan personating Jesus Christ</u>.

"Satan sees that he is about to lose his case. He cannot sweep in the whole world. He makes one more, last, desperate effort to overcome the faithful by deception. He does this in personating Christ He clothes himself with the garments of royalty which have been accurately described in the vision of John." "<u>His disguise is</u> <u>discerned by none but those who are established in the</u> <u>Scriptures and acquainted with the word of God</u>."... "One effort more, and then Satan's last device is employed. He hears the unceasing cry for Christ to come, for Christ to deliver them (the saints). <u>This last strategy</u> is to personate Christ and make them (the saints) think their prayers are answered. But this answers to the last closing work, <u>the abomination of desolation standing in</u> <u>the holy place</u>" (Manuscript 16, 1884).

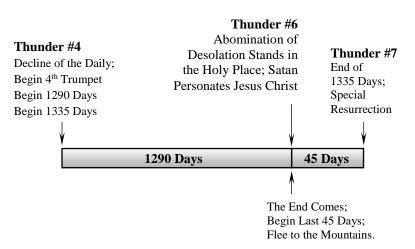
The subject verse, Daniel 12:11, tells us plainly when this event occurs. From the time the "daily" or secular power began to decline at thunder #4 until the abomination that maketh desolate is set up (fully standing in the holy place), is 1290 days. "From the time that the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

This blasphemous act takes place and corresponds in time, according to Daniel's little book, to the end of the 3 1/2 year reign of the church and also the beginning of the last 45 days (See Chart on page 170). Jesus confirms this 1290 day time period as marking "the end" by directly referring to Daniel. He also refers to this end as being a short span of time after the abomination is set up.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall <u>the end</u> come. <u>When ye</u> <u>therefore</u> <u>shall see the</u> <u>abomination of desolation</u>, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, <u>stand in the holy place</u>, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea <u>flee into</u> <u>the mountains</u>: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:14-16, 21, 22).

The gospel of the kingdom has done its work. Every case is decided. Jesus is telling us by referring to the words of Gabriel "when ye <u>therefore</u> (because the end is come) "shall see the abomination of desolation" "standing in the holy place" at the end of the "thousand two hundred and ninety days" "spoken of by Daniel the prophet"... it is time to "flee into the mountains". Well, the end must be a short span of time, because when it arrives we are told to flee. According to the text it is a short period of time that begins with the termination of the 1290 days "spoken of by Daniel the prophet". It begins when the abomination of desolation is fully set up, when the personation of Christ by Satan has commenced.

Daniel 12 gives us the length of this "end" being referred to by Jesus. Again, it is the 45 days that spans between the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11 and the 1335 days of Daniel 12:12, when the people of God are at last delivered. This must be the meaning of our text, for Jesus says whoso readeth Daniel, "*let him understand*". And Daniel wrote, "*The wise shall understand*" that "*the abomination that maketh desolate*" would be fully set up at the end of "*a thousand two hundred and ninety days*." Jesus has made it plain that "the end" is <u>a span of time</u>; because when it comes, there is still a short period of desolation and a time of fleeing. This abomination standing "in the holy place" is the final signal to flee into the mountains. At that point there will be absolutely no safety in any city, town, or even village. Ellen White has told us that Satan's personation of Christ "*answers to*" or "**corresponds to**" the same abominable event as spoken of by our LORD. And Daniel 12 tells us "when" this event happens. Regarding this event we are warned - "*go not forth*" to see him.



In summary of the point, the personation of Christ by Satan, also termed the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place happens precisely at the end of the 1290 days and beginning of the last 45 days. This timing is according to Daniel's "little book", as derived from Daniel 12:11, 12. This wicked act corresponds to the announcement of thunder #6. By this time, the trumpet plagues are drawing to a close and the vial plagues are poured out, unmixed with mercy. It has been shown that the wicked did not repent while being offered extended mercy, and now it must be seen that neither will they turn their hearts under unrelenting justice.

We also see from the earlier statement by Ellen White, during this same 45 day period comes the final device of Satan in his 6000 year battle against the saints; his last quest for full jurisdiction of the earth.

