

Remnant of the Remnant

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The Refreshing

Isaiah 28:9-13

⁹Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.

¹⁰For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

¹¹For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

¹²To whom he said, **This is the rest** *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**: yet they would not hear.

¹³But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

LINE UPON LINE?

“**Prophecy** has been fulfilling, **line upon line**. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand **the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel**. {2SM 114.}

Young men who desire to give themselves to the ministry, or who have already done so, should become familiar with every **line of prophetic history**.--Gospel Workers, p. 98. (1915)

The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advanced along **the line of prophecy** revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today. --2SM 103

PRECEPT? = A commandment!

Refreshing Is Latter Rain!

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The **prophecies** which were fulfilled in the outpouring of **the former rain** at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "**the times of refreshing**" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, **that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord**; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20. {GC 611.3}

“When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received "**the latter rain**," "**the refreshing** from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them.”--GC 613

“I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of "**refreshing**" and the "**latter rain**" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight.--
EW 71

“The refreshing is coming from the presence of the Lord. Let **us** set our hearts in order that **the truth of God** may live in us; **that it may purify us, ready to receive the latter rain.** 8MR, 228

I was shown that if **God's people** make no efforts on their part, but wait for **the refreshing** to come upon them and remove their wrongs and correct their errors; if they depend upon that to cleanse them from filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **and fit them to engage in the loud cry of the third angel**, they will be found wanting. **The refreshing or power of God comes only on those who have prepared themselves for it by doing the work which God bids them, namely, cleansing themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.** {CD 33.3}

Latter Rain Is Before Sunday Law!

“Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, **ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle**....The ripening of the grain represents **the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.**” [REVIEW AND HERALD, MARCH 2, 1897.]

Consider:

It is before the Sunday Law that the character of God's remnant "*church*" will be perfected and therefore qualifying them to be "harvested". It will then be the intention of God to employ the 144,000 in giving the Three Angel's Messages so that His sheep that are "in other folds" might be prepared to be harvested.

“It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. **Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless** we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, **we shall not recognize the manifestations of the**

Holy Spirit in the latter rain. **It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.** {TM 507.1}

The Latter Rain In Messages

“To John were opened scenes of deep and thrilling interest in the experience of the church. He saw the position, dangers, conflicts, and final deliverance of the people of God. He records **the closing messages which are to ripen the harvest of the earth**, either as sheaves for the heavenly garner or as fagots for the fires of destruction. Subjects of vast importance were revealed to him, especially for the last church, that those who should turn from error to truth might be instructed concerning the perils and conflicts before them. **None need be in darkness in regard to what is coming upon the earth.**”

-- GC 341

The anointed ones standing by the Lord of the whole earth, have the position once given to Satan as covering cherub. By the holy beings surrounding his throne, the Lord keeps up **a constant communication** with the inhabitants of the earth. The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied, that they shall not flicker and go out. Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven **in the messages of God's Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men.

God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. When the call shall come, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked. {RH, July 20, 1897 par. 7}

Clearly Presented

“So **in the prophecies** the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. **The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.** But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready.” --GC 594

NOTE: The Latter Rain is what we understand “*ripens the harvest*” and here we see the same applied to “*messages*”. It’s through these messages recorded in Daniel and Revelation that God will send the Latter Rain.

Ephesians 5:25, 26

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might **sanctify** and **cleanse it** with the washing of **water** by the **word**,

Water (*Holy Spirit*)
+Word (*Jesus*)
= Church without spot or wrinkle. (*Sanctified*)

John 17:17 ¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

God's Word received into our hearts cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

The Cleansing Word's

As we near the close of this world's history, **the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. {PK 547.2}**

“One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation--**that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.**

“A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. **These two books should be carefully studied.**” {**Testimonies to Ministers 114**}

Re-Evaluation of our Current Position

“There is no excuse for any one in taking the position that there is **no more truth to be revealed**, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is **not a proof** that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and **truth can afford to be fair**. **No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation.** We are living in perilous times, and it does not become us to accept everything claimed to be truth **without examining it thoroughly**; neither can we afford to reject anything that bears the fruits of the Spirit of God; but we should be teachable, meek and lowly of heart. There are those who oppose everything that is not in accordance with their own ideas, and by so doing they endanger their eternal interest as verily as did the Jewish nation in their rejection of Christ. The Lord designs that **our opinions shall be put to the test**, that we may see the necessity of closely **examining the living oracles** to see whether or not we are in the faith. Many who claim to believe the truth have settled down at their ease, saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." But Jesus says to these self-complacent ones, Thou "knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Let us individually inquire, Do these words describe my case? If so,

the True Witness counsels us, saying, "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see." *Review and Herald*, December 20, 1892

Testimony of two or three!

