

ABRAM'S COVENANT PROPHECY

Introduction

Rom 9:6–8; Gal 3:7, 29

“The Lord selected Abraham to carry out his will. He was directed to leave his idolatrous nation, and separate from his kindred. The Lord had revealed himself to Abraham in his youth, and gave him understanding, and preserved him from idolatry. He designed to make him an example of faith, and true devotion, for his people who should afterward live upon the earth. His character was marked for integrity, generosity, and hospitality. He commanded respect as a mighty prince among the people. His reverence and love for God, and his strict obedience in performing his will, gained for him the respect of his servants and neighbors. His godly example and righteous course, united with his faithful instructions to his servants and all his household, led them to fear, love, and reverence, the God of Abraham. The Lord appeared to Abraham, and promised him that his seed should be like the stars of heaven for number. He also made known to him, through the figure of the horror of great darkness which came upon him, the long, servile bondage of his descendants in Egypt.” – {Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 1, pg.93.1}

- The covenant the Lord entered into with Abram was the first which He ever established on this earth with a special people.
- It typifies the last covenant that the Lord is entering into with a special people—the covenant with the 144,000. This is consistent with Christ’s character as the First and the Last.

“In the last days of this earth’s history, God’s covenant with His commandment-keeping people is to be renewed.” – {Prophets and Kings, pg.299.1}

- Accordingly Abram’s covenant prophecy in Genesis 15 sheds light on the dynamics which characterize the covenant history of the development of the 144,000.

Gen 15:7–21

The 1290 and 1335 Time Prophecies

Daniel 12:11, 12; Isa 30:18

- The 1290 and 1335 time prophecies are connected with the covenant history of the Millerites and highlight a number of important themes. Two of the outstanding ones are as follows:
 1. The setting up and removal of the papacy (the abomination of desolation) – 1290
 2. A change of dispensation (from paganism to papalism (beginning) and from the holy place to the most holy place ministration in the heavenly sanctuary (end)) – 1335
- The blessing of the 1335 was realized in the tarrying time of the ten virgins of Millerite history. It was the blessing of participating in the proclamation and experience of the midnight cry.

The tarrying time brought to view by the 1335 year prophecy typified the post-9/11 tarrying time in which the sealing of the 144,000 is accomplished. As a symbol, it is therefore associated with the sealing of God's people at the end of the world and the change of dispensation from the church militant to the church triumphant.

- Abram's covenant prophecy also illustrates the sealing of the 144,000 and this is corroborated by the Spirit of prophecy. One simple example of this truth is the 400 years of the prophecy: $400 \text{ years} = 400 \times 360 = \mathbf{144,000}$ days.

*“He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.” “And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; and the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, **and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.** And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, **and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.** Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.”*

Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary to put on garments of vengeance and pour out His wrath in judgments upon those who have not responded to the light God has given them. “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” Instead of being softened by the patience and long forbearance that the Lord has exercised toward them, those who fear not God and love not the truth strengthen their hearts in their evil course. But there are limits even to the forbearance of God, and many are exceeding these boundaries. They have overrun the limits of grace, and therefore God must interfere and vindicate His own honor.

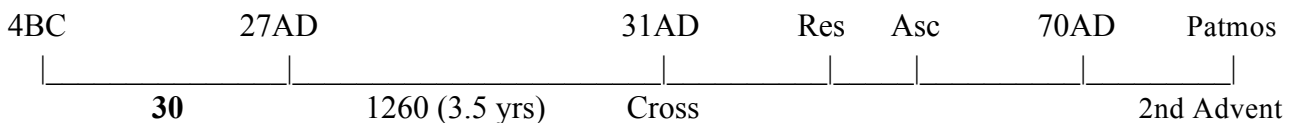
*Of the Amorites the Lord said: “**In the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.**” Although this nation was conspicuous because of its idolatry and corruption, it had not yet filled up the cup of its iniquity, and God would not give command for its utter destruction. The people were to see the divine power manifested in a marked manner, that they might be left without excuse. The compassionate Creator was willing to bear with their iniquity until the fourth generation. Then, if no change was seen for the better, His judgments were to fall upon them. **With unerring accuracy the Infinite One still keeps an account with all nations.** While His mercy is tendered with calls to repentance, this account will remain open; but when the figures reach a certain amount which God has fixed, the ministry of His wrath commences. The account is closed. Divine patience ceases. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf.” – {Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, pg.207.2–208.2}*

- Therefore, we must expect to see a divine connection between the time prophecies identified in Abram's covenant history, and the time prophecies brought to view in Millerite Adventism's covenant history—the time prophecies of the book of Daniel.
- And these would in turn typify the dynamics involved in the covenant history of the 144,000.
- To Abram was committed the light of the time prophecies connected with the covenant of Ancient Israel, and to William Miller was given the light of the time prophecies of the book of Daniel connected with the covenant of Modern Israel.
- Thus Abram typified William Miller...

