

# “Living Stones”

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This study is intended to take a closer look at Daniel 2, and its relevance to the “*increase of knowledge*” for us “*upon whom the ends of the world are come*”. As well, we hope to clarify interpretations that have not been accurately portrayed to God’s people. However, before we begin I would like to first have you consider several crucial principles for the purpose of establishing a solid foundation on which to build this study. These will be employed and referenced again later throughout this study.

In the history of the Millerite’s there were fourteen rules of prophetic interpretation adopted which became the standard by which they considered and studied the prophetic word. It’s worthy of mention that these rules were given in connection with the “*increase of knowledge*” for their day and because that history is to be “*repeated to the very letter*” we too can expect and have received rules specifically for understanding the “*increase of knowledge*” for our time. What follows are just a few examples.

## I. THE TESTIMONY OF TWO

### ESTABLISHED BY GOD

- GENESIS 41:32

And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

- JOHN 8:17

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 13:1

In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

### AT THE MOUTH OF TWO WITNESSES

- DEUTERONOMY 17:6

At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death..

- DEUTERONOMY 19:15

One 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.

## A STATUTE OF JUDGMENT

- NUMBERS 35:29–30

So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

- HEBREWS 10:28

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

- 1 TIMOTHY 5:19

Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

## EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED

- MATTHEW 18:16

But 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.

## MY WITNESS IS NOT TRUE

- JOHN 5:31–32

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

## 2. MILLERITE HISTORY REPEATED

- ALSO ILLUSTRATES

"The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people." The Great Controversy, 393.

- HAS BEEN AND WILL BE

"When the third angel's message is preached as it should be, power attends its proclamation, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. 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. In the parable, the ten virgins had lamps, but only five of them had the saving oil with which to keep their lamps burning. This represents the condition of the Church. The wise and the foolish have their Bibles, and are provided with all the means of grace; but many do not appreciate the fact that they must have the heavenly unction. They do not heed the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." {RH, August 19, 1890 par. 3}

- **THE SIGNAL WILL BE GIVEN**

"There is a world lying in wickedness, in deception, and delusion, in the very shadow of death, -asleep, asleep. Who are feeling travail of soul to awaken them? What voice can reach them? My mind is carried to the future when the signal will be given, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." But some will have delayed to obtain the oil for replenishing their lamps, and too late they will find that character, which is represented by the oil, is not transferable. That oil is the righteousness of Christ. It represents character, and character is not transferable. No man can secure it for another. Each must obtain for himself a character purified from every stain of sin. The Lord is coming in power and great glory. It will then be His work to make a complete separation between the righteous and the wicked. But the oil cannot then be transferred to the vessels of those who have it not. Then shall be fulfilled the words of Christ, "Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." The righteous and the wicked are to be associated together in the work of life. But the Lord reads the character, He discerns who are obedient children, who respect and love His commandments." {Bible Echo, May 4, 1896 par. 2}

- **A TIME WILL COME**

"The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. A time will come when the door will be shut. We are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins. We cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say, who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear outwardly like the wise." Manuscript Releases, volume 16, 271

### 3. PROPHECY AND HISTORY ARE REPEATED

- **WILL BE REPEATED**

"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.**" *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

- **ECCLESIASTES 1:9-10**

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

- **WORLD'S GREAT EMPIRES**

“Every nation that has come upon the stage of action has been **permitted** to occupy its place on the earth, that it might be seen whether it would fulfill the purpose of ‘the Watcher and the Holy One.’ **Prophecy has traced the rise and fall of the world’s great empires—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.** With each of these, as with nations of less power, **history repeated itself.** Each had its period of test, each failed, its glory faded, its power departed, and its place was occupied by another.” *Education*, 177.

- **HISTORY WILL BE REPEATED**

“Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, **for history will be repeated.** . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 116.

#### ANCIENT ISRAEL

“Satan’s snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. **We are repeating the history of that people.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 160.

#### JOB

“God had given a lesson designed to prevent this. The history of Job had shown that suffering is inflicted by Satan, and is overruled by God for purposes of mercy. But Israel did not understand the lesson. **The same error for which God had reprovved the friends of Job was repeated by the Jews** in their rejection of Christ.” *Desire of Ages*, 471.

#### NEBUCHADNEZZAR

“**History will be repeated.** False religion will be exalted. The first day of the week, a common working day, possessing no sanctity whatever, will be set up as was the image at Babylon. All nations and tongues and peoples will be commanded to worship this spurious sabbath. This is Satan’s plan to make of no account the day instituted by God, and given to the world as a memorial of creation.” *Signs of the Times*, May 6, 1897.

#### NEHEMIAH

“The experience of **Nehemiah is repeated** in the history of God’s people **in this time.**” *The Signs of the Times*, December 13, 1883.

#### ESTHER

“The decree which is to go forth against the people of God in the near future is in some respects similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. The Persian edict sprang from the malice of Haman against Mordecai. Not that Mordecai had done Haman

harm, but he had refused to flatter his vanity by showing him the reverence which is due only to God. The king's decision against the Jews was secured under false pretenses. Satan instigated this scheme in order to rid the earth of those who preserved a knowledge of the true God. But his plots were defeated by a counter-power that reigns among the children of men. Angels who excel in strength were commissioned to protect the people of God, and the plots of their adversaries returned upon their own heads.

**“History repeats itself.** The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is now at work to gain control of the Protestant churches, that through them he may condemn and put to death all who will not worship the idol sabbath. We have not to battle with man, as it may appear. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. But if the people of God will put their trust in Him, and by faith rely upon His power, the devices of Satan will be defeated in our time as signally as in the days of Mordecai.

“The decree is to go forth that all who will not receive the mark of the beast shall neither buy nor sell, and, finally, that they shall be put to death. But the saints of God do not receive this mark. The prophet of Patmos beheld those that had gotten the victory over the beast and over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God, and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.” *Signs of the Times*, November 8, 1899.

## ELIJAH

“Through the long centuries that have passed since Elijah's time, the record of his lifework has brought inspiration and courage to those who have been called to stand for the right in the midst of apostasy. And for us, ‘upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11), it has special significance. **History is being repeated.** The world today has its Ahabs and its Jezebels. The present age is one of idolatry, as verily as was that in which Elijah lived.” *Prophets and Kings*, 177.

“The Old and New Testaments are linked together by the golden clasp of God. We need to become familiar with the Old-Testament Scriptures. The unchangeableness of God should be clearly seen; **the similarity of his dealings with his people of the past dispensation and of the present, should be studied.** Under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, Solomon wrote, ‘That which hath been is now: and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.’ In mercy God repeats his past dealings. **He has given us a record of his dealings in the past. This we need to study carefully; for history is repeating itself.** We are **more accountable** than were those whose experience is recorded in the Old Testament; for their mistakes, and the results of those mistakes, have been chronicled for our benefit.” *Review and Herald*, April 20, 1897.