Deuteronomy 19:15

¹⁵One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Matthew 18:16

¹⁶But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

2 Corinthians 13:1

¹This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Jesus also upheld this principal.

John 8:17

¹⁷It is also written in your law, that **the testimony of two** men is true. ¹⁸I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Revelation 11:3 – Two witnesses testify.

In Christ's Day

First Cleansing @ the beginning of His ministry:

When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the Temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was **the second cleansing** of the Temple. --*The Review and Herald*, Dec. 6, 1892.

See: John 2:13-16

Second Cleansing @ the end of His ministry- (just before He's crucified):

These were the words Christ spoke at the first cleansing of the temple; and at the **second** cleansing, **just prior to His crucifixion**, He said unto them, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye made it a den of thieves. *The Bible Echo* October 1, 1894

See: Mark 11:15-17

Parallel

“*Just prior to His crucifixion,*” at the close of His **earthly** ministry, Jesus cleansed the temple the second time.

“*Just prior to His crucifixion*” at the close of His **heavenly** ministry in the last days, He will cleanse the temple the second time.

Crucifixion Explained:

In Revelation 11:8 there is depicted a scene in which the Old and New Testament, the “two witnesses,” are to be **crucified** in the streets of **spiritual** Sodom and Egypt. History reveals that as France completely made void the Law of God in their land, they spiritually crucified our Lord. -- GC Chapt. 15 “*The Bible and the French Revolution*”

“The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament. Both are important testimonies to the origin and perpetuity of the law of God. Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation.” –GC 267

Conclusion:

When America shall “*make void the law of God*”, “*national apostasy will lead to national ruin.*” This will all occur at the Sunday Law. It is at the Sunday Law that America crucifies our Saviour spiritually in the streets of “*Sodom and Egypt*” in that she will completely divulge herself of God’s law- “The Word.”

So then, just prior to His crucifixion- in the streets of “*Sodom and Egypt,*” Jesus will cleanse His temple (the church) the final time.

History will be Repeated

All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God's prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. **In the Revelation** the Lion of the

tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of **the great and solemn events** which **we must know** as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.

In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.** {2SM 109}

Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10

⁹The 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.

¹⁰Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. **Past history will be repeated;** old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. *RH August 31, 1897.*

IN THE LATTER DAY:

1. The first cleansing of the sanctuary occurred @ the beginning of "Adventism" in the Millerite time period– August 22, 1844

a A large exodus of nominal Christians claiming to be ready. *(Many were called but only a few were chosen!)*

Those who sought to shut out the testimony of God's Word they could not regard as constituting the church of Christ, "the pillar and ground of the truth." Hence they felt themselves justified in separating from their former connection. **In the summer of 1844** about **fifty thousand** withdrew from the churches. {GC88 375.3}

b. Purified a people and only then was able to entrust them with His messages:

1. S.O.D.
2. The Sabbath message.
3. The health message, etc.

Millerite History Applies to Adventism in Last Day's

The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25, also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people. GC 393 (1844 forward)

I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time. *RH August 19, 1890*

2. The second cleansing occurs @ the close of Adventism – (“just prior to His crucifixion.”) N.S.L.

a. A large exodus of nominal Adventist at the National Sunday Law. (Less than 1%)

Ezekiel 9:5-6

⁵And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

⁶Slay utterly old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which *were* before the house.

“Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust.”--5T 211

That portion of the 144,000 in America along with all who have received the seal of God will emerge from the masses claiming to be Gods people at the Sunday Law!

“A Large Class”

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.--GC 608 (1911).

Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat.--5T 81 (1882).

Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. . . . {LDE 180.3}

The time is not far distant, when **the test will come** to every soul. . . . In this time, the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished **from the appearance and tinsel of it**. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy, will then go out in darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, **but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness**, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness.--Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 81. {ChS 49.3}

The Temple Cleansed

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become **the church triumphant**.-- Letter 32, 1892. {Ev 707.1}

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Warmth from Coldness

When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few-- this will be our test. At this time we must gather **warmth from the coldness** of others, **courage from their cowardice**, and **loyalty from their treason**.--5T 136 (1882).