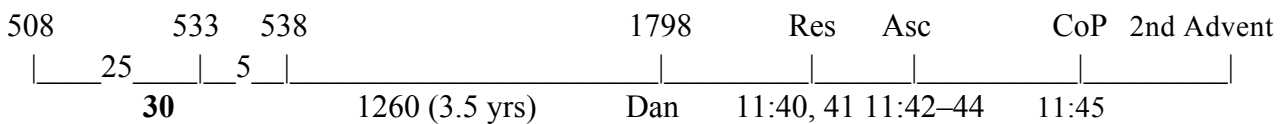
The Pattern of Christ

- The pattern of Christ is now an age-old study in this movement, but because it is truth, it is capable of constant expansion. This will be found to be the case.
- There is evidence now that the pattern of Christ sheds further light on the time prophecies of Abram’s covenant, and connects the history identified in those prophecies with histories such as the 1260 years of papal supremacy and the French Revolution.
- This helps God’s people to see more truth concerning the return of papal supremacy and the repeat of the scenes which took place in the French Revolution. Below is a list of examples of the pattern:

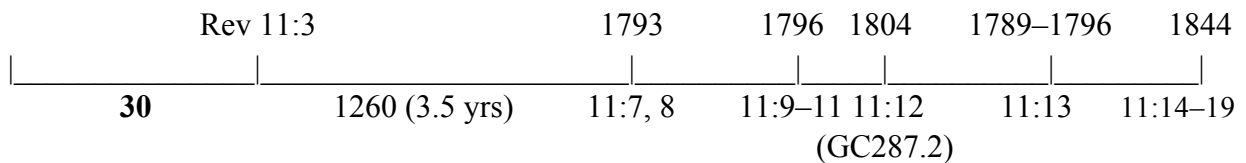
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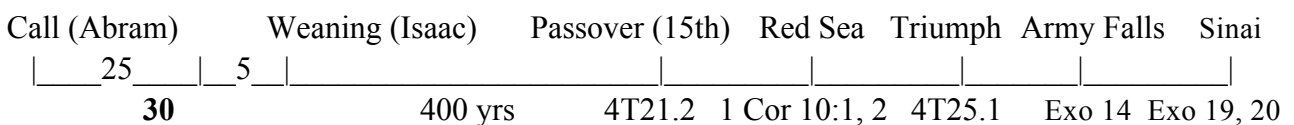
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Two Witnesses



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The 1290 — Clovis and Napoleon Bonaparte

- Clovis was a French leader who was instrumental in placing the papacy on the throne of the earth as is identified by the prophecy of the 1290.
- He was involved in fighting the battles of the papacy in 508 AD (the battle of Vouillé with the Visigoths) when the 1290 years would begin.
- Napoleon Bonaparte was a French leader who was instrumental in removing the papacy from the throne of the earth. His work was accomplished at the end of the 1290 year prophecy.
- The 1290 therefore connects these two French leaders who become a symbol of the end of the world.

France is a two-horned power according to Bible prophecy and it typifies the United States which plays a major role in setting up and eventually removing the papacy from the throne of the earth in the last generation.

- And Clovis (beginning) and Napoleon Bonaparte (end) would typify the leader of the United States who is in office when these things take place. When brought line upon line, they represent the activities of the last president of the United States.
- Another profound yet solemn truth brought to view by the 1290 is the number 45 when it is brought in connection with the 1335 year prophecy.
- And having already established that these foregoing time prophecies emphasize the establishment and removal of the papal power as well as a change in dispensation, and that the blessing of the 1335 typified the sealing of the 144,000, it comes as no coincidence that the president to be elected is the 45th president of the United States.
- He/she is the one who will be in office when the papal power is reestablished and there is a change in dispensation from the church militant to the church triumphant as well as from the USA to the UN. He/she is also the president when the 144,000 are sealed.
- It becomes increasingly solemn when one realizes that Clovis died in the 45th year of his life, and the Napoleonic empire collapsed when Napoleon was 45. They are truly symbols of the 45th president who is the last president of the United States.
- And the number 45 has suddenly become a symbol which figures largely in God's word. This is seen even in Abram's covenant prophecy.