## GOD REQUIRES THAT WHICH IS PAST

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and **God requireth that which is past.** Ecclesiastes 3:14–15.

## 4. SPOKE MORE FOR OUR TIME

### IN FORCE FOR US

Never are we absent from the mind of God. God is our joy and our salvation. 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 Corinthians 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}

### THE PRESENT PARALLELS THE PAST

"The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a **striking similarity** in every **great reformation** or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time." *The Great Controversy*, 343.

### THE GREAT REFORMATORY MOVEMENTS

"There is a study of history that is not to be condemned. Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy, to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and to understand the progress of events in the marshalling of the nations for the final conflict of the great controversy." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 307.

## THE BACKDROP

### MOTHER AND THE PROPHETS

"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 = the prophetic word.

## ADVANCE LOOK

Just as Jesus was given an advance understanding of the role he would fulfill in prophecy through a two-step process (*the knee of His mother and scrolls of the prophets*), so too the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are a type of Christ are to have an advance understanding of their role to be fulfilled in these last days by the same means, the knee of their mother-*the church or body of Christ-the “wise”* and by the scrolls of the prophets-*the prophetic word*.

- HEBREWS 5:12-6:3

<sup>12</sup>For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. <sup>13</sup>For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. <sup>1</sup>Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And this will we do, if God permit.

Paul teaches in Hebrews that “*doctrine*” is the milk of God’s word and that we need “*strong meat*” in order to become adults in Christ. It is the prophetic word that matures the Christian.

“The Word of God, just as it reads, is **the ground of our faith. That Word is the sure word of prophecy**, and it demands implicit faith from all who claim to believe it. It is authoritative, containing in itself the proof of its divine origin.”-- {ST, June 2, 1898 par. 8}

- REVELATION 10:8-11

<sup>8</sup>And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. <sup>9</sup>And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. <sup>10</sup>And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. <sup>11</sup>And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

While many correctly understand that Revelation ten is portraying the experience of the Millerites from 1840-44, it more fully represents the experience of the one hundred and forty-four thousand at the end of the world and here’s why: John is commanded to take the little book and eat it up. That little book is the book of Daniel and it is the increase of knowledge that it brings that they were to eat. Before he eats it he is told IN ADVANCE that it will be bitter in his belly but it will be sweet in his mouth. John, representing the one hundred and forty-four thousand at the end of the world, is told in advance what his experience will be. The Millerite’s were not allowed to know in advance because there was a disappointment that was calculated into the message in order to purify His people. Our Father wanted us to understand in advance what to expect as we give the “increase of knowledge” for our time, when Daniel will “*stand in his lot*” and “*prophecy again*” to the church of Laodicea.

### 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. {MCP 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 STUDY

- 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 are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand.” -- {*Counsels for the Church* 37}

There are many who teach that the ten toes represent the time period of the ten divisions of pagan Rome. But their “time of the end” (476 – 508 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

<sup>23</sup>But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then 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. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For 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. <sup>28</sup>And 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, would occur only after the destruction of the wicked and “*death*”. This vision of Nebuchadnezzar’s therefore extends down to the other side of 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*”. We will revisit this thought later in the study.

### THE METALS REPRESENT KINGDOMS

“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.

## DETERIORATION OF RELIGION

“The result of **making void the law of God** may be seen in the increasing immorality of these several kingdoms. If the inhabitants had kept the fear of God ever before them, they would have been given wisdom and power, which would have bound them together, and kept them strong...”

“In spite of the warning he received, Nebuchadnezzar went on in his own strength, till God took from him the talent of wisdom, that he might be led to see and acknowledge that the God of Israel was able to create and to destroy. The kings who succeeded him failed to profit by his experience, and the kingdom of Babylon passed away because, in their prosperity, her rulers forgot God, and ascribed her honor and glory to human achievement. So today, when men forget God and refuse to obey his law, they are humiliated. God tests them, and if they do not humble their hearts and confess their sins, they receive the penalty of transgression.

“The Medo-Persian kingdom was visited by the wrath of God because in it his law was trampled underfoot. The fear of God possessed no power among the people. Wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption were the prevailing influences in this kingdom; and the kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt. They deteriorated because they cast off God. Forgetting him, they sank lower and lower in the scale. The vast empire of Rome crumbled into pieces. The church of Rome boasts of her infallibility, and of the power of her hereditary religion. But this religion is a horror to all who are acquainted with the secrets of the mystery of iniquity. The priests of this church maintain their ascendancy by keeping the people in ignorance of the will of God.

“While representing the kingdoms of this earth, the image that was revealed to Nebuchadnezzar also fitly represented deterioration of religion. *We grow weak morally and spiritually, just in proportion as we forget God.*” -- {RH, February 6, 1900}

This study will attempt to show how the image of Daniel two is a vertical timeline. And that timeline is to include the history from Nebuchadnezzar’s reign as the head of gold down through the stream of time to the stone filling the whole earth.

We will also see as we move through this study, that Daniel’s primary focus is on the *metals* within the image and not the actual *anatomy* of the image. This is one of the reasons why so many stumble and fall when it comes to correctly identifying the ten toes of the image. This focus of Daniel’s becomes very apparent when we get to verse forty-one.

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.-508 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*)

2. "...breaketh in pieces"-

This is describing the physical force commonly employed by the armies of pagan Rome in order to subdue the entire known world.

NOTE: Papal Rome has never created or maintained her own military might.

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

Division occurs when clay is introduced into this all iron kingdom and not when the toes and feet arrive on the scene. We can be certain of this as we see Daniel intentionally pointing us to the iron's presence: "***BUT there shall be in it of the strength of the IRON!***"! His focus is on the METALS and not the ANATOMY. Do the scriptures portray the all iron kingdom of pagan Rome being divided and weakened as the "*miry clay*" or papal church was being introduced?

- DANIEL 11:31

<sup>31</sup>And arms (*military might*) shall stand on his (*papal Rome's*) part, and they (*pagan Rome*) shall pollute the sanctuary of strength (*Rome-Pantheon theater*), and shall take away the daily *sacrifice* (*Paganism*), and they (*pagan Rome*) shall place the abomination that maketh desolate (*Papal Rome 496a.d. - 538a.d.*).

From 496-508 a.d. paganism was yielding to Papalism and by 538 a.d. *papal* Rome had been "*placed*" upon the world throne by the seven remaining *pagan* kings, as three had been plucked up by the roots (Dan. 7:8). Through this combination of church and state (*iron and clay*) we see the weakening influence of the "*miry*" or "*dirty*" clay entering in. The all iron kingdom of *pagan* Rome yielded to the entrance of "*miry clay*", *papal* Rome, and subsequently a measure of strength was lost. As a result, Daniel was intent on you and I understanding that the strength of the iron was still present.

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* having "*spot*" and "*wrinkle*")

## A MIRY CLAY

Miry clay is to represent a dirty or corrupt 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 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 combining the “*iron*” with the “*clay*” and creating a church/state condition with the church in control.

“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).