The church may appear as about to fall, **but it does not fall. It remains**, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is **a terrible ordeal**, but nevertheless it must take place.--2SM 380 (1886).

Mothers Knee and the Scrolls

The child Jesus did not receive instruction in the synagogue schools. His mother was His first human teacher. **From her lips** and from **the scrolls of the prophets**, He learned of heavenly things. The very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses for Israel He was now **taught at His mother's knee**. -DA 70 (1898).

Mother (Woman) = Church = The Body of Christ

Scrolls of the Prophets = prophecies (Daniel/Revelation)

History to Repeat

Just as Jesus was able to realize His role as it was portrayed in prophecy, so too the 144,000 need to see their role for these last days portrayed in the prophecies.

The Church of today should be revealing to her children their role to be fulfilled as displayed in the prophecies of the prophets.

Demand Our Special Attention

“As we near the close of this world's history, **the prophecies recorded by Daniel** demand our special attention, as **they relate to the very time in which we are living**. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures... **"The wise shall understand"** (verse 10), was spoken of the visions of Daniel that **were to be unsealed in the latter days**; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God's people all through the centuries, the promise is, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." Revelation 1:3. {PK 547.2}

When Conscience Is a Sure Guide

“He whose conscience is a sure guide will not stop to reason when light shines upon him out of God's Word. He will not be guided by human counsel. He will not allow worldly business to stand in the way of obedience. He will lay every selfish interest at the door of investigation and will approach the Word of God as one whose eternal interest is hanging in the balance.”--MS 27, 1900. {1MCP 325.2}

In the Attitude of a Learner

“In searching the Scriptures you are not to endeavor to interpret their utterances so as to agree with your preconceived ideas, but come as a learner to understand the foundation principles of the faith of Christ. With eager interest, with **fervent prayer**, come to the word of God, that you may know what is truth, manifesting the same spirit as did Nathanael when he earnestly besought the Lord that he might know the truth.” -- Counsels on Sabbath School Work p25

The First Testimony

Daniel 2:28

1. This vision pertains to “*what shall be in the **latter days.***”
When are the Latter Days? (H320, 319- the last or *end.*)
 - a. The **latter days** applies to the time period of the feet and toes.

“We **have come** (*present tense*) to a time when **God's sacred work** is represented by **the feet of the image** in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay.” (MS 63 **1899**) {**4BC 1168**}

THOUGHT: How then can we teach that the ten toes are referring to the ten divisions of pagan Rome, when **their** time period (476 A.D. – 538 A.D.) was **prior** to the “**latter days**” (1844).

Verses 31-35

"Nebuchadnezzar's mind was to be awakened, if possible, to a sense of his responsibility to Heaven. The events of the future, reaching down to the end of time, were to be opened before him. {*Prophets and Kings* 497.4}

End of Time?

1 Corinthians 15:23-28

²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. ²⁴Then cometh **the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God**, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **²⁶The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.** ²⁷For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. ²⁸And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

The “end of time” then, will occur only after the destruction of the wicked and “death”. This vision therefore extends down to the executive judgment (Daniel 7:9-11) and as well would naturally include the complete destruction of all the wicked who will experience true “death”.

1. **Verse 38** - Head of **Gold** = **Babylon** (605 B.C. – 539 B.C.)
2. **Verse 39** - Breast and Arms of **Silver** = **Medo-Persia** (539 B.C. – 331 B.C.)
3. **Verse 39** - Belly and Thighs of **Brass** = **Greece** (331 B.C. – 168 B.C.)
4. **Verse 40** - Legs of **Iron** = **Pagan Rome** (168 B.C.-July 27, 1449 A.D.)

1. An all iron kingdom
 - a. **Iron** = civil authority with political and military might.
(Deuteronomy 4:20; Micah 4:13; Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15)

NOTE: Papal Rome has never had her own armies.

5. **Verse 41**- Feet of Iron and **Clay** = **Papal Rome** (496 A.D.–1798 A.D.)