The Battle

The great controversy between Christ and Satan is raging. Both sides are now being made ready for that short period of time and last decisive encounter we have had under discussion. Knowing his time is short, Satan is gone forth with wrathful urgency, to deceive the whole world; especially as it pertains to the law of God, the government of God, and the worship of God. At the same time, Jehovah is setting in motion that which, for nearly 6000 years, He has been laying the foundation for. God moving toward of has been a re-creation the circumstances of man before the fall. "When Christ cried, "It is finished," ... God bowed His head satisfied. ... He could be just, and yet the justifier of all who should believe on Christ. He looked upon the victim expiring on the cross, and said, "It is finished. <u>The human race shall</u> <u>have another trial</u>" (Manuscript releases, Vol.12, Page 409).

Christ has made every provision for reclaiming our lost dominion of this earth. Not only has He provided salvation to the faithful of the past and present, at the very end of time there is to be *"another trial"*. He has paid the price for a re-test. By His creative power, He is bringing a people back to the place where they fully reflect the moral image of Jesus Christ. Then, with no Mediator, and with heaven already empty of resources for the salvation of mankind, He will allow Satan to tempt and <u>try</u> mankind (filled with Jesus Christ) with all the outward cunning and inward rage he has. To come to them as he came to Adam and Eve in Eden. The controversy is raging, and Satan is desperate to maintain the dominion over this earth which He gained at Adam's fall.

Before this <u>trial</u>, we must be <u>made white</u> by the rich and comprehensive infilling of the Holy Spirit. And before we can have this infilling, we must have our hearts cleansed (<u>purified</u>) of every defilement. When the prophet Daniel asked "what" was to take place at the very end of time, the answer came back, "<u>Many shall be purified</u>, and <u>made white</u>, and <u>tried</u>; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:10). Being "*purified*" means getting the bad out (habitual sinning, pride, selfishness, and love of the world). Being "*made white*" is getting the good in (by receiving the Spirit and mind of Christ). And the "trial" comes to test the soul (whether the soul is settled forever into righteousness). This full plan or sequence of growth in the experience of those who shall live to the end and final deliverance, must take place on earth before the sanctuary in heaven will be cleansed; before the sins will be fully removed from it, Christ's work there be finished, and the High Priest come forth to pronounce the final blessing on His people (Daniel 12:12). It is thunder #2 that announces the beginning of this 2300 day time period and it spans the full process mentioned.

Time is short. The final warning is about to be given. The virgins are asleep. Some with oil. Some without. We encourage you to do all in your power to get this message out; with a heart filled with Divine love, to mercifully and confidently tell others that we have come to the closing work of judgment and are now rapidly approaching the end of the world.

Thunder #7

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets" (Revelation 10:7).

Thunder #7 marks the end of the 45 days, the 1335 days, the 2300 days, and the beginning of the jubilee deliverance on the Day of Atonement in 2027. The deliverance this thunder is proclaiming happens on the very day it utters its voice. There are in fact a series of events that happen on this day: the deliverance, the special resurrection, the faces of the saints are lighted up and shine as the brightness of the firmament, the voice of God is heard giving the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and the never ending blessing is pronounced on those who have kept the true Sabbath.

Description of the Deliverance

"It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked looked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their <u>deliverance</u>. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. ... There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had <u>died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the</u> <u>Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds</u>, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.

The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the neverending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image.

<u>Then commenced the jubilee</u>, when the land should rest" (Early Writings, pg. 285, 286).

Thunder #7 is the one which marks the foregoing events and the commencement of this great jubilee deliverance. This is the point at which the time mysteries the seven thunders uttered from Daniel's "little book" are finished. And the subject Bible text has connected the completion of these mysterious announcements as being in the days when the seventh trumpet begins to sound.

The Seventh Trumpet

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever... And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and <u>the time of the dead</u>, <u>that they should be judged</u>, and that Thou shouldest give <u>reward unto Thy servants the prophets</u>, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and <u>shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth</u>. ... and <u>there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and</u> <u>an earthquake, and great hail</u>" (Rev. 11:15, 18, 19).