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

- DANIEL 2:42

<sup>42</sup>And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

We are told in verse forty-two that the (ten) “toes”- *plural*, are a “kingdom”- *singular*. This kingdom is also represented as being in a church/state relationship represented by the iron/clay.

A **second testimony** which should better help you and I to put this complete picture together is found in Revelation 17:12, 13. Here we will find the same story being told again only with greater light. But isn't this exactly what Sister White tells us we can expect?

“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation.”-- {AA 585.1}

“It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as **giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel**. The object is to bring these books together, showing that **they both relate to the same subjects.**”-- {TM 117.2}

- REVELATION 17:12, 13

<sup>12</sup>And 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. <sup>13</sup>These **have one mind** (*are confederate*), and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

In the reference above we can see, as in Daniel two, that there are “ten kings”- *plural*, who are kings over a “kingdom” *singular*. But in this passage we can see “*fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel*”... “*the same subjects*”.

#### FULLER LIGHT: A CONFEDERACY

The **ten toes** of Daniel two are representing a kingdom and according to the timeline of world kingdoms, as represented by the anatomy of the image, they are the final *kingdom* just before the “*stone*” kingdom arrives.

Not only do these ten kings give their kingdom over to the beast- the papacy, but “*these have one mind*” or are said to be confederate! When referencing the same verse notice what the pen of inspiration says:

#### A CONFEDERACY

“**These have one mind**, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These 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” (Revelation 17:13, 14).

“‘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 392.3}

#### SPOKE MORE FOR OUR TIME

So, as has already been established, all of the prophets were speaking more to our time than their own. We therefore can read their words as applying to our time.

- PSALM 83:1- 8

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

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

<sup>3</sup> They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> For they have consulted together with one consent: **they are confederate against thee**:

<sup>6</sup> The tabernacles of **Edom**, and the **Ishmaelites**; of **Moab**, and the **Hagarenes**;

<sup>7</sup> **Gebal**, and **Ammon**, and **Amalek**; the **Philistines** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**;

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

Prophecy reveals that there will be **ten kings** who “*have one mind*” or are *confederate* against God’s people—the “*hidden ones*” (Psalms 83:3) in an attempt to prevent them from becoming the final nation or “*kingdom*” because when they do prevail against the kingdom of the confederacy of ten, “*it shall stand forever*”!

#### 7. Verse 43:

<sup>43</sup>And 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, following the example and recommendations of apostate Protestantism in America, will primarily be to seek global unity among the nations of the world through a “*one world government*”, represented by the iron/clay condition of the toes kingdom, and by enforcing national Sunday laws across the globe. Through these laws, they will seek “*a universal bond of union, one great harmony*,” “*with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another*”. When we read that “*they shall not cleave one to another*”, it is paralleling verse forty-one of chapter eleven when it states:

“...but **these shall escape out** of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.”

#### CLEAVE

##### H1693, H1692

A primitive root; properly to *impinge*, that is, *cling* or *adhere*; **figuratively to catch by pursuit**:—abide, fast, cleave (fast together), **follow close (hard, after)**, be joined (together), keep (fast), overtake, pursue **hard**, stick, take.

As the global Sunday laws are becoming a test for each country around the world, as represented by the “mingling” aspect, many will not “*cleave*” (To be “*caught*” or “*taken*” by *pursuit*.) because of these requirements and “*shall escape out of*” the hand of the papacy.

#### 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** will **enact laws** (*statecraft*) controlling the conscience, **after the example of the papacy** (*churchcraft*). Babylon (*apostate Protestantism*) will make all nations (*Rev. 13:12*) drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication (*Global National Sunday Laws*). **Every nation** (*ten kings/toes*) will be involved (*Rev. 13:12*).” {3SM 392.2} (*Italics supplied*)

Even though through the apostate protestant churches in America (*church/statecraft*) Rome will seek to ensnare all mankind 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. In refusing this mark they will have *escaped* out of the Papacy’s “*hand*”. But where then do they escape to?

## TIME OF MERCY

“The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who [now] 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.-- {LDE 182.2}

When the king of the North, the papacy, enters the United States, America will have completely formed an image to the beast. A national Sunday law will have been employed by apostate Protestantism and there will be those who, having rejected the mark of the beast, “*shall escape out of his hand*”. As they escape the “hand” of the papacy, they will then flee to the only other position that is available to them and that is to the “hand” of Christ that is stretched out to save because there are only two classes of people in this world; the gold and the dross, the wheat and tares, the sheep and the goats, the wise and the foolish etc.

### 8. Verse 44-

1. “*In the days of*” = Signifies that the ten toes are present when the Kingdom is set up!
2. “These kings” (plural) = the “toes” or “confederate powers” of verse 42.
3. “Shall the God of heaven” = Christ
4. “Set up a kingdom” = ...

“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. {*Spalding Magan Collection 3.2*}

Christ is the “*God of heaven*” who is to “*set up*” a kingdom. Please notice that He is not being represented as the kingdom. Allow me to elaborate:

This kingdom Christ will set up is attributed with the same characteristics as the “*stone*” in verses thirty-four and forty-five. Therefore, this kingdom that Christ sets up is the stone kingdom and cannot be Christ himself. We can't help but conclude that the stone is a kingdom... and Christ is clearly NOT a kingdom.

Many feel that the stone of Daniel two is to represent Christ at His second coming and that the striking of the image is to represent the destruction of the wicked with His brightness. This is not possible if we accept what the verse states the “*kingdom*” is... the “*stone*”, and Christ is the “*King of kings*”. Christ is not the King and “*kingdom*”.

## RECIEVES DOESN'T BECOME A KINGDOM

- DANIEL 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup>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, and they brought him near before him. <sup>14</sup>And 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 THE KINGDOM IS RECEIVED

“[DAN. 7:13,14 quoted.] ‘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. It is this coming, and not his second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days, in 1844. Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies, and there appears in the presence of God, to engage in the last acts of his ministration in behalf of man,—to perform the work of investigative Judgment, and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits. ”-- {GC88 479.3}

In verse forty-four we are told that (1) The stone is a kingdom, (2) and this stone or kingdom shall “*break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms*”. Christ, as revealed in the above verses, came to RECEIVE a kingdom on October 22, 1844, therefore He personally cannot BE the final kingdom that is to “*break in pieces*”!

## WHAT IS A KINGDOM?

“*Seer of Patmos*” 138 by: S.N. Haskell

“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.”

It is only the “*subjects*” of the stone “*kingdom*” that God can literally employ to accomplish His will. Therefore the stone accurately represents His people at the end of the world as we’ll see as we proceed.

## 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?

“This kingdom is yet future. It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ.”-- {GC88 347.1}

At His second coming when all three components of the kingdom are in place: The subjects, the territory and the capital.

## THE STONE?

- 1 PETER 2:4, 5

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

<sup>5</sup>**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

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

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

- PERFECTLY REPRODUCED

"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 (*The church are the people not the organized structure*). 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}

- LIVING STONES

"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}

- CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS - THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT

"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 (*Present 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}

- CLEAVER OF TRUTH?