“The image shown to Nebuchadnezzar in the visions of the night represents the kingdoms of the world. **The metals in the image, symbolizing the different kingdoms**, became less and less pure and valuable, from the head down. The head of the image was of gold, the breast and arms of silver, the sides of brass, and the feet and toes iron mingled with clay. **So the kingdoms represented by them** deteriorated in value.” -- *Review and Herald, February 6, 1900*

1. Division occurs when **clay** is introduced into an **all iron** kingdom.

Daniel 11:31 ³¹And arms shall stand on his (*papal Rome*) part, and they (*pagan Rome*) shall pollute the sanctuary of strength (*Rome*), and shall take away the daily *sacrifice* (*Paganism*), and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate (*Papalism- 496a.d. - 508a.d.*).

- a. **Clay** = church/people of God **Isa. 64:8**; Jer. 18:1-6; Ps. 40:2
- b. **Miry clay** – H2917 and H2916 = dirty, muddy clay (Corrupt people/church)

“When the early church **became corrupted** by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, **she sought the support of** the secular power. The result was **the papacy**, a **church** that **controlled the power of the state** and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of ‘heresy.’” *The Great Controversy (1888) p443*

- c. **Iron = Pagan Rome:** civil authority with political and military might. (*Deuteronomy*
4:20; Micah 4:13; Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15)

- d. **Iron/clay = Pagan/Papal Rome** (churchcraft/statecraft)

“We **have come** to a time when **God's sacred work** is represented by **the feet** of the image in which the **iron** was mixed with the **miry clay....The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** (MS 63, 1899).

Latter History of Iron and Clay!

6. Verse 42 – The Iron → The USA (1798 to Present) *Civil Authority*

Initially, the Iron/Clay or church/state condition consisted of pagan (*iron*) and papal Rome (*clay*), but in the last days we will notice that America is fulfilling the role of the “iron” and Modern Rome is fulfilling the role of the “clay” in this illicit affair which was made public in 1989 when America became “the armies of Rome” and brought down communist Russia.

Revelation 13:11, 12

¹¹And I beheld **another beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²And he **exerciseth all the power** of the first beast before him, and **causeth** the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

1. - **America** represents this beast which causes (*exercises her civil authority*) the whole earth to worship this image.

7. Verse 42- The Ten Toes → (Spiritual Manifestation) = *Partly Strong or Weakened*

At this point in the final history of world kingdoms as represented by the toes of the image, we are made aware of a “*partly strong*” or weakened condition as a result of an iron and clay mixture.

“We **have come** to a time when **God's sacred work** is represented by **the feet** of the image in which the **iron** was mixed with the miry **clay....The mingling of churchcraft and statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay.** This union **is weakening** all the power of the churches. This investing the church with **the power of the state** will bring evil results. **Men** have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They **have invested** their strength **in politics**, and **have united** with **the papacy**”. (MS 63, 1899).

Verse 42- The Ten Toes → (Political Manifestation) = *Confederate Powers*

In the final history of this church/state relationship, we may see represented by the ten toes a confederate power that, according to the anatomy of the image, is present **just before the stone strikes**.

Psalm 83:1- 8

¹ Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and **they that hate thee** have lifted up the head.

³ **They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.**

⁴ They have said, Come, and **let us cut them off from being a nation**; that **the name of Israel** may be no more in remembrance.

⁵ For they have consulted together with one consent: **they are confederate against thee**:

⁶ The tabernacles of **Edom**, and the **Ishmaelites**; of **Moab**, and the **Hagarenes**;

⁷ **Gebal**, and **Ammon**, and **Amalek**; the **Philistines** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**;

⁸ **Assur** also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot (**Ammon** and **Moab** are "the children of Lot"). *Selah*

Here is presented a confederacy of ten who's objective is to destroy God's people and to prevent them from becoming a nation...or the final "kingdom".

Spoke more for our time:

"Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom **the ends of the world are come**" (1 Cor. 10:11). "**Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister** the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into" (1 Peter 1:12). {3SM 338.1}

Revelation 17:12-14

¹²And the ten horns which thou sawest are **ten kings** (*plural*), which have received no **kingdom** (*singular*) as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. ¹³These **have one mind** (*are confederate*), and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

¹⁴These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

This war that is to be waged against the lamb, or in the personage of His people, can not apply to the 1260 year time period of Papal supremacy, as the verses reveal that the Lamb overcomes these confederate powers.

Universal Bond of Union

"These **have one mind**." There will be a **universal bond of union**, one great harmony, a **confederacy** of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanists." {3SM 392.4}

Prophecy reveals that there will be ten kings who are confederate against God's people-the "hidden ones" in an attempt to prevent them from becoming the fifth and final "kingdom"!

United Nations (N.W.O.) ?? ⇒ Second coming!