This last trumpet, like thunder #7, is connected with the deliverance and special resurrection at the end. From what we learned in the last chapter, the promise given under the fifth seal also reaches to this deliverance; for the saints under the altar cried "How long, O Lord, holy and true, <u>dost thou not judge</u> and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10). It is here at the sounding of this seventh trumpet they cease their rest or sleep, for it is proclaimed in our subject Scripture that "His wrath is come" and "the time of the dead <u>that they should be judged</u>"; and at this same time He destroys "<u>them which destroy the earth</u>" using "great hail". This judging or giving justice to the dead is the special resurrection in fulfillment of the promise made to those who died in the faith of the third angel. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth ... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13). They come forth out of their dusty beds, together with the prophet Daniel, to hear the never ending blessing upon His faithful covenant keeping people.

The seventh trumpet also seems to correlate with the seventh plague: "<u>And there were voices, and thunders,</u> <u>and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake</u>, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God ... every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a **great hail** out of heaven ... and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great" (Revelation 16:18-21).

The entire kingdom of Satan is crumbled. The last plague is now finishing its work. Some are experiencing Jehovah's wrath and others are being delivered. Surely this is not a good time to be outside of God's protection. The sixth and seventh seal are opened after this deliverance and occur in relation to the Second Coming.

The Sixth Seal

The opening of the sixth seal seems to mark the first signs of the second coming. At the seventh thunder and special resurrection, some of the wicked were raised. These were some of the most violent opposers of His truth and His people. At that time the "temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament" (Revelation 11:19). This had spoken remorse and despair mixed with the horror of coming severity and wrath to the transgressors of the law. At the same time the delivered saints, having been given the day and hour, were seen looking forward with joy to the personal coming of the Son of man and meeting their King.

But now the sixth seal is opened and the signs of the Son of God's approach begin to be seen. Those who only a little before had been mocking, reproaching, and clamoring for the blood of the remaining saints, begin to anticipate the second appearing. The sixth seal witnesses to the sure terror of the wicked and those left unrepentant, of whom, long before this Satan had taken entire control.

"And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was <u>a great earthquake</u>; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:12-17).

The Seventh Seal

"And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was <u>silence in heaven</u> about the space of half an hour" (Revelation 8:1).

Here is the seventh seal. It is opened at the time of the second coming. I need make no comment. Here are a couple from the faithful of the past:

Ellen White on the Seventh Seal

"Soon our eyes were drawn to the east, for a small black cloud had appeared ... upon it sat the Son of man. His hair was white and curly and lay on His shoulders; and upon His head were many crowns. His feet had the appearance of fire; in His right hand was a sharp sickle; in His left, a silver trumpet. His eyes were as a flame of fire, which searched His children through and through. Then all faces gathered paleness, and those that God had rejected gathered blackness. Then we all cried out, "Who shall be able to stand? Is my robe spotless?" Then the angels ceased to sing, and <u>there was some time of awful</u> <u>silence</u>" (Early Writings, pg.15).

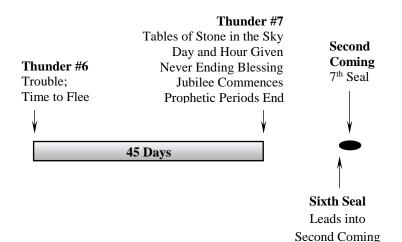
William Miller on the Seventh Seal

"And now, we only wait for the last seal to open. 'And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.' ... when God arises up to the prey ... and when the Son of Man shall come in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, then will all flesh be silent before Him. And it is reasonable to suppose that the whole universe of rational beings who may be permitted to witness that grand scene, will be so filled with wonder and awe at the sight of the glory of God, that they will be silent. Then, too, will the redeemed souls, while the great Judge is separating them from the wicked, while they are rising to meet their Lord in the air, be silent. ... They will, like the children of Israel, stand still, (be silent) and see the salvation of God. And the wicked world, who have scoffed at the idea of Christ's second coming, who have said, "Where is the

promise of his coming?" and laughed and ridiculed the servants of Christ, who have cried to them, in their midnight revels, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," will be silent. Then will those servants who have "said in their hearts, My Lord delayeth his coming," and "begin to beat and bruise their fellow-servants," who have proclaimed His coming, "and to eat and drink with the drunken," be silent. Then, too, will all the false prophets, who have cried Peace, peace, when there was no peace, be silent, when they see the frowns of an angry judge whom they have disregarded. Then shall those who have promised the wicked life, though he should not turn from his wickedness, be silent. Then, every one found in that great assembly, when the Son of Man shall come in the clouds, and all the holy angels with Him, and all the saints who have slept, and all nations then shall be gathered before Him, and every eve shall see him; then, I say, will everyone found in this vast multitude, not having on the wedding garment, be silent; for the Scripture says, "He was <u>speechless</u>."