"God has called His church in this day, as He called ancient Israel, to stand as a light in the earth. By the mighty cleaver of truth, the messages of the first, second, and third angels, He has separated them from the churches and from the world to bring them into a sacred nearness to Himself. He has made them the depositaries of His law and has committed to them the great truths of prophecy for this time. Like the holy oracles committed to ancient Israel, these are a sacred trust to be communicated to the world. The three angels of Revelation 14 represent the people who accept the light of God's messages and go forth as His agents to sound the warning throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Christ declares to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world." {5T 455.2}

- ANGEL WHO SEPARATES

“I then saw **the third angel**. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. **He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares**, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.” {EW 118.1}

The “*stone*” being cut out of the “*mountain*” without hands is representative of the work of the investigative judgment; the work of the angel with the writer’s inkhorn in Ezekiel nine, specifically the work of carving out the one hundred and forty-four thousand with the “cleaver of truth”.

As a result of the investigative judgment the one hundred and forty-four thousand are to be separated from the “*mountain*” of professing SDA’s at the Sunday law test because of having settled “*into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved*” {4BC 1161.6}.

Every reform movement reveals that it is the “cleaver of truth” that separates into ONLY two classes, the “wise” and the “foolish”, the wheat and the tares, the gold and the dross, the sheep and the goats and so on. The one hundred and forty-four thousand are the only ones in the then existing SDA church who will immerse from the trial of the Sunday law test victorious; having the seal of God! Remembering that there are only two classes in the world, the others will take **their** stand under the black banner of Satan and become our greatest enemies.

- TWO CLASSES

“There are only two classes in the world today, and only two classes will be recognized in the judgment—those who violate God's law and those who obey it. Christ gives the test by which to prove our loyalty or disloyalty. "If ye love Me," He says, "keep My commandments. . ."-- {COL 283.3}

- URGED UPON US

“The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death.”-- {5T 81.1}

- STONE (SINGULAR)?

“Said the angel, ‘Look ye!’ My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were **mightily shaken**. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. **They moved in exact order**, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone with the light and glory of heaven. **They had obtained the victory**, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude and holy, sacred joy... {EW 270.4}

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect... I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel..."

"Great power was with these chosen ones. Said the angel, 'Look ye!' My attention was turned to the wicked, or unbelievers. **They were all astir.** The zeal and power with the people of God had aroused and enraged them. Confusion, confusion, was on every side. I saw measures taken against the company who had the light and power of God. Darkness thickened around them; yet they stood firm, approved of God, and trusting in Him. {EW 271.2}

The reason that these "living stones" are referred to as a "stone" in the singular sense is due to the unity that God will have finally accomplished in His people at the Sunday law test when the church moves from church militant to church triumphant as the result of the testing messages He has sent that will have separated the wheat from the tares.

In this *Early Writings* passage we can see that they have come through a mighty "shaking" and a "severe conflict" resulting in the unification of His people which is necessary in order that Christ may accomplish His final work through the one hundred and forty-four thousand during the "loud cry" message: "come out of her my people". Christ **must** have unity and this is represented by the living stones being depicted as one stone! They are perfectly reflecting the character of the "true chief cornerstone".

## UNITY!

- ONE SOLID STONE

"As they passed with Him out of the temple, they called His attention to its strength and beauty. The stones of the temple were of the purest marble, of perfect whiteness, and some of them of almost fabulous size. A portion of the wall had withstood the siege by Nebuchadnezzar's army. In its **perfect** masonry it appeared like **one solid stone** dug entire from the quarry. How those mighty walls could be overthrown the disciples could not comprehend." {DA 627.1}

- REVELATION 14:4

"These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."

- JOHN 17:20-23

<sup>20</sup>Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; <sup>21</sup>That **they all may be one**; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, **that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe** that thou hast sent me. <sup>22</sup>And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them, and thou in me**, that they may be **made perfect in one**; and **that the world may know** that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

- EPHESIANS 4:11-14

<sup>11</sup>And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup>For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup>Till we **all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,

unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of **the fulness of Christ**: <sup>14</sup>That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with **every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

Unity testifies to the world that it is nothing less than the power of God that is at work in His people. Jesus is lifted up!

Another reason for the use of the word “stone” in a singular sense is because you and I as individual stones are to be brought together to collectively form a single building, the spiritual temple!

- **BUILT UP**

“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.**”-- {*Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 435.*}

- **SPIRITUAL TEMPLE**

“We are to occupy some place in the Lord's spiritual temple, and the important question is not as to whether you are a large or a small stone, but whether you have submitted yourself to God that He may polish you and ***make you emit light for His glory.*** If we are in the Lord's temple we must emit light. Are we permitting the heavenly Builder to hew and square and polish us? Have we faith to rest in Him?”-- {*RH, May 19, 1891 par. 13*}

- **ONENESS**

“Now our history shows that there were hundreds teaching from the same chronological charts that William Miller was, all of one stamp. Then **it was the oneness of the message** all on one theme, the coming of the Lord Jesus at a certain time, 1844.”-- {1849 Joseph Bates, SLG 17.2}

## MOUNTAIN?

What is the mountain that this stone or people are to be cut out of?

- **MICAH 4:2**

<sup>2</sup>And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to **the mountain of the LORD**, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- **1 TIMOTHY 3:15**

<sup>15</sup>But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

- DANIEL 9:16

<sup>16</sup>O 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 9:20

<sup>20</sup>And 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;

The mountain that the stone is to be cut out of is accurately representing God's church today or *spiritual* Israel.

There are approximately seventeen million nominal Adventist in the world today that profess to belong to the body of Christ. All are drawn, many of us are called, but few will be chosen! Because every reform movement is ever the same we need to see that this last reform movement, as with all before it, will result in only a small portion being found faithful when the testing time arrives. In the past sacred history we see that only eight got on the ark after one hundred and twenty years of preaching; only four escaped with their life from Sodom. Of approximately three million men, women and children only two of the original group actually stepped over into Canaan. And in the Millerite history fifty-thousand claimed to be prepared to meet Jesus on October 22, 1844 yet only fifty remained faithful after the passing of the time. And so, here at the end of the world, we can expect again, upon the testimony of two or three, that the overwhelming majority will not be willing to walk in the "*old paths*" that bring "*rest*" as Jer. 6:16 portrays nor will they be willing to "*hear*" the latter rain message that Isaiah 28:12 also says is to bring "*rest*". It is the "*narrow*" way that Christ has called us into but it is the "*broad... path*" that many do and will prefer.

## CUT OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN?

As was previously referenced in "*The Upward Look 373*" it is the cleaver of "*truth*" that cleaves or separates God's professing people into one of two categories; the "*wise*" and the "*wicked*" (*Dan. 12:4, 10*) here at the end of the world. So, essentially we either refuse the "*truth*," the "*increase of knowledge*" for our time when it comes and remain a part of the mountain - *spiritual*, OR we embrace the "*increase of knowledge*" when it comes, which is "*to ripen the grain and prepare it for the harvest*" (*TM 506.1*), and are cut out of or set apart from the "*mountain*"- *spiritual* Israel; filling our place in Christ's spiritual temple.