Verse 43 -

⁴³And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they** shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

The objective of the ten kings will be to seek global unity among the nations of the world. While they may head up this one world government, they will also seek a universal bond of unity with "the seed of men". But they shall not cleave one to another.

Their unity invites compromise!!!

The so-called **Christian world** (*whole Christian world*) is to be the theater of great and decisive actions. **Men in authority** (*ten toes*) will **enact laws** (*statecraft*) **controlling the conscience, after the example of the papacy** (*churchcraft*). **Babylon will make all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication** (*National Sunday Law*). **Every nation will be involved** (*Rev. 13:12*). {3SM 392.2}

Even though through the apostate protestant churches in America (*church/statecraft*) Rome seeks to ensnare all men in her spiritual dragnet by encouraging a compromise in beliefs and a coming together "on common points of doctrine", the Word of God reveals that there will be many that refuse to receive her "mark" of ecclesiastical authority; namely Sunday sacredness.

Verse 44-

- Kingdom
Ps 83
1. "In the days of" = Signifies that the ten toes are present when the Kingdom is set up!
 2. "these kings" = the toes or "Confederate powers" of verse 42.
 - a. They are present in the remnant of time. (*10 kings of Rev. 17 and*
 3. "the God of heaven" = **Christ..**

When the four angels let go (at the close of probation-see Rev. 7:1-3), **Christ will set up** His kingdom. None receive the **latter rain** but those who are doing all they can. {SpM 3.2}

RECIEVES not BECOMES a KINGDOM

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³I 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, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴And there was given him 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.

WHEN KINGDOM RECIEVED

[DAN. 7:13,14.] The coming of Christ here described is not his second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of days in Heaven **to receive** dominion, and glory, and **a kingdom, which will be given him at the close of his work as a mediator.**

4. "set up a kingdom"

WHAT IS A KINGDOM?

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"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 forever and ever." A kingdom can never be truly said to pass into the hands of another power, while either the **territory**, the **capital**, or the **subjects**, are beyond its control. **It takes the three: subjects, capital, and territory, to make the full kingdom.**

The work of the investigative judgment, is Christ making up **the number of the subjects**, or in other words, taking one-third part of His kingdom; **when the judgment is ended, then is given to Him the Holy City, the capital of the kingdom**, -- the second third part. When He comes to the earth, **He takes possession of the territory**, and possesses the kingdom in all its fullness forever."

KINGDOM IS NOT THE STONE!

1. The stone is 1/3 **part of** the kingdom that Jesus sets up, therefore it cannot be the kingdom.

2. It is an extension of the Kingdom, and as a result, the accomplishments of the “stone” are ascribed or accredited to the kingdom of which she is 1/3 part of.

SETTING UP IS PROGRESSIVE!

“The announcement which had been made by the disciples in the name of the Lord was in every particular correct, and the events to which it pointed were even then taking place. "The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**" (Mark 1:15), had been their message. . . . And the "kingdom of God" which they had declared to be at hand was established by the death of Christ. This kingdom was not, as they had been taught to believe, an earthly empire. Nor was it that future, . . . everlasting kingdom, in which "all dominions shall serve and obey him" (Dan. 7:27). As used in the Bible, the expression "**kingdom of God**" is employed to designate both the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of glory. . . .

“The kingdom of grace was **instituted** (*set up*) immediately after the fall of man. . . . Yet it was not actually **established** until the death of Christ.” {AG 19.4}

“So the throne of glory represents the kingdom of glory, and this kingdom is referred to in the Saviour's words, "When the Son of man **shall come** in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, **then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory**; and before him shall be gathered all nations." [MATT. 25:31, 32.] This kingdom is yet future. **It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ.** {GC88 347.1}

WHEN IS KINGDOM SET UP?

- 1.@ Second Coming when all 3 components are in place:
 - a. subjects
 - b. territory
 - c. capitol

KINGDOM SETUP WHERE?

“The Jewish leaders thought themselves too wise to need instruction, too righteous to need salvation, too highly honored to need the honor that comes from Christ. The Saviour turned from them to entrust to others the privileges they had abused and the work they had slighted. **God's glory** must be revealed, **His word established**. **Christ's kingdom must be set up in the world.**” {AA 16.1}

REMEMBER: Daniel 7:13, 14

“BREAK IN PIECES” vs.44

Describes the work of the stone.... on behalf of the Kingdom of which it makes up 1/3 part of!

