"Then Commenced The Jubilee, When The Land Should Rest."

-Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 35 -Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 286

2009 – The Jubilee Year Begins On September 29th

2008 – The Sabbatical Year Begins On October 10th

2007 – As In 1844, The Day Of Atonement Takes Place On October 22nd

2004 – 2006 – (If) This Is The Jubilee Of Jubilees, THEN . . .

- □ As We Study Daniel 8:3, 5-8, 20 Iran (Persia) Will Be Destroyed
- □ As Revelation 17:10 Indicates The 7th & Last Pope Will Be Elected
- □ As Daniel 11 Indicates The National & Universal Sunday Laws Will Be Enacted
- □ Let's Look At Other Events To Take Place ...

Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 30, 2004

Dear Friends:

This is the most exciting Newsletter that I have ever written. In 1990 I published a book entitled, *The 7 Feasts of the Lord and the 1994 Jubilee*. With great joy and hope I have discovered that the Jubilee year never took place in 1994 and should, in God's providence, commence on September 29, 2009.

How I erred in arriving at 1994 is explained further on. God has a way to cover simple things until His time is perfect. In previous times other Bible students have erred in computing timelines.

"I have seen that <u>the 1843 chart</u> was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; <u>that His hand was over and hid a mistake in</u> <u>some of the figures so that none could see it, until His hand was</u> <u>removed.</u>" –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 74.

In the year 2009, of the 7 yearly holy convocation days, one falls on a High Day as it happened when Jesus died (John 19:31.) In other words, the holy convocation of the feast coincides with the Seventh-day Sabbath. Five other holy convocations fall on Sunday or Friday thereby causing a double Sabbath back to back, and even the first day of the Sacred Year, although not a holy convocation falls on a Sabbath thereby making it a High Day; this is all most unusual.

In the year 2007 we have three High Days and one double Sabbath; I don't recall ever seeing this take place, and in the year 2006, we have almost the same scenario as 2009; five double Sabbaths. Please refer to the table, *Feast Dates* 2005 - 2009 on page 18.

66 C N o man knoweth the <u>day nor the hour'</u> was the argument most often brought forward by rejecters of the advent faith. The scripture is: 'Of that <u>day and hour</u> knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.' Matthew 24:36. <u>A clear and harmonious explanation of this text was given by those who were looking for the Lord</u>, and the wrong use made of it by their opponents was clearly shown. The words were spoken by Christ in that memorable conversation with His disciples upon Olivet after He had for the last time departed from the temple. The disciples had asked the question: 'What shall be the sign of Thy coming, <u>and of the end of the world?'</u> Jesus gave them signs, and said: 'When ye shall see all these things,

know that it is near, even at the doors.' Verses 3, 33. <u>One</u> saying of the Saviour must not be made to destroy another. <u>Though no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming</u>, we are instructed and required to know when it is near. We are further taught that to disregard His warning, and refuse or neglect to know when His advent is near, <u>will be as</u> fatal for us as it was for those who lived in the days of Noah not to know when the flood was coming." –Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, pages 370, 371.

When it was time for the flood, the first advent of Jesus, and the commencement of the Judgment of the Dead in 1844, God's saints received power from the Holy Ghost and God revealed His "times and seasons" (Acts 1:7, 8.) All three were time messages designed to arouse a sleeping church.

"I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry" –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 278.

"Concerning the time of that (Christ's) coming, He says, in Mark 13:32, 'But of that <u>day and that hour</u> knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.' <u>It is thought by many, that this passage proves that</u> <u>men are never to know the time.</u> But if it proves this, it likewise proves, that the Son of God, Himself, is never to know the time; for the passage declares precisely the same concerning Him, that it does concerning angels and men. But can any person believe that our glorious Lord, to whom all power in heaven and earth is given, is, and will remain ignorant of the time until the very moment that He comes to judge the world?

"If not, then certainly this text can never prove that men may not be made to understand the time. <u>An old English version</u> <u>of the passage, reads, 'But that day and hour no man maketh</u> <u>known</u>, neither the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.'

<u>"This is the correct reading according</u> to several of the ablest critics of the age. The word *know* is used here, in the same sense as it is by Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:2. Paul well understood many other things, besides Christ and Him crucified, but he determined to *make known* nothing else among them. So in the passage first quoted, it is declared that none but God the Father, maketh known the day and hour; *that is, the definite time of the Second Coming of His Son. And this necessarily implies*

that God makes the time known." –James and Ellen White, *A Word to the "Little Flock"*, page 5.