The 1290 and the 430 Years

Dan 12:11; Exo 12:41; Gal 3:16, 17

*“The statement in Exodus 12:40, that “the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years,” gives the impression that the Israelites, from Jacob’s entry into Egypt to the Exodus, actually spent 430 years in the country of the Nile. That this impression cannot be correct is obvious from Paul’s inspired interpretation presented in Galatians 3:16, 17, where the 430 years are said to cover the period **beginning when God made His covenant with Abraham until the law was promulgated at Sinai**. Paul seems to refer to the first promise made by God to Abraham when he was called to leave Haran. Genesis 12:1-3. At that time the 430 years began, when Abraham was seventy-five years old (chapter 12:4), **while the 400 years of the prophecy of Genesis 15:13 began thirty years later**, when Abraham was 105 **and his son Isaac five years old** (Chapter 21:5). At that time Ishmael, who “was born after the flesh **persecuted him [Isaac]** that was born after the Spirit” (Galatians 4:29; Genesis 21:9-11), beginning a time of affliction of Abraham’s seed which intermittently would be continued until the time of the Exodus. Isaac had not only troubles with his half brother Ishmael, but also with the Philistines (Genesis 26:15, 20, 21); Jacob fled for his life from Esau (Genesis 27:41-43), and later from Laban (Genesis 31:21), and then was again in jeopardy from Esau (Genesis 32:8); Joseph was sold into slavery by his brethren (Genesis 37:28), and the children of Israel were oppressed by the Egyptians for many decades (Exodus 1:14).*

*The time from Abraham’s call to Jacob’s entry into Egypt was 215 years, being the total of (1) twenty-five years lying between Abraham’s call and the birth of Isaac (Genesis 12:4; Genesis 21:5), (2) sixty years lying between Isaac’s birth and Jacob’s birth (Genesis 25:26), and (3) the age of Jacob at the time of his migration into Egypt (Genesis 47:9). This leaves the remaining 215 years of the 430 as the actual time the Hebrews spent in Egypt. **Hence the 430 years of Exodus 12:40 includes the sojourn of the patriarchs in Canaan as well as their stay in Egypt**. Since in the time of Moses, **Palestine was part of the Egyptian empire**, it is not strange to find an author of that period including Canaan in the term “Egypt.” The translators of the Septuagint, knowing that the*

430 years included the sojourn of the patriarchs in Canaan, made this point clear in their rendering of this passage: “And the sojourning of the children of Israel, while they sojourned in the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan, was four hundred and thirty years.” An additional corroboration of the interpretation of the 430 years given above is found in the prophecy that the fourth generation of those who had entered Egypt would leave it (Genesis 15:16), and its recorded fulfillment in Exodus 6:16-20.” – {Patriarchs and Prophets, pg.759.4}

- It is no coincidence that $1290 = 430 \times 3$. The 430 year prophecy is a third part of the 1290, and the story of the third part more often than not is the story of the United States of America—a third part of the threefold union of Modern Babylon. The 1290 itself is also a story of the United States in connection with the nation of France.
- France is called Sodom and **Egypt** in Revelation 11 and it is inextricably linked with the 1290 years of Daniel 12. And the prophecy of the 430 years is a prophecy relating to the empire of ancient **Egypt**. They therefore make for perfect parallels. The 430 typified the 1290 which in turn typifies the end of the world. This is a triple application of prophecy.
- And these two witnesses bring to view the activities of the United States in bringing the world to the long awaited Sunday law crisis, and bringing God’s people to the points where they are sealed.
- The 430 year prophecy is marked by two Pharaohs noted on either end of the prophecy just as two French leaders are noted on either end of the 1290 year prophecy. Abram’s Pharaoh is noted at the beginning of the 430 years (Genesis 12) and Moses’ Pharaoh is noted at the end (Exodus 4–14).
- Abram’s Pharaoh therefore typifies Clovis, and Moses’ Pharaoh typifies Napoleon Bonaparte, and when these illustrations are combined line upon line, they illustrate the activities of the last president of the United States and the experience of God’s people during that time.
- Another point worthy of notice is that the 430 years bring to view **four** Pharaoh’s (Gen 12; Gen 39–50; Exo 1–3; Exo 4–14) which are noted in the Scripture of truth (perhaps not in history). Thus, Abram’s covenant prophecy also teaches the truth of the last four presidents of the United States and that the deliverance of God’s people would happen in the time of the fourth of those presidents.