THE STONE?

1 Peter 2:4, 5

⁴To whom coming, *as unto* **a living stone**, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

⁵**Ye also**, as **lively stones**, are built up **a spiritual house**, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:19-21

¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being **the chief corner stone**; ²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²²In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit**.

"When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. {COL 69.1}

GLORY IS CHARACTER

"A working church is a living church. **We** are built up as **living stones**, and every stone is to emit light. **Every Christian is compared to a precious stone** that catches **the glory of God** and **reflects it**."—6T 435.

"The Jewish Temple was built of hewn stones, and at great expense of time and money and labor these stones were **cut out of the mountain** and fitted for their places in the building before they were collected together, so that when the building was completed there was not the sound of an ax or hammer heard in its upbuilding. The stones which are in God's sacred temple are not collected from the mountains of Judea but gathered from **the nations, kindreds and tongues and people**. They are not lifeless material that must be prepared with hammer and chisel, but **living stones which emit light**. The great **cleaver**

of truth has taken them from the quarry of the world and placed them under the hand of the great Master Builder, the Lord of the temple, and He is polishing them in His workshop, which is this world, that all the rough edges and crookedness may be removed and they hammered and chiseled and squared by the truth of God, polished and refined, ready to fill their place in God's spiritual temple, that they may grow up a holy temple for God.” {UL 373.3}

“Now we are in the workshop of God, and the process is going on **in these hours of probation** to fit us for the glorious temple. We cannot now be indifferent and negligent and careless, and refuse to depart from sin, but **we must be dying to our defects of character and expect to become pure and holy** and fashioned in character after the similitude of a palace. When Christ shall come, it is then . . . too late to obtain a holy character. **Now is the day of preparation; now is the time when we can have our defects removed; now is the time when our sins must go beforehand to judgment, be confessed and repented of and pardon written off against our names.**-- {UL 373.4}

STONE IS THE REMNANT - Proclaiming the three angels messages

MOUNTAIN?

¹⁶O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, **thy holy mountain**: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy **people are become** a reproach to all *that are* about us. **Daniel 9:16**

²⁰And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing **my** sin and the sin of my **people Israel**, and presenting **my** supplication before the LORD my God for **the holy mountain** of my God; **Daniel 9:20**

MOUNTAIN TODAY? Spiritual Israel

16,000,000 nominal Adventist in the world today that profess to belong to the body of Christ.

CUT OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN?

The **stone** being cut out of the **mountain** is to represent the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart that occurs silently so that not “the sound of an axe or hammer is heard” in the **cutting process**.

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰And grieve not **the holy Spirit** of God, **whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption**.

WHO IS BREAKING WHAT?

Jeremiah 51:19-24

¹⁹The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and ***Israel*** *is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

²⁰Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for **with thee will I break in pieces** the **nations**, and with thee will I destroy **kingdoms**;

²¹And **with thee will I break in pieces** the horse and his rider; and **with thee will I break in pieces** the chariot and his rider;

²²**With thee also will I break in pieces** man and woman; and **with thee will I break in pieces** old and young; and **with thee will I break in pieces** the young man and the maid;

²³I will also **break in pieces with thee** the shepherd and his flock; and **with thee will I break in pieces** the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and **with thee will I break in pieces** captains and rulers.

²⁴And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

Our Father clearly has no problem employing His people to accomplish His will!

What is Broken?

MASTERPIECE

“This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of the "man of sin" foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is **a masterpiece of Satan's power**,--a **monument** of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will.” {GC88 50.1}

The image of Daniel 2 reflects a *history* of false worship, of “forgetting God”-beginning with Babylon-the “head of gold”. Throughout the entire history of the image, false worship was perpetuated and grew in power as represented by the metals becoming baser and morally “weaker” in each succeeding kingdom until we arrive at the iron and clay mixture of the feet and toes. Modern Rome will represent the grand climax, that “masterpiece” of “self-exaltation” and, at the Sunday-Law, we will have “forgotten God” completely and formed an image to the beast.

So when the stone strikes, its purpose will be **to bring an end to** this “masterpiece” of Satan’s **efforts** to exalt his throne above the stars of God-“Babylon is fallen is fallen.” The support of Babylon begins to dry up!