Many of us had hoped that Jesus would come at the <u>end</u> of the Sabbatical year which commenced in 1994—the FIRST WATCH—and it did not happen. We then hoped for His advent at the <u>end</u> of the Sabbatical year which commenced in 2001 the SECOND WATCH—and were again disappointed. A large number have now given up and are proclaiming, "My Lord delayeth His coming." The shaking and the sifting is taking place and many have left God's truth.

Is there any Biblical evidence to think that Jesus may surprise us and <u>deliver</u> His people in—the THIRD WATCH—at the <u>end</u> of the next Sabbatical year, on the eve of the Jubilee year?

"And if he shall come in the <u>second watch</u>, or come in the <u>third watch</u>, and find them so, blessed are those servants." -Luke 12:38.

<u>IF THIS IN FACT</u> is the Jubilee of jubilees—the 1,000 year Jubilee of Revelation 20:5—then we need to examine 7 great events that will occur before its commencement.

"Jesus said, 'Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come . . . <u>he will show you things to come.</u>' John 16:13. <u>The</u> <u>events of the future will be discerned by</u> <u>prophecy, and will be understood."</u> –Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*, April 4, 1893.

Why is it so important to study the Jubilee year? Because the Bible declares the Jubilee to be a "holy year," and the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy both declare that God's people will be delivered <u>at the end</u> of a Sabbatical year, <u>on the eve of a</u> Jubilee year. On the Day of Atonement—in the year 2009—both events take place simultaneously!

"And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. <u>Then shalt thou</u> <u>cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the</u> <u>seventh month, in the day of atonement</u> shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall <u>hallow the</u> <u>fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto</u> <u>all the inhabitants thereof</u>: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and <u>ye</u> <u>shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return</u> <u>every man unto his family</u>. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you.... <u>it is the jubilee; it shall be holy</u> <u>unto you.</u>... In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession." -Leviticus 25:8-13.

Please notice the following commentary by Mrs. White on Daniel 12 as she combines it with the Jubilee year of Leviticus 25.

G<u>t</u> was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people (Daniel 12:1).</u> As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. The wicked looked upon the scene with amazement, while the saints beheld with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Signs and wonders followed in quick succession. Everything seemed turned out of its natural course. The streams ceased to flow. Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. *The graves were opened (Daniel 12:2)*, and *those who had died in faith under the third angel's message*, *keeping the Sabbath, came forth* from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.

"The sky opened and shut and was in commotion. The mountains shook like a reed in the wind and cast out ragged rocks all around. The sea boiled like a pot and cast out stones upon the land. And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, 'Glory! Hallelujah!' Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses (Daniel 12:3) when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced (Daniel 12:12) on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image.

<u>"Then commenced the jubilee,</u> when the land should rest. . . . <u>Soon appeared the great white cloud, upon</u> <u>which sat the Son of man.</u>" –Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pages 285, 286; [Emphasis in parenthesis has been supplied]

In 1914, one year before Ellen White died, Stephen Haskell, one of her most trusted friends wrote:

****T**he Jubilee was the climax of a series of sabbatical institutions. The weekly Sabbath was the first religious institution given to man (Genesis 2:2, 3). The seventh day of the week was hallowed, and set apart to be kept as the rest-day of Jehovah (Isaiah 58:13, 14; Exodus 20:8-11).

"After the children of Israel entered the promised land, <u>God</u> <u>commanded</u> that every seventh year should be 'a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord.' The people were not allowed to sow their fields nor prune their vineyards during the seventh year; neither could they gather into their storehouses that which grew of its own accord. The owner of the land could take all he wished for immediate use; but his servants and the strangers and even the beasts, had equal rights with the owner in enjoying the fruits of his fields during the sabbatic year (Leviticus 25:1-7).

"The Jewish sacred year began in the spring, and the civil year in the autumn. The seventh month of the sacred year, the month Tishri, was called by some writers the sabbatical month, as more of the annual sabbaths and feasts came in that month than in any other one month in the year. The first day of this month was the Feast of Blowing of Trumpets; the Day of Atonement came on the tenth day, and the Feast of Tabernacles began on the fifteenth day; and in every fiftieth year, the tenth day of Tishri ushered in the Jubilee (Leviticus 25:8-11).

"The keeping of the weekly Sabbath was a token that the

people belonged to God; and *in allowing their land to rest during the seventh-year sabbath, they acknowledged that not only they themselves, but their land, their time, and all they possessed, belonged to God* (Ezekiel 20:12, 20).