Num 33:1–4

- The Passover typifies the Sunday law when the 144,000 receive the seal of God in their foreheads. The blood on the doorposts typifies God’s seal.
- The children of Israel departed from Egypt on the **15th** day of the 1st month, on the selfsame day, i.e., the 144,000th day since the 400 year affliction began.
- And having already established that Abram’s covenant prophecy is a third part of the 1290 (430×3), therefore, the 15th day when they departed from Egypt when multiplied by 3 brings to view the number **45** ($15 \times 3 = 45$), i.e., **15 is a third part of 45**.
- There are no coincidences in God’s word, this is confirming the truths that God’s people are sealed, the French revolution is repeated, and the United States is judged in the time of the 45th president—the fourth of the last four presidents.

The Two Witnesses and the 1260

Rev 11:3–13; Gen 15:7–21

*“Concerning the two witnesses the prophet declares further: “These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.” “Thy word,” said the psalmist, “is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Revelation 11:4; Psalm 119:105. **The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament.** Both are important testimonies to the **origin and perpetuity of the law of God.** Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation. The types, sacrifices, and prophecies of the Old Testament point forward to a Saviour to come. The Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament tell of a Saviour who has come in the exact manner foretold by type and prophecy.” – {Great Controversy, pg.267.1}*

*“Still the patriarch begged for some **visible token** as a confirmation of his faith and **as an evidence to after-generations** that God’s gracious purposes toward them would be accomplished. The Lord condescended to enter into a covenant with His servant, employing such forms as were customary among men for the ratification of a solemn engagement. By divine direction, Abraham sacrificed a heifer, a she-goat, and a ram, each three years old, dividing the bodies and laying the pieces a little distance apart. To these he added a turtledove and a young pigeon, which, however, were not divided. This being done, he reverently passed between the parts of the sacrifice, making a solemn vow to God of perpetual obedience. Watchful and steadfast, he remained beside the carcasses till the going down of the sun, to guard them from being defiled or devoured by birds of prey. About sunset he sank into a deep sleep; and, “lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.” And the voice of God was heard, bidding him not to expect immediate possession of the Promised Land, and pointing forward to the sufferings of his posterity before their establishment in Canaan. The plan of redemption was here opened to him, in the death of Christ, the great sacrifice, and His coming in glory. Abraham saw also the earth restored to its Eden beauty, to be given him for an everlasting possession, as the final and complete fulfillment of the promise. As a pledge of this covenant of God with men, **a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, symbols of the divine presence,** passed between the severed victims, totally consuming them. And again a voice was heard by Abraham, confirming the gift of the land of Canaan to his descendants, “from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.”” – {Patriarchs and Prophets, pg.137.1, 2}*

- The two witnesses, which are a symbol of the word of God, are likened to a lamp. They are typified by the burning lamp and smoking furnace which are as much a symbol of the divine presence as the word of God.
- The two witnesses were to give their testimony for 1260 years, and Sister White says the visible tokens given to Abram (the smoking furnace and burning lamp) were to be an evidence for after generations until God’s purposes were accomplished.
- Abram’s two tokens therefore represent two witnesses which would give their testimony for the entire length of his covenant prophecy. The transactions of Genesis 15 took place ten years after Abram was called out of Ur of the Chaldees. This would leave 420 years of the 430 year prophecy which began at his call.
- The smoking furnace and burning lamp were therefore to be perpetual symbolic testimonies of God’s covenant with Abram and his descendants for 420 years. And it comes as no coincidence that 420 is a third part of 1260 ($420 \times 3 = 1260$).
- Abram’s covenant prophecy is therefore also a clear parallel with Revelation 11 and sheds light on the subject of the French Revolution. It has also opened up the significance of the number 420 in Bible prophecy.