The stone being cut out of the mountain "*without hands*" is to represent the work that the Holy Spirit accomplishes by applying cutting truths to the heart, silently so that not "*the sound of an axe or hammer is heard*" in the cutting process. I would point you to 2 Thess. 2:10-12 for consideration as well concerning the work of "*Truth*". We cannot afford to choose the popular views simply because they are popular. If we do we most likely will find ourselves the supporters of the teachings of men!

## WHO IS BREAKING WHAT?

Will God actually employ His people to "*break in pieces*"?

- JEREMIAH 51:19-24

<sup>19</sup>The 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.

<sup>20</sup>Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for (1) with thee will I break in pieces the **nations**, and (2) with thee will I destroy **kingdoms**;

<sup>21</sup>And (3) with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and (4) with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

(5) With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and (6) with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and (7) with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

<sup>23</sup>I will also (8) break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and (9) with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and (10) with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

<sup>24</sup>And 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! And notice that **ten times** he spells out how He will destroy the wicked confederacy of ten we find in Revelation 17:12.

Is it by chance that there is a ten-fold confederacy at the end of the world whose purpose it is to prevent God's people from becoming a nation... the final "kingdom"? Yet we are informed in verse fourteen that the victory over this confederacy of ten is **certain!** And a second testimony to this is found in Isaiah.

- ISAIAH 8:9-12

Associate 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. <sup>10</sup>Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. <sup>11</sup>For 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, <sup>12</sup>Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy*; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

## WHAT IS BROKEN?

### 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*

## CHRIST GROUND

“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.”-- {DA 600.2}

- 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}

What’s broken is this system of false worship and the influence of the threefold union of the **dragon** (*confederacy of ten- the UN*), the **beast** (*modern Rome-Papacy*) and the **false prophet** (*apostate Protestantism-America*). It is in this threefold union that we see the final tremendous effort of Satan to exalt his throne above the stars of God! It is this union that “*shall make war with the Lamb*” in an effort to prevent them from becoming “*a nation*” but “*the Lamb shall overcome them.*” or grind them to a powder.

We can see in the last six verses of Daniel eleven the same outcome; the king of the North “*shall come to his end, and none shall help him.*” It is the “*gigantic system of false religion*” that will be ground to a powder and “*no place was found for them*”.

The image of Daniel 2 represents to us a linear history of false worship, of an attempt by Satan to exalt his throne “above the stars of God” and to “sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.” Beginning with Babylon, the “*head of gold*” and extending down to the tenfold *confederacy* found in the toes of “*iron and clay*” we may trace his accomplishments.

Throughout the entire history of the image, self-exaltation and forgetting God was increasingly prominent and grew in strength as is 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.

The threefold union of the dragon, beast and false prophet will initiate the grand climax, that “*masterpiece*” of “self-exaltation” as they place the papacy upon the world throne once more and, at the Sunday-Law, we will have “forgotten God” completely, exalted the created above the Creator and formed an image to the beast. Then the stone strikes through the cry: “Come out of her my people” and the waters of the river Euphrates are dried up as a result of being diverted!!! More on this just ahead.

- PURPOSE

So when the stone strikes spiritually through the proclamation of the three angel's messages giving emphasis to the fourth commandment, its purpose will be to bring to an end this "masterpiece" of Satan's efforts to deceive mankind and to exalt his throne "above the stars of God". The support of Babylon begins to dry up as a result!

## HOW WAS ANCIENT BABYLON DESTROYED?

"There was no entrance for him into that city except he could find it where the River Euphrates entered and emerged, passing under its walls. He resolved to make the channel of the river his own highway into the stronghold of his enemy. To do this, the water must be turned aside from its channel through the city."-- {Uriah Smith "Daniel and the Revelation" p45}

The ancient waters of the Euphrates were *diverted* out of their course and dried up to make a way for Cyrus, a type of Christ, and his men to destroy Babylon. During the "loud cry" message the great river Euphrates which flows into modern Babylon, will be diverted and dried up in order to make a way for "the kings of the east", Christ in the personage of His saints-the 144,000, to conquer her.

- MICAH 4:1, 2

<sup>1</sup>But in the last days it shall come to pass, **that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.** <sup>2</sup>And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for **the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

### Mountain

As was previously established, a mountain often represents a religious power. The fact that "the mountain of the house of the LORD", spiritual Israel, is "to be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be "exalted above the hills" speaks to the victory that Christ will accomplish through the stone, His people here at the end of the world who are following the Lamb "whithersoever He goeth".

### Waters diverted

Just as ancient Babylon was destroyed when the "waters" of the Euphrates, Babylon's support, were diverted out of their course, so in like manner modern Babylon will be destroyed as a result of diverting the "waters" of the Euphrates, her support, out of their course. When Revelation 18:4 is fulfilled and the "loud cry" goes forth: "come out of her my people", the "waters" or the people (Rev. 17:15) who are the life blood that support modern Babylon will be diverted or "dried up".

If you are somewhat familiar with the last six verses of Daniel eleven, this is paralleling verses forty-four and forty-five. The "tidings out of the east" are to represent the loud cry message that troubles the king of the North, or the papacy. But notice that his efforts to stop the message are futile and he comes to his end, or is conquered, and no one is able to help him (*see also: Rev. 18:7-23*).

### Flow unto

The diverted waters, or people coming out of Babylon during the loud cry, are flowing unto Mount Zion because of God's Holy law that is issuing forth. The *Sabbath* is being proclaimed more fully. Only those who have a genuine love for the Truth are willing to walk in His "*paths*". Remember how in Jeremiah 6:16, 17 the people of God were called to walk in the "*old paths*" and "*the good way*" but they refused? Here are a people that ARE willing and these are the ones who will replace the masses of SDA's that have refused the old paths and find themselves standing on the side of antichrist!

NOTE: Here are a people that ARE willing to walk in the "*old paths*" and these are the ones who will replace the masses of SDA's that have refused "*the old paths*" and find themselves standing on the side of antichrist! They prefer the old wine!

- REVELATION 16:12

“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

As in the history of ancient Babylon when the waters were diverted it made a way for Cyrus' troops to bring down ancient Babylon, so too, when the modern day Euphrates is dried up it makes way for "*the kings of the east*", the 144,000 who are to bring down modern Babylon as a result of the "*loud cry*" message.

### KINGS OF THE EAST?

- REVELATION 1:5, 6

And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the **prince of the kings** of the earth. 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.

The "*kings of the east*" is referring to Christ and the one hundred and forty-four thousand. Christ who is leading them in the final conflict of the great controversy is the "*King of kings*" and the one hundred and forty-four thousand have been made "*kings and priests*" and they have determined to surrender their will to Christ and "*follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth*".