"And now, my dear friends, what say you? Have you wept much to know whether your names are written in the Lamb's book of life? "Weep not," for "behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah hath prevailed to open the book." And He says, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before his angels. Therefore, "rejoice, because your names are written in heaven," says the dear Savior."

But you, my impenitent friends, who have never wept, nor confessed your sins to God, who have been more anxious to have your names written in the book of fame, of worldly honor, of the riches of this world, than in the book of life, remember, you too will weep <u>when all</u> <u>heaven is silent--when the last seal is broken--then you</u> <u>will see the book</u>, and your name blotted out. Then you will weep and say, "Once, my name was there; I had a day of probation; life was proffered; but I hated instruction, I despised reproof, and my part is taken from the book of life. Farewell, happiness, farewell, hope! Amen" (William Miller's works, 1842, Volume 2, pgs. 188, 189).



Closing Words

"And (the mighty Angel) cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices" (Revelation 10:3).

The Bible teaches that sealed in Daniel's little book was a divinely inspired cluster of prophetic periods that were to remain there until some climactic point in the future, near the very end of time. We have now come to that crisis time. The figures are in. The powers of darkness are reaching their height, the Mighty Angel has roared "as when a lion roareth", and in response the seven thunders have begun to speak. They are announcing the critical points of Daniel's prophetic periods as they correspond to very solemn last day events. The promise is being fulfilled to us regarding Daniel's unsealed prophecies that "knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4).

The Mighty Angel

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. The <u>lion hath roared</u>, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:7, 8).

The mighty Angel has made His loud cry. It is time to "fear God". It is time for judgment. Those who "dwell"

on the earth, those "living" in this present world are now being measured. The Angel's tremendous roar is causing the earth to shake at its very foundation. Who will not pay attention? Who will not fear? The "Lord GOD" has spoken. Who can but prophesy? We have been learning that the seven thunders have already begun to obediently utter their voices from Daniel's little book. When Jesus cried out, they could not help but prophesy! And shall we refuse to prophesy? All who hear this mighty roar and who fear, all who understand the prophecies the seven thunders are disclosing, are indebted and called to give these messages to the world.

Secularism has now seized power. The closing work of character investigation has already begun, starting with the professed churches. If the jubilee end date (autumn 2027) set forth in the book "Light for the Wise" is correct (we have examined it for error in every way we know how), the writer is convinced that the mighty Angel has made His command and in response the seven voices have already begun to thunder forth the prophetic periods in connection with last day events. We are convinced that we are now approaching the conclusion of thunder #2 (late October, 2022), which gives us the timing for one of the most thrilling events in the history of the 6000 years. Within a few days of the publishing of this book, our great Prince, the root of David, is about to receive the book sealed with seven seals and be anointed to take His

kingdom and sit on His throne. Quickly following, the law is to be crucified by those who claim to keep it. The professed Christian churches will take that inglorious step that completes their moral fall, bringing an end to the first phase of the judgment. Their time of probation is then ended and two groups are formed. The churches are bypassed by God; and the prepared saints, being Spirit filled, enter into the final work as they are led forth to give the last warning to those in the outer court. All of these events must and will yet occur. And following shortly after these, trouble and destruction is to come on the earth. The first three seals are opened and the early trumpets bring down secularism. Then power is given for the setting up of the image beast, which will be accompanied by its own set of seals and trumpet woes, including two periods of lethal persecution with a little time of peace between them; and all this leading to the personation of Christ by Satan and the seven last plagues. Brethren, "the Lion hath roared. Who will not fear? The LORD God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

A Warning

"Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and <u>warn</u> them from Me" (Ezekiel 33:7).

This book is written as a warning to all who will listen. It is a watchman to awaken those who will be awakened as to where we are in the stream of time. The end of all things is moving toward us in stealth. None should feel they are too grounded to be deceived, but should trust fully in Jesus, hanging on to Him with a white knuckle grip. Being in obedient "covenant relation" with Jesus Christ is our only hope of getting the victory and realizing eternal life.