Confirming the Covenant for One Week

that in God's own time all would be made plain. It had been revealed to him that the Messiah would seek baptism at his hands, and that a sign of His divine character should then be given. Thus he would be enabled to present Him to the people.” – {Desire of Ages, pg.109.3}

- 30 Years of Preparation (Christ) = 9/11–MN (Obscurity and hiding), then a sign is given at midnight, heavens/temple opened, Messiah revealed, ministry begins. **Six months before, John's message went forth...**

Mat 3:1–12; Mar 6:14–20

*“All who wait for the heavenly Bridegroom are represented in the parable as slumbering because their Lord delayed His coming; but the wise roused themselves **at the message of His approach**, and responded to the message, **and their spiritual life was replenished**. Their spiritual discernment was not all gone, and they sprang into line. As they took hold of the grace of Christ, **their religious experience became vigorous and abundant, and their affections were set on things above**. They discerned where was the source of their supply, and appreciated the love that God had for them. They opened their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit, by which the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts. Their lights were trimmed and burning, and sent forth steady rays into the moral darkness of the world. They glorified God, because they had grace in their hearts, and did the very work that their Master did before them,—went forth to seek and to save those who were lost. – {BEcho November 5, 1894 Par. 10}*

Mat 12:38–42; 16:1–4; Luk 11:29–32

“The warning message of John was in the same lines as the warning to Nineveh, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown” (Jonah 3:4). Nineveh repented, and called upon God, and God accepted their acknowledgment of Him. Forty years of probation was granted them in which to reveal the genuineness of their repentance and to turn from sin. But Nineveh turned again to the worship of images; her iniquity became deeper and more desperate than before, because the light had come and had not been heeded.” – {Selected Messages, book 2, pg.149.1}

- 30 Years of Preparation (Antichrist) = 9/11 – MN, then the abomination of desolation established (sign), man of sin sits in the temple of God, man of sin revealed, persecution begins. **Five years before, Justinian’s decree was implemented (church and state)...**

Heresy and the trumpet powers

- 30 Years (Abram) = 9/11 – MN, then Isaac weaned (ripened), persecution/affliction begins, Ishmael (Radical Islam) brings the persecution (is the reason/pretext for it), the sign. **Five years before, Isaac is born and Isaac means laughter/mockery...**

1 Sam 1:21–23; Isa 28:9; Luk 21:20–24

*“I know that many think far too favorably of the present time. These ease-loving souls will be engulfed in the general ruin. **Yet we do not despair.** We have been inclined to think that where there are no faithful ministers there can be no true Christians, but this is not the case. God has promised that where the shepherds are not true He will take charge of the flock Himself. God has never made the flock wholly dependent upon human instrumentalities. **But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace.** God will have a people pure and true. **In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel.** The signs reveal that **the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor.**”*

*The days are fast approaching when there will be **great perplexity and confusion.** Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. **Every wind of doctrine will be blowing.** Those who have rendered supreme homage to “science falsely so called” will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. **They did not keep pace with the light.** Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. **They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them.** The Lord has faithful servants, **who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view.** There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster.” – {Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, pg.80.1}*

*“Before the destruction of Sodom, God sent a message to Lot, **“Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.”** The same voice of warning was heard by the disciples of Christ before the destruction of Jerusalem: “When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea **flee to the mountains.**” Luke 21:20, 21. **They must not tarry to secure anything from their possessions, but must make the most of the opportunity to escape. There was a coming out, a decided separation from the wicked, an escape for life.** So it was in the days of Noah; so with Lot; so with the disciples prior to the destruction of Jerusalem; **and so it will be in the***

last days. Again the voice of God is heard in a message of warning, bidding His people **separate themselves from the prevailing iniquity.**

The state of corruption and apostasy that in the last days would exist in the religious world, was presented to the prophet John in the vision of Babylon, “that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” Revelation 17:18. Before its destruction the call is to be given from heaven, “Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Revelation 18:4. As in the days of Noah and Lot, there must be a marked separation from sin and sinners. There can be no compromise between God and the world, no turning back to secure earthly treasures. “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Matthew 6:24.