- REVELATION 17:14

<sup>14</sup>These 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.

## WATERS DIVERTED- STONE STRIKING

- PROMPT DECISIONS

"Prepare to meet thy God" is the message we are everywhere to proclaim. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. Clearly and distinctly the warning is to ring out: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen. . . . Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:2-4. The words of this scripture are to be fulfilled. Soon the last test is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **At that time prompt decisions will be made.** Those who have been convicted under the presentation of the word **will range themselves under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel.** They will see and understand as never before they have missed many opportunities for doing the good they ought to have done. They will realize that they have not worked as zealously as they should, to seek and save the lost, to snatch them, as it were, out of the fire."-- {9T 149.2}

- WILL SHINE FORTH

"Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth **when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people.** In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a **firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness,** revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and **in the hour of deepest apostasy,** when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a **false rest day,** these faithful ones, "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke," will "shine as lights in the world" (Revelation 13:16; Philippians 2:15). The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."-- {Prophets and Kings, pp. 187-189}

Water is to represent "*peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*" (Rev. 17:15). When we see waters diverted we can see that people will be diverted or turned aside... how? When the "*loud cry*" goes forth from the one hundred and forty-four thousand "*come out of her my people*", to warn those who are in Babylon against receiving the mark of the beast and they lift up the true Sabbath, then many hearts and minds will be diverted from the support of Babylon.

### ...AND THE CONFEDERACY OF 10?

- ISAIAH 8:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Associate 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**. <sup>10</sup>Take counsel together (*confederate*), and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. <sup>11</sup>For 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, <sup>12</sup>Say ye not, A

confederacy, to all *them* to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

The end time confederacy of ten (*Dan. 2:42; Rev. 17:12*) that join together to prevent God's people, spiritual Israel, from becoming a nation (*Psalms 83:4*) will be overcome by "the Lamb"-the 144,000 (*Rev. 17:14*). They (*ten toes/confederacy*) shall "*speak the word*" but "*it shall not stand*" or cleave to the seed of men.

## MAN OF SIN REVEALED

- MATTHEW 24:14

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

When the loud cry of the third angel begins to sound and the Sabbath test is brought before the whole world, beginning first with the SDA church, then the false will be distinguished from the true. At that time the mother of harlots will be seen in her true light and the man of sin will be completely revealed to the hearts and minds of those that sincerely love the Truth!

## SAME STORY OF DESTRUCTION

- ISAIAH 41:11-12

<sup>11</sup>Behold, 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 ("*...and the wind carried them away*"). <sup>12</sup>Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them ("*...that no place was found for them*"), even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

Notice the same language as employed in Daniel two. Jesus makes known what is to happen to those who oppose God's people in Isaiah just as He did in Daniel. And rightly so because all the prophets spoke more for our time than for their own!

## THRESHING INSTRUMENT

- ISAIAH 41:15, 16

<sup>15</sup>Behold, I will make thee (*spiritual Israel*) a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth (*mouth's*: margin reference): thou shalt thresh the mountains (*other religious institutions*), and beat them small, and shalt make the hills (*less prominent religious institutions*) as chaff. <sup>16</sup>Thou 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.

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”

From an unused root meaning to triturate, a threshing sledge—threshing instrument.

**Triturate** - to rub, crush, or grind into very fine particles or powder; pulverize. (Online medical dictionary)

## THE OUTCOME

- ISAIAH 14:13-15

<sup>13</sup>For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. <sup>15</sup>Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

The image of Daniel 2 represents the history of the “great controversy” in which Satan has sought to seat himself “*upon the mount of **the congregation**, in the sides of the north:*”; to exalt his throne “*above the stars of God*”, yet he shall “**be brought down to hell**, to the sides of the pit”.

It also accurately portrays a history where the setting aside of God’s law for the “*teachings of men*” grew even more prevalent with each passing kingdom. But notice their destiny:

- DANIEL 2:34,35

<sup>34</sup>Thou 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. <sup>35</sup>Then 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.

**Important:** Please notice that the above verses do not say: “Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet...Then was the head, the arms and chest, the belly and thighs, the legs, and the feet, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer **threshingfloors**.”. IT IS NOT the ANATOMY that Daniel is trying to draw our attention to but rather the “*metals*” within the anatomy; representing their spiritual condition.

## THE CHAFF

“...and became like the **chaff** of the summer threshingfloors;”

- MAN’S UTTERANCE

“Christ must come to utter words which should be clearly and definitely understood. He, the author of **truth**, must separate truth from the chaff of man’s utterance, which had made it of no effect.”-- {*Desire of Ages* 34.1}

- VANITY

“Brethren, take heed to these words, for they are of deep importance to every soul connected with the great work to be accomplished in these last days. Unless our eyes, our ears, our tongues, are under the control of the Holy Spirit, and guided by divine power, they cannot be trusted. They will surely mingle the thread of selfishness and the chaff of vanity with the work of God, and commingle with it that which is marred by unsanctified and ambitious projects, and the work will not bear the signature of Heaven; for it will not represent the principles of the law of God, which is a transcript of his character.”-- {RH, August 13, 1895 par. 4}

- TEACHINGS OF MEN

“The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom in order that you may separate from the pure grain of truth the chaff with which men and Satan have misrepresented the doctrines of truth. Satan and his confederacy of human agents have endeavored to mix the chaff of error with the wheat of truth.”-- {Fundamentals of Christian Education 307.2}

- THE UNGODLY AND JUDGMENT

**Psalms 1:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. <sup>4</sup>*The ungodly* are not so; but *are like the chaff which the wind driveth away*. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

- JOB 21:17, 18

<sup>17</sup>How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh **their** destruction upon them! *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger. <sup>18</sup>They are as stubble before the **wind**, and as **chaff** that the **storm** carrieth away.

All of the kingdoms as represented by the metals “*became*” like the chaff. In other words, they were discovered to be an empty husk when the testing “wind” began to blow and as a result were carried away. They were minus the fruit. Void of the fruits of the Spirit. Outwardly they appeared to be wheat but when the testing “wind” was brought forth they were found to be a liar.

When the stone strikes, representing the giving of the loud cry message, it will be seen by the choices made who are the “*wicked*” and who are not. During this time it will become evident that the chaff, professing that they are wheat, are in reality only an empty husk, void of the fruits of the Spirit. As well, all of the teachings and traditions of these “*ungodly*” men were then seen to be fruitless.

The references above in Psalms and Job where the chaff is removed by a wind, are telling the same story we see in Daniel 2:35, with the added understanding “*that no place was found for them*”. We will qualify that in a moment.

Also notice that the chaff being driven away is connected with the judgment of verse five. What is it that carries these “*vain*”, “*ungodly*” and “*wicked*” people away who “*mix the chaff of error with the wheat of truth*”?