Thousands know the end is near, but "The Roar of the Mighty Angel", in connection with the book "Light for the Wise" is showing that "time" is much farther along than even these honest observers may think. Be warned! Life is continuing on for most in its unvarying round. People seem utterly unable to meet the headwind produced by occupation and career ties; or especially longstanding family or church ties. Anything and everything is presenting itself. The commitment to make changes and spend more time in the Word or quickly situate oneself in an advantageous and ready position for what is ahead seems so often to evaporate, suddenly giving way to adverse domestic, filial, and emotional pulls and influence. Many will be lost because of no more than tradition and pride. The Jews in A.D. 27 knew not the time of their visitation. They were told not to believe the seventy week time prophecy being preached by Christ and His disciples. So it is today. But God is now warning all. Time is to no longer be an assumed commodity. There is an end. "Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of My words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 12:27, 28). In harmony with the above, this book is written to open the eyes of the blind. Again, it is to give those without food and water, who are hungering and thirsting because they have been too long amidst dead forms and ceremonial religion, a chance to see where we are in this earth's history. The conviction must fall that if the end and deliverance is 5 years away, we are in the thick of it and nearing the point of no return now! Today and every passing day hereafter is a day of important decisions! Read Daniel. Read Revelation. These last day "judgment of the living" decisions are not easily made in haste or in too limited a time.

Honestly, as you have read this book, how much time do you think we have before God bypasses those who claim to be His? Is it not dawning on the mind that so very many are lagging behind, hesitating to make the necessary changes, hanging on to this world and also to their local churches; groups that God is within days, about to abandon? We are in the end already! It has already begun! The first of God's last remnant are about to be chosen. The destructive judgments are but a few months away. And it should appear plain to the careful reader that rejecting truth now is lethal.

"<u>The time of God's destructive judgments is the time</u> 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" (Letter 103, 1903, p. 4).

Within a short period, the churches are going to fall and Christ is going to take the reins into His own hands. "Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning...God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking <u>the reins</u> in His own hands" (Testimonies to Ministers, pg. 300).

And it is the reins of that white horse (His purified and Spirit-filled ones) at the opening of the first seal that He is going to lead forth conquering and to conquer. While men sleep, thinking they are secure in the churches and the world, the end is coming upon them as an overwhelming surprise. Are you going about a daily routine or are you pleading to receive an enlistment into God's last day army? Is God's service first and His work the work of your life? Many will soon say, "You knew all this was coming, why didn't you tell us?" The reason will be clear. Their knowledge was ignorance. They didn't believe the prophecies and therefore they didn't know "when" it was coming! They didn't tell the ones asking because they weren't sure; because they couldn't tell them with confidence. They were not only ignorant, but proud of what they *thought* they knew. Unless such repent and humble down, they will be lost.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee" (Hosea 4:6). Some who will read this book have read the book "Light for the Wise". And many of them believe the 6000 year chronology presented in that book. They believe we are for sure racing up on the end of time and that the end date is very likely in autumn of 2027. But there are few who believe in a literal (day equals 24 hours) application of <u>all</u> of Daniel's prophetic periods at the end; that the layout cemented in history is a model or shadow picture of last day events.

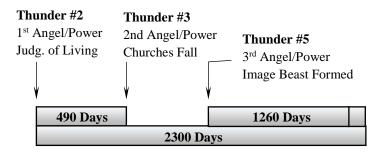
Others have a "wait and see" mindset. I warn you. God wants you to believe His Word. Many with this mindset are waiting to see the Sunday law, a catastrophic event, or some other manifestation of supernatural power before they will be convinced. They think when these things happen, it will tell them everything; "then we will know", they say, "that last day events are beginning". Poor souls. Satan is not destitute of intellect or reason. He is not called the deceiver without good reason. By the time Sunday becomes obvious, many will see that they did not know God's truth very well after all. They have been rejecting it and trading it for an empty religion. I pray there will still be time for them to get ready and be ready.