Like the dwellers in the vale of Siddim, the people are dreaming of prosperity and peace. “Escape for thy life,” is the warning from the angels of God; **but other voices are heard saying, “Be not excited; there is no cause for alarm.”** The multitudes cry, “**Peace and safety,**” while Heaven declares that swift destruction is about to come upon the transgressor. On the night prior to their destruction, the cities of the plain rioted in pleasure and derided the fears and warnings of the messenger of God; but those scoffers perished in the flames; that very night the door of mercy was forever closed to the wicked, careless inhabitants of Sodom. God will not always be mocked; He will not long be trifled with. “Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” Isaiah 13:9. The great mass of the world will reject God’s mercy, and will be overwhelmed in swift and irretrievable ruin. But those who heed the warning shall dwell “in the secret place of the Most High,” and “abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” His truth shall be their shield and buckler. For them is the promise, “With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.” Psalm 91:1, 4, 16.” – {Patriarchs and Prophets, pg.166.3–167.2}

“Then I saw Jesus lay off His priestly attire and clothe Himself with His most kingly robes. Upon His head were many crowns, a crown within a crown. Surrounded by the angelic host, He left heaven. The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God and cursing Him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape His judgments. **But the saints had nothing for them.** The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered, the last burden borne, the last warning given. The sweet voice of mercy was no more to invite them. When the saints, and all heaven, were interested for their salvation, they had no interest for themselves. Life and death had been set before them. **Many desired life, but made no effort to obtain it.** They did not choose life, and now there was no atoning blood to cleanse the guilty, no compassionate Saviour to plead for them, and cry, “Spare, spare the sinner a little longer.” All heaven had united with Jesus, as they heard the fearful words, “It is done. It is finished.” The plan of salvation had been accomplished, but few had chosen to accept it. And as mercy’s sweet voice died away, fear and horror seized the wicked. With terrible distinctness they heard the words, “Too late! too late!”” – {Early Writings, pg.281.1}

“If such scenes as this are to come, such tremendous judgments on a guilty world, where will be the refuge for God’s people? How will they be sheltered until the indignation be overpast? John sees the elements of nature—earthquake, tempest, and political strife—represented as being held by four angels. These winds are under control until God gives

the word to let them go. There is the safety of God's church. The angels of God do His bidding, holding back the winds of the earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree, until the servants of God should be sealed in their foreheads. The mighty angel is seen ascending from the east (or sunrising). This mightiest of angels has in his hand the seal of the living God, or of Him who alone can give life, who can inscribe upon the foreheads the mark or inscription, to whom shall be granted immortality, eternal life. It is the voice of this highest angel that had authority to command the four angels to keep in check the four winds until this work was performed, and until he should give the summons to let them loose.” – {Testimonies to Ministers, pg.444.3}

- 30 Years (Joseph) = 9/11 – MN, then Joseph lifted up, prediction given to Pharaoh, seven years of plenty. **Two years before (1838 – distress of nations), Joseph gave a prediction which resulted in the separation of two classes—the butler and the baker—before Joseph was lifted up before Pharaoh...**

*“The Lord gave Jeremiah a message of reproof to bear to his people, charging them with the continual rejection of God’s counsel: “I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto Me. I have sent also unto you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers.” God pleaded with them not to provoke Him to anger with the work of their hands and their hearts, “but they hearkened not.” **Jeremiah then predicted the captivity of the Jews as their punishment for not heeding the word of the Lord.** The Chaldeans were to be used as the instrument by which God would chastise His disobedient people. Their punishment was to be in proportion to their intelligence and to the warnings they had despised. God had long delayed His judgments because of His unwillingness to humiliate His chosen people, but now He would visit His displeasure upon them as a last effort to check them in their evil course.*

*In these days He has instituted no new plan to preserve the purity of His people. As of old, He entreats the erring ones who profess His name to repent and turn from their evil ways. Now, as then, **by the mouth of His chosen servants He predicts the dangers before them.** He sounds the note of warning and reproves sin just as faithfully as in the days of Jeremiah. But the Israel of our time have the same temptations to scorn reproof and hate counsel as had ancient Israel. **They too often turn a deaf ear to the words that God has given His servants for the benefit of those who profess the truth.** Though the Lord in mercy withholds for a time the retribution of their sin, as in the days of Jeremiah, He will not always stay His hand, but will visit iniquity with righteous judgment. The Lord commanded Jeremiah to stand in the court of the Lord’s house and speak unto all the people of Judah who came there to worship, those things which He would give him to speak, diminishing not a word, that they might hearken and turn from their evil ways. Then God would repent of the punishment which He had purposed to inflict upon them because of their wickedness.*