## THE WIND

“...and the **wind** carried them away,”

Based on the following scripture and SOP quotes, I have concluded at this point that the wind that “*carried away*” in Daniel two or “*drives away*” in Psalms one, the “*ungodly*” men and their teachings and traditions, is the breath of God, His **Spirit**, as manifested in the “words” or “speech” of the one hundred and forty-four thousand during the loud cry of the three angels messages in Revelation 18:1-4.

It is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as it attends the messages of the 144,000 during the loud cry that is the “*wind*” which “*carries away*” the chaff or the “*ungodly*” along with their teachings and traditions that have led to the false worship and turning from God.

- ACTS 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing *mighty wind*, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Spirit of God is represented as a wind. The Greek rendering of this word “*wind*” is also “*breath*”.

### G4157 (Wind)

From G4154; *respiration*, a *breeze*:—breath, wind. G4154-A primary word; to breathe hard, that is, *breeze*:—blow. Compare G5594.

Understanding that *wind* is also accurately translated as “*breath*” and upon the testimony of two, we will see that “*breath*” is to represent “*speech*” or “*words*”.

- JOB 6:26

Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, *which are* as wind?

- JOB 8:2

How long wilt thou speak these [things]? and [how long shall] the words of thy mouth [be like] a strong wind?

## CHRIST BREATHED

“The act of Christ in breathing upon His disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting His peace to them, was as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost.”-- {5BC 1151.1}

We should see that just as Christ, before Pentecost, breathed upon His disciples the Holy Ghost in the form of a “message” that when given convicted the world of sin, so too the same God who changeth not will in the future, prior to the “loud cry”, breathe upon His disciples, the 144,000, the Holy Ghost in the form of a “message” that when given will convict the world of sin.

We also need to see that just as the former rain was “progressive”; to the **church** first and then to the **Gentiles**, so too the “latter rain” will be progressive; to the **church** first and then to the **Gentiles**.

And what came on Pentecost? A *message* that was attended by the mighty power of God’s Spirit- the “breath” of God, and accomplished the beginning of His three-step work as found in John sixteen and that being the conviction of sin!

- JOHN 16:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. <sup>8</sup>And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

So when we see in Daniel 2:35 that the “*chaff*”, representing the iron, the clay, the brass the silver and the gold, is carried away by the wind (*The loud cry message of the 144,000*), we are being shown what happens to the “*wicked*” during the final warning message that is to convict of sin, the last great test that all of God’s people must have before they are sealed. And that test, the Sabbath test, will decide their eternal destiny. (2SM 80.4) To be “carried away” is to be removed or “taken away”.

As the “vain”, “wicked” liars are refusing the true Sabbath and embracing and exalting “the child of the Papacy” along with the teachings and traditions of men during the “loud cry” message, they are being removed by the “breath” or message of the 144,000.

## THE JUDGMENT

At the close of the loud cry, when the investigative judgment is concluding, it will become evident that there is “no place... found for them”- the “*wicked*”, in God’s eternal kingdom and Michael stands and announces “it is finished”! It is here that we see the results of the “wind” and its connection with the judgment in Psalms 1:5, 6:

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment (*investigative*), nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

When Michael stands up in Daniel 12:1 and the investigative judgment has concluded, the wicked will never again congregate with the righteous. There is a line of demarcation and separation forever drawn.

## THE BREATH

The “breath” of man is the “Spirit” of God, and it returns to Him when we die. Therefore we shouldn’t have a problem understanding that God’s last day people, the 144,000, are NOT going to be speaking their own words but instead it will be the breath or “message” of God!

- JOB 27:3

<sup>3</sup>All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

- ECCLESIASTES 12:7

<sup>7</sup>Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

And who really does the grinding?

## IN THE PERSON OF THE SAINTS

“Christ will be represented in the person of those who accept the truth, and who identify their interest with that of their Lord. The world will be enraged at them in the same way that they were enraged at Christ, and the disciples of Christ will know that they are to be treated no better than was their Lord. But Christ will surely identify His interest with that of those who accept Him as their personal Saviour. Every insult, every reproach, every false accusation made against them by those who have turned their ears away from the truth and are turned unto fables, will be charged upon the guilty ones as done to Christ in the person of His saints” -- (RH April 14, 1896).

## 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*

Christ fell on the Jewish nation and ground them to a powder through the use of the pagan Roman armies.

## CHRIST GROUND

“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.”-- {DA 600.2}

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 working through 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.

It is Christ in the personage of the 144,000 that “*spiritually*” grinds the wicked into a powder in the last days!

- MICAH 4:13

<sup>13</sup>Arise 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)

- REVELATION 17:14

<sup>14</sup>These 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.

Jesus tells us in John 10:16 “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice (*loud cry*); and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd.”

During the “loud cry” message when the call “come out of her my people” is heard, these sheep that have wandered “*from mountain to hill*” will hear the voice of Jesus in the personage of His saints that are perfectly reflecting His character and following Him “whithersoever he goeth”. They will also be issuing forth the law, with special emphasis given to the true Sabbath.

The false shepherds have exalted the teachings of men and their false Sabbath for so long that they have turned them away on the mountains and caused His sheep to go astray.

- ISAIAH 51:1

<sup>1</sup>Hearken 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.

We need to understand that Jesus is earnestly trying to recreate His image within us before it is too late. We must have surrendered our will and put away sin now, in His strength, before the Sunday law test arrives and we are found wearing our own garments of righteousness with the words: “Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting” written upon them.

## “BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN”

- DANIEL 2:35

“...and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.”

As was set forth earlier in this study, a *mountain* is to represent an organized religious body of believers. We also established that the stone is representative of the **unified body** of believers that have been cut out of that mountain by the cleaver of Truth and comprise the ones who will receive the seal of God and give the final warning message to the world.

We then read that the *stone* becomes “*a great mountain*” and fills “*the whole earth*”. We are seeing Revelation 17:14 and Daniel 11:45 being fulfilled. We are told that God’s true church will “*overcome*” the confederacy of ten kings in Revelation 17:14. And we are also told that the king of the north, the papacy, in Daniel 11:45 “*shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the **glorious** holy mountain*” and yet “*he shall come to his end, and none shall help him*”; the king of the North shall be overcome as well due to the “*tidings out of the east and out of the north*”.

But it is Micah 4:1 that we see the best depiction of the stone becoming a mountain. The final kingdom will be a religious entity as well but we discover that it will surpass all other mountains or religious entities and establish itself as eternally supreme.

- MICAH 4:1

<sup>1</sup>But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established **in the top of the mountains**, and **it shall be exalted above the hills**; and people shall flow unto it.

We are seeing set forth a description of God’s “*faithful*” being set apart from all of the other religious institutions of the day and ascending the world throne as the **final world kingdom** that “*shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall **break in pieces and consume** all these **kingdoms**, and it shall stand forever*” (Daniel 2:44).

## FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH

- REVELATION 18:1

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

The pen of inspiration, referencing this passage in Revelation, informs us that God’s “*glory shall fill the whole earth*”.