"The Lord took special delight in the seventh-year sabbath, and <u>the disregard of His command to keep it was</u> <u>offensive in His sight.</u> The children of Israel were carried into Babylonian captivity because they had not allowed "the land to enjoy her sabbaths." 2 Chronicles 36:18-21. In their love of greed and gain, they had worked the land *every* year, and God took them away and let the land lie desolate, that it might keep the sabbath during the seventy years.

"If God's command had always been obeyed and the land had had its rest every seventh year, the earth would not have "waxed old like a garment" (Isaiah 51:6), but would have remained productive.

"The Jubilee was the fiftieth year following seven weeks of years, and would occur *once* at least in the lifetime of every individual who lived out his natural life (Leviticus 25:10, 11).

"The Day of Atonement was the most solemn of all the feasts, and the Jubilee the most joyful. At the close of the Day of Atonement, when the sins of Israel had all been forgiven and borne by the scapegoat into the wilderness, then the people who realized what God had done for them, were prepared to forgive the debts of their fellow-men, to release them from servitude, and to restore all to their own land as willingly as they expected God to give them their eternal inheritance in the antitypical Jubilee.

"At the close of the Day of Atonement, on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the sabbatical year which closed the last of the seven weeks of years (49 years), the trumpets were blown throughout all the land, announcing the Jubilee.

"The Jubilee followed the seventh-year sabbath, thus bringing *two sabbath years in succession*. But God made ample provision for His people by commanding His blessing upon the forty-eighth year, when the earth yielded enough to keep the people for three years (Isaiah 37:30; Leviticus 25:11, 12). –Stephen N. Haskell, *The Cross and Its Shadow*, pages 247-250.

We will not be able to discern the times or the seasons until the National Sunday Law is enacted in America, <u>**THEN**</u>, I believe that the Holy Spirit will be poured out (Acts 1:7,8), and the Loud Cry message of Revelation 14:18 will take place as we proclaim the commencement of the prophetic periods of Daniel 12—the 1260, 1290 and 1335 days.

"In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate especially to our own time. <u>To the period just prior</u> to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point, <u>and here their</u> <u>warnings</u> and threatenings pre-eminently apply. <u>The</u> <u>prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the</u> <u>very eve of the great consummation,</u> throw a flood of light upon events <u>THEN</u> to transpire. –Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*, September 25, 1883.

D_o you think that 1844 was the "eve of the great consummation"? Then these prophetic periods must apply to our days!

The Sabbatical Year Is The Key To Understand Prophecy!

<u>"In the night season I was in my dreams in a large meeting,</u> <u>with ministers, their wives, and their children.</u> I wondered that the company present was mostly made up of ministers and their families. The prophecy of Malachi was brought before them in connection with Daniel, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah...

"The building of the temple, and the temple service, were considered. There was close searching of the Scriptures in regard to the <u>sacred character</u> of all that appertained to the temple service. Through the prophets, God has given a <u>delineation</u> of what will come to pass in the <u>last days</u> of this earth's history; and <u>the Jewish economy is full of</u> <u>instruction for us...</u>

"All these things were closely studied by the company before me in my dream. Scripture was compared with Scripture, and **application was made of the word of God to our own time."** –Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*, February 4, 1902.

The Jewish economy revolves around the Jubilee year, which was the climax of 7 sabbatical cycles each one ending on a Sabbatical year. The Sabbatical year was also known as the <u>"The acceptable year of the Lord,"</u> (Isaiah 61:2; Luke 4:19); <u>"The year of release"</u> (Deuteronomy 31:10); <u>"The year of my</u> <u>redeemed"</u> (Isaiah 63:4) and <u>"The year of recompenses"</u> (Isaiah 34:8.)

It's a Biblical principle that God's people will be delivered *<u>"at the end"</u>* of a Sabbatical year.

<u>"At the end of every seven years</u> thou shalt make a release." –Deuteronomy 15:1.

<u>"At the end of every seven years,</u> in the solemnity of the <u>vear of release</u>...." –Deuteronomy 31:10.

<u>"At the end of seven years</u> let ye go every man his brother a Hebrew...." –*Jeremiah 34:14*.

The Historians, unlike astronomers, never count a year zero. "Histories and reference books use the B.C.—A.D. scale, which has no zero year—a deficiency that must be kept in mind in calculating intervals between B.C. and A.D. dates." *–Seventhday Adventist Bible Commentary*, Volume 1, page 178.

Beginning in the <u>autumn</u> of 457 B.C., and counting forward 483 years (69 sabbaticals of 7), we arrive at the Sabbatical year which commenced in the <u>autumn</u> of A.D. 27, the precise Sabbatical year when Jesus was baptized. In keeping with Deuteronomy 15:1, during <u>"the solemnity of the year of</u> <u>release"</u> (Deuteronomy 31:10), Jesus, immediately after His baptism, declared that the Sabbatical year ("the acceptable year of the Lord") had just commenced and preached "deliverance to the captives" (Luke 4:18, 19.)