*The unwillingness of the Lord to chastise His erring people is here vividly shown. He stays His judgments; He pleads with them to return to their allegiance. He had brought them out of bondage that they might faithfully serve Him, the only true and living God; but they had wandered into idolatry, they had slighted the warnings given them by His prophets. **Yet He defers His chastisement to give them one more opportunity to repent and avert the retribution for their sin. Through His chosen prophet he now sends them a clear and positive warning, and lays before them the only course by which they can escape the punishment which they deserve.** This is a full repentance of their sin and a turning from the evil of their ways. The Lord commanded Jeremiah to say to the people: “Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to Me, to walk in My law, which I have set before you, to hearken to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.” They understood this reference to Shiloh and the time when the Philistines overcame Israel and the ark of God was taken.*

*The sin of Eli was in passing lightly over the iniquity of his sons, who were occupying sacred offices. The neglect of the father to reprove and restrain his sons brought upon Israel a fearful calamity. **The sons of Eli were slain, Eli himself lost his life, the ark of God was taken from Israel, and thirty thousand of the people were slain.** All this was because sin*

was lightly regarded and allowed to remain among them. What a lesson is this to men holding responsible positions in the church of God! It adjures them faithfully to remove the wrongs that dishonor the cause of truth. In the days of Samuel, Israel thought that the presence of the ark containing the commandments of God would gain them the victory over the Philistines, whether or not they repented of their wicked works. Just so, in Jeremiah's time, the Jews believed that the strict observance of the divinely appointed services of the temple would preserve them from the just punishment of their evil course.

The same danger exists today among the people who profess to be the depositaries of God's law. *They are too apt to flatter themselves that the regard in which they hold the commandments will preserve them from the power of divine justice. They refuse to be reproved for evil, and charge God's servants with being too zealous in putting sin out of the camp. A sin-hating God calls upon those who profess to keep His law to depart from all iniquity. Neglect to repent and obey His word will bring as serious consequences upon God's people today as did the same sin upon ancient Israel. There is a limit beyond which He will no longer delay His judgments. The desolation of Jerusalem stands as a solemn warning before the eyes of modern Israel, that the corrections given through His chosen instruments cannot be disregarded with impunity. **When the priests and the people heard the message that Jeremiah delivered to them in the name of the Lord, they were very angry and declared that he should die.** They were boisterous in their denunciations of him, crying: "Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord." Thus was the message of God despised and the servant with whom He entrusted it threatened with death. The priests, the unfaithful prophets, and all the people turned in wrath upon him who would not speak to them smooth things and prophesy deceit. **The unfaltering servants of God have usually suffered the bitterest persecution from false teachers of religion.** But the true prophets will ever prefer reproach, and even death, rather than unfaithfulness to God. The Infinite Eye is upon the instruments of divine reproof, **and they bear a heavy responsibility.** But God regards the injury done to them through misrepresentation, falsehood, or abuse as though it were done unto Himself, and will punish accordingly." – {Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, pg.164.2–167.2}*

- 30 Years (Ezekiel) = 9/11–MN, then the temple is opened to Ezekiel on the 5D4M (midnight). Five years before, Jehoiachin, his mother and all Jerusalem was taken captive.

"For a time after the disappointment in 1844, I did hold, in common with the advent body, that the door of mercy was then forever closed to the world. This position was taken before my first vision was given me. It was the light given me of God that corrected our error, and enabled us to see the true position. I am still a believer in the shut-door theory, but not in the sense in which we at first employed the term or in which it is employed by my opponents. There was a shut door in Noah's day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah: "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3).

There was a shut door in the days of Abraham. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent

down from heaven. There was a shut door in Christ's day. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, "Your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38). Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed through John: "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7).

*I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them. Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, **they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan.** These two classes are brought to view in the vision—those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection." – {Selected Messages, book 1, pg.63.1–10}*

Jer 24:1–10

Based on these witnesses, there is a message and prediction before midnight which is perhaps to be given when some form of legislation is put in place in the United States to address radical religions because Islam will be distressing the nations by rallying its forces to establish a global caliphate and the law in response to this will to all intents and purposes empower an apostate church (Adventism) with the ability to employ civil power to persecute the faithful priests under the charge of heresy and extremism (which persecution will begin at midnight). This message and prediction will provoke a response of opposition and mockery, and will commence the final separation of the wheat and tares within present truth which is complete by the time midnight arrives. The tares will be taken captive by the strong delusion of Satan before midnight; for the tares are bound first.