CONFEDERACY OF 10

Isaiah 8:9-12

⁹Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be **broken in pieces**; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be **broken in pieces**; gird yourselves, and ye shall be **broken in pieces**. ¹⁰Take counsel together (*confederate*), and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not

stand: for God *is* with us. ¹¹For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, ¹²Say ye not, **A confederacy**, to all *them* to whom this people shall say, **A confederacy**; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

MAN OF SIN REVEALED

3 ANGELS MESSAGES

Matthew 24:14

¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and **then** shall the end come.

SAME STORY OF DISTRUCTION

Isaiah 41:10-16

Speaks of what is to happen to those who oppose God's people!

THRESHING INSTRUMENT

Isaiah 41:15, 16

¹⁵Behold, **I** will make **thee** (*spiritual Israel*) a new sharp **threshing instrument** having **teeth** (*mouth's*: margin reference): **thou shalt thresh** the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. ¹⁶Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

NOTE: Remember that it's the groves on top of these "other" mountains that were destroyed whenever there was to be a reform movement by the kings of Israel.

H4173 "Threshing"

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mo-rag', mo-rag'

From an unused root meaning **to triturate**; a threshing **sledge**:—threshing instrument.

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to rub, crush, or grind into very fine particles or powder; pulverize.

The Outcome

The **image** of Daniel 2 represents a history of false worship as well as a history of those that oppose God's people. Notice their destiny:

Daniel 2:34,35

³⁴Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the **chaff** of the summer **threshingfloors**; and the **wind** carried them away, **that no place was found for them**: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Isaiah 41:11-12

¹¹Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: **they shall be as nothing**; and they that strive with thee shall perish. ¹²Thou shalt seek them, and **shalt not find them**, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

The Rock that Grinds

“Solemnly and regretfully Christ asked, "Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. **And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.**"

Christ would have averted the doom of the Jewish nation if the people had received Him. But envy and jealousy made them implacable. They determined that they would not receive Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah. **They rejected the Light of the world**, and thenceforth their lives were surrounded with darkness as the darkness of midnight. The doom foretold came upon the Jewish nation. Their own fierce passions, uncontrolled, wrought their ruin. In their blind rage they destroyed one another. **Their rebellious, stubborn pride brought upon them the wrath of their Roman conquerors.** Jerusalem was destroyed, the temple laid in ruins, and its site plowed like a field. The children of Judah perished by the most horrible forms of death. Millions were sold, to serve as bondmen in heathen lands. Christ Object Lessons 295

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And on "whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." The people who rejected Christ were soon to see their city and their nation destroyed. **Their glory would be broken, and scattered as the dust before the wind. And what was it that destroyed the Jews? It was the rock** which, had they built upon it, would have been their security.

God clearly employed the armies of pagan Rome to grind to a powder all of those who would not “fall on the rock and be broken” or “die to self” (*The Paulson Collection 394*). So then, is it so strange to see Him employing the

144,000 in the last days, who perfectly reflect his character, to “*spiritually*” grind to a powder all that will have joined themselves to a false system of worship that seeks to exalt itself above God.

God uses the 144,000 to “*spiritually*” grind to a powder in the last days!

Micah 4:13 ¹³Arise and **thresh**, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and **thou shalt beat in pieces many people**: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. (see also: Isa. 60:12)

This is all about what God will do- not you and I. Remember, it’s only by His power and strength.

CONSIDER THIS

Modern Attitude Toward Prophetic Truth.--As of old, the plain testimony of God's Word was met with the inquiry, "**Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed?**" And finding how difficult a task it was to refute the arguments drawn from the prophetic periods, many discouraged the study of the prophecies, teaching that the prophetic books were sealed, and were not to be understood. Multitudes, trusting implicitly to their pastors, refused to listen to the warning; and others, though convinced of the truth, dared not confess it, lest they should be "put out of the synagogue." The **message** which God had sent **for the testing and purification of the church**, revealed all too surely how great was the number who had set their affections on this world rather than upon Christ. The ties which bound them to earth were stronger than the attractions heavenward. They chose to listen to the voice of worldly wisdom, and turned away from the heartsearching message of truth.--The Great Controversy, p. 380. (1888) {Ev 198.1}

Jeremiah 50:4-6

⁴In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. ⁵They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten. ⁶My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

The Work for Today.--The third angel's message **is swelling** into a loud cry, and **you** must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. . . . Today **you** are to have your vessel purified, that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain (*messages*) will come,

and [the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement.](#)
It is **our** work today to yield **our** souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the
time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord--fitted for [the baptism of the
Holy Spirit.](#)

Review and Herald, March 22, 1892

Isaiah 51:1 ¹Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the
LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence*
ye are digged.