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; <u>if thou dost not speak to warn</u> the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but <u>his</u> <u>blood will I require at thine hand</u>"

The Three Angels

How can we effectively warn the wicked in the final remnant of time if we do not know what is about to happen or where we are in the stream of time? Christ knew exactly where He stood in the world's history, and so it should be and will be among his last day followers. It is a serious thing that the blood of the wicked will be charged upon certain ones for being proud religionists and not watchmen. When could it possibly be more important to take heed and warn the wicked, than when he is <u>running out of time</u>?

Those who have gone before us, using the day/year principle, had to find the beginning point for these prophetic periods. They were looking for the endpoint. But the last generation must have the endpoint, because they need to understand ahead of time when these events are going to begin. And then, when they are going to occur all along the way. I ask again, "How can one possibly warn the inhabitants of the world and their cities regarding the judgment of the living, the fall of the churches, and image beast, if you do not know where to place anything in the stream of time?" The three angel's messages are not generic. They are to have life. They have specific applications in the last days, just as they did in the mid-1800's. Below are the three angel's messages as they relate to our day.



I ask the third time, "How can we effectively warn the world of the trumpet plagues or vial plagues if we don't know "when" they happen in harmony with the last day timing framework given us of God?"

Invitation to the Covenant

In conclusion, this book has been written to warn all: high and low, rich and poor, free and bond; to warn the supposedly righteous as well as the wicked from the error of his ways. It is to expose popular delusions; to give a fresh, present day, and "living" emphasis to the three angels of Revelation 14. It is especially to lift up our Prince, the mighty Angel, as a kind and gracious Captain. And finally to show the beauty of the everlasting covenant; to magnify the sacred and flaming luster of commandments, laws, Jehovah's statutes. and judgments. Don't you, reader, long to be selfless; constantly filled with solemn, speechless joy; to have a heart filled with the Divine love and to have all you do spring forth naturally and spontaneously from such a heart?! With such a happy life and existence, the angels of heaven barely knew there even was a stated law. We hope enough has been given to convince the reader, if need be, to change all selfish focus and any selfish course. The effectiveness of the work belongs to the Spirit.

There are a few things we can do. We can immerse ourselves in God's Word. We can resist the world with all our power. We can cry out and plead as we have never done so before. And we should and must do all these things. But we cannot save ourselves. No man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to come in and do the work within us. God is our refuge and strength. Flee to the Stronghold before it is too late.

While it is true that we are about to enter what seems to be a <u>long siege</u>; in verity, truth, and reality, we say to all the believers who love the advent near, "<u>we don't have</u> <u>long to wait now</u>!" Therefore, remember that so very important part of God's worship covenant with man: "*Remember the* (seventh day) *Sabbath*" "to keep it holy".

In closing, here is God's own invitation to enter into covenant relation with the mighty Angel, Jesus Christ; to believe His promise of what He can and will do: "Then <u>will I</u> sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, <u>will I</u> cleanse you. A new heart also <u>will I</u> give you, and a new spirit <u>will I</u> put within you: and <u>I will</u> take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and <u>I will</u> give you an heart of flesh. And <u>I will</u> put My spirit within you, and <u>cause you</u> to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and <u>I will</u> be your God" (Ezekiel 36:25-28).

From your brother running "to and fro" in the Scripture seeking to know when "the end" will be; grace and peace to all who "*love our LORD Jesus Christ, in sincerity*". The author.

Appendix

NOTE: You will see the year 2024 (on page 173 in the book "*Light for the Wise*") for thunders #4 & #5 and the year 2023 on the accompanying chart. This has caused some confusion, but both are correct. The first is using the pagan calendar year. The second is using the Biblical year. The following is a note that is on the charts we use for presentation, but didn't make it to the smaller charts:

"THE MAIN TIMELINE SHOWN IN THE CENTER OF THIS CHART IS DEPICTING BIBLICAL YEARS. THESE EXTEND FROM ONE SPRING (LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL) TO THE NEXT. THUS WHEN CONSIDERING THUNDERS #4 AND #5 ABOVE, LATE WINTER (FEB.) AND EARLY SPRING (MARCH) ARE STILL IN '2023' OF THE BIBLICAL YEAR. YET THE VERY SAME WINTER AND SPRING IS CONSIDERED AS BEING IN '2024' OF THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR."

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