“The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose **glory shall fill the whole earth**.”-- {ISM 362.4}

The “*mountain*” of Daniel 2:35 is also said to fill “the whole earth”. And this “*mountain*” is what the “*stone*” is said to grow into and it represents the “*living stones*” or “*wise*” that are found “*faithful*” in the Sunday law testing time, and having received the seal of God they are to occupy a place in God’s spiritual temple (*1 Peter 2:5; Dan. 12:4; Rev.17:14*).

Just as the “*mountain*” is to fill the whole earth, the **glory** or “*character*” of God (Exodus 33:18-34:7), as represented by the “*light*”, is to fill the whole earth. This light is progressive. It will begin with God’s church and will encompass the whole world.

What I have concluded and therefore will endeavor to show is that the “*mountain of the house of the Lord*” being “*established in the top of the mountains,*” and “*exalted above the hills*” in Micah 4:1 is the same theme as we find in Revelation 18:1.

- REVELATION 18:1

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw another **angel** come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

## ANGEL

The angel of Revelation eighteen-one is representing the work the people of God accomplish under the leading and direction of His Spirit.

“I have had an experience in the first, second, and third angels' messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a **message of warning**, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth's history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God, and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages in their order.”-- {Life Sketches 429.1}

“The prophecies in the eighteenth of Revelation will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, “another angel” is to “come down from heaven, having great power,” and the earth is to be “**lightened with his glory.**” The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously bless consecrated human instrumentalities that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and thanksgiving, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea.”-- {7BC 983.9}

Doesn’t the “*mountain*”, which is simply a representation of the 144,000 and those that came out of Babylon during the last warning message, also accomplish this very work?

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## EARTH LIGHTENED

- EVERY STONE

“A working church is a living church. We are **built up** (*Grow into?*) 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**.” -- {*Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 435.*}

- LIGHT FOR HIS GLORY!

“We are to occupy some place in the Lord's spiritual temple, and the important question is not as to whether you are a large or a small stone, but whether you have submitted yourself to God that He may polish **you** and **make you emit light for His glory**. If we are in the Lord's temple we must emit light. Are we permitting the heavenly Builder to hew and square and polish us? Have we faith to rest in Him?” -- {*RH, May 19, 1891 par. 13*}

God's church triumphant or “mountain” will not only be exalted above every other religious entity and take its place as the final “kingdom” but it will, in so doing, also fill the whole earth with the “light” of His character as it is reflected through them.

God's objective, if we will allow it, is to polish you and I after the similitude of a palace that His character is perfectly reflected through us. That His glory might shine forth to a world shrouded in the darkness of deception and ignorance. This is the work that is under way even as you consider these truths.

## SHOW FORTH

- I PETER 2:9, 10

<sup>9</sup>But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should show forth** the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness **into his marvellous light**: <sup>10</sup>Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The mountain fills “the whole earth” with the glory of God by allowing Him to perfectly reflect His character in and through us!

Even though I have carefully qualified each principle set forth in this study to the best of my human ability, it is not presented as being flawless. I recognize that our understanding of God's word is ever increasing, as is the “increase of knowledge” for our time, and welcome any sincere input that would help shed greater light upon these subjects. His richest blessings and to God be all of the glory!

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In an effort to substantiate my belief that the 144,000 are a “type” of Christ, I have compiled a side-by-side comparison for a clearer view of this understanding. This may be a new thought for you but I feel the evidence speaks for itself.

• GALATIANS 2:20

<sup>20</sup>I 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.

<u>Jesus' Day</u> <u>Christ</u>	⇒ Parallel ⇒ History	<u>Last Day's</u> <u>144,000 / Remnant</u>
- Jesus cleansed the temple @ the beginning of His ministry. (His day). (John. 2:13-16)	↓	- Jesus cleansed the temple @ the beginning of His ministry. (Last day) (1844-The Great Disappointment)
- High Priest (Hebrews)	↓	- Teaching Priests (Ex. 19:5, 6; 18:20)
- Lamb of God (John 1:29)	↓	- Lamb's of God (John 21:15)
- Light of the world (John 9:5)	↓	- Light of the world (Matt. 5:14)
- Chief Corner Stone (1 Peter 2:6)	↓	- Living Stones ( <i>laid upon the Corner Stone</i> Peter 2:5)
- Perfect Character (Heb. 4:15)	↓	- Character perfection (Rev. 14:1-5)
- Death penalty was sought (Matt. 26:59, 60) He troubled Israel.	↓	- Death penalty will be sought. (Rev.13:15) They will trouble Israel.
- Gethsemane experience (Testing weight brought upon the Stone)	↓	- Gethsemane (Jacob's TOT- Testing weight brought upon "living" stones)
- Stood without an intercessor (Matt. 27:46)	↓	- Will stand without an intercessor (GC 649)
- Christ's Message – Kingdom of heaven is at hand ( <i>kingdom of Grace</i> ) (GC 347, 348)	↓	- 144,000's Message – Kingdom of heaven is at hand ( <i>Kingdom of Glory</i> ) (GC 347, 348)
- Vindicated the Father's name ( <i>character</i> )	↓	- Vindicate the Father's name ( <i>character</i> )
- Brought a saving message to <u>His</u> people first (Jews) whose probation was soon to close. (70 wk prophecy - stoning of Steven)	↓	- Bring a saving message to <u>His</u> people first ( <i>Adventist</i> ) whose probation is soon to close. ( <i>National Sunday Law</i> )
- Just before Christ ("The Word") was crucified, He cleansed the temple the final time. (Matt. 21:12)	↓	- Just before Christ is crucified, ( <i>God's law made void</i> ) He cleanses His temple the final time. Rev.11:8; GC 273) (Eph. 5:25-27)

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| -Christ was crucified! (Matt. 27:26)   | - Christ will be crucified! (GC 273, T5 451, <i>His law made void</i> )             |
| - <u>Former</u> rain poured out to empower messengers/ messages.   | - <u>Latter</u> rain poured out to empower messengers/ messages.                    |
| -Pentecost followed the crucifixion. T5 451)   | -Pentecost follows crucifixion. ( <i>His law made void</i> ) (Rev. 11:8; GC 273)    |
| -Saving messages then went to the Gentiles ( <i>the whole world</i> )  | -Saving messages will then go to the Gentiles ( <i>the whole world</i> )            |
| -Persecution and martyrdom followed. (Acts 8:1)  | -Persecution and martyrdom follow. (Rev. 6:9-11; Rev. 20:4; Mar. 199)               |
| - Blood of the saints became seed, church #'s exploded. (Acts 8:4)   | -Blood of the saints becomes seed, church #'s will explode. (Rev. 7:9)              |
| -Michael stands up-Probation for the gentiles then closed! (Stoning of Steven- Christ standing beside the Father: Acts 7:55) | -Michael stands up-Probation for the world then closes! (Dan. 12:1; Rev. 22:11, 12) |



- JOHN 14:12

<sup>12</sup>Verily, 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.

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