To seek the Truth should be our greatest endeavor;
for our eternal salvation hangs in the balance!

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Galatians 2:20

²⁰I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Jesus' Day

Christ

Remnant

- Jesus cleansed the temple @ the beginning of His ministry (His day). (John. 2:13-16)
- High Priest (Hebrews)
- Lamb of God (John 1:29)
- Light of the world (John 9:5)
- Chief Corner Stone (1 Peter 2:6)
- Perfect Character (Heb. 4:15)
- Death penalty was sought (Matt. 26:59, 60) He troubled Israel
- Gethsemane experience (*Testing weight brought upon the Stone brought*)
- Stood without an intercessor (Matt. 27:46)
- Christ's Message – Kingdom of heaven is at hand (*kingdom of **Grace***) (GC 347, 348)
- Vindicated the Father's name (*character*)
- Brought a saving message to His people first (*Jews*) who's probation was soon to close. (*70 wk prophecy that ended @*

Last Day's

144,000 /

- Jesus cleansed the temple @ the beginning of His ministry (Last day) (*1844-The Great Disappointment*)
- Teaching Priests (Ex. 19:5, 6; 18:20)
- Lamb's of God (John 21:15)
- Light of the world (Matt. 5:14)
- Living Stones (*1aid upon the Corner Stone Peter 2:5*)
- Character perfection (Rev. 14:1-5)
- Death penalty will be sought. (Rev.13:15) They will trouble Israel
- Gethsemane experience (*Jacob's TOT- Testing weight upon the stones*)
- Will stand without an intercessor (GC 649)
- 144,000's Message – Kingdom of heaven is at hand (*Kingdom of **Glory***) (GC 347, 348)
- Vindicate the Father's name (*character*)
- Bring a saving message to His people first (*Adventist*) who's probation is soon to close. (*National Sunday Law - a*

the stoning of Steven)

- Just before Christ (*Who is "The Word"*) was crucified, He cleansed the temple the final time. (Matt. 21:12)
- Christ was crucified! (Matt. 27:26) *void*
- Former rain poured out to empower messengers/messages.
- Pentecost followed the crucifixion. T5 451 11:8;
- Saving messages then went to the Gentiles (*the whole world*)
- Persecution and martyrdom followed. (Acts 8:1) 20:4;
- Blood of the saints became seed, church #'s exploded. (Acts 8:4)

decision made for eternity)

- Just before Christ is crucified, (*God's law made void* Rev.11:8; GC 273)- He cleanses His temple the final time. (Eph. 5:25-27)
- Christ will be crucified! (GC 273, T5 451, *His law made void*)
- Latter rain poured out to empower messengers/messages.
- Pentecost follows crucifixion. (*His law made void*) (Rev. GC 273)
- Saving messages will then go to the Gentiles (*the whole world*)
- Persecution and martyrdom follow. (Rev. 6:9-11; Rev. Mar. 199)
- Blood of the saints becomes seed, church #'s will explode. (Rev. 7:9)
- Michael stands up-Probation for the gentiles then closes! (Dan. 12:1; Rev. 22:11, 12)

As we look back at the life of Christ we must be certain of several truths:

1. Christ at no time used His divinity in overcoming sin; otherwise He would have been disqualified from being our High Priest and we would be left with no one to intercede on our behalf before the Father . (Hebrews 4:15)
2. Christ was not born with a complete knowledge of scripture and His Fathers will implanted within Him; pre-packaged if you will.

3. The only way that Christ could maintain His perfect character was by surrendering “moment by moment” to the leading of God’s Spirit. This is to be true as well of the remnant of the remnant- the 144,000.

4. Just as Christ lived the perfect will of His Father and perfectly reflected **His** character, so too the 144,000 will reflect the perfect will of Jesus (*Rev. 14:4*) in their life and likewise perfectly reflect **His** character (*the Stone*). “If you’ve seen me you’ve seen the father.”

5. Jesus was victorious ONLY as a “MAN” not as God.

6. Christ and the 144,000 each play a special role in the plan of salvation. They will have fulfilled the Father’s will at different points in history...perfectly!

When reflecting on all that Jesus was able to accomplish for the Father, by the power supplied of the Father, consider the words of our perfect example as expressed to you and I:

John 14:12

¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.