Eight major Adventist dates either fall on God's Sabbatical year, or "in the midst of the week" of a sabbatical cycle. All eight are included in Ellen G. White's most important book, *The Great Controversy.* Of the eight, God's people have been <u>delivered</u> on four of them: 457 B.C.; A.D. 27; A.D. 34 and A.D.

1798. In A.D. 70 Solomon's Temple was burned to the ground. In A.D.1840, a remarkable fulfillment of prophecy took place, and both, A.D. 31 and A.D. 1844, fell in the "midst of the week" of a sabbatical cycle.

"After the settlement of the Hebrews in Canaan, the tabernacle was replaced by the temple of Solomon . . . until its destruction by the Romans in <u>A.D. 70."</u> –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 412.

<u>*"In the year* **1840,**</u> another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pages 334, 335.

"<u>In the midst of the week</u> He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.' Daniel 9:27. <u>In the spring of A.D. 31</u>, Christ the true sacrifice was offered on Calvary. . . . The one week—<u>seven years</u>—ended in A. D. 34." –Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, page 233.

The Seventh-day Adventist Biblical Research Institute also agrees that 457 B.C. A.D. 27; A.D. 34; and A.D. 1798 were Sabbatical years; unfortunately that's as far as they have gone with it, but it's just a mathematical exercise that can be computed easily.

What makes 2009 special is that if Jesus did not come on a Sabbatical year we could always reason that He will delay it another 7 years. However, based on the shaking and sifting that we see taking place, the terrible condition of the world's economies, and the increase of immorality and debauchery everywhere, do you think this earth could last another 49 years?

"What do you watch for, when you are watching the news? Signs that interest rates might be climbing; maybe it's time to refinance. Signs of global warming, maybe forget that new SUV. Signs of new terrorist activity, maybe think twice about that flight to Chicago. <u>Or signs that the world may be</u> <u>coming to an end, and the last battle between</u> <u>good and evil is about to unfold?"</u> –Time Magazine, July 1, 2002, page 41.

An average man is 70 - 80 years (*Psalm 90:10*). Notice what Mrs. White stated in her last book, *Prophets and Kings*.

"The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther were not peculiar to that age alone. <u>The</u> <u>revelator, looking down the ages to the close of time</u>, has declared, 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Revelation 12:17. <u>Some who today are living on the</u> <u>earth</u> will see these words fulfilled <u>The decree that will</u> <u>finally go forth</u> against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews." –Ellen G. White, *Prophets and Kings*, page 605.

My Error Declaring 1994 To Be The Jubilee

God's feasts along with the Jubilee and the Sabbatical Year are "statutes." The Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy refer to them as <u>"appointed times"</u> or <u>"time appointed."</u> In various parts of this newsletter I have shown these words in bold, so that you may recognize that heaven is speaking of a "feast" day! "A **jubilee** shall that fiftieth year be unto you. . . . Wherefore ye shall do my **statutes."** -Leviticus 25:11, 18.

"I am the Lord your God; <u>walk in My statutes</u>.... and <u>they</u> <u>shall be a sign between Me and you</u>, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." *–Ezekiel 20:19, 20.* These statutes were to be a <u>sign</u> to God's people.

As we study Isaiah 36 & 37, we find that when Sennacherib, king of Assyria, invaded Hezekiah, king of Judah, Isaiah prophesied and the Lord gave His people another <u>sign</u>:

"Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them. . . . Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria. *this shall be a sign unto thee*, Ye shall eat *this year* such as groweth of itself; and *the second year* that which springeth of the same: and in *the third year* sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. . . . Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it." *–Isaiah 36:1; 37:21, 30, 33.*

Leviticus 25:21, 22, commands God's people to let the land rest two years in a row, and thus we find that the invasion by Sennacherib, king of Assyria, took place towards the end of a Sabbatical year, as the Jubilee year was about to commence.

The decision by Sennacherib to invade Hezekiah was fatal. "Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses." *—Isaiah 37:36.*

The destruction by the angel of God of 185,000 Assyrians in one single night is found three places in the Scriptures: Isaiah 37:36, 2 Kings 19:35 and 2 Chronicles 32:21.

****S**OME PROPHECIES GOD HAS REPEATED, THUS SHOWING THAT IMPORTANCE MUST BE GIVEN TO THEM. <u>The Lord does not repeat things that are</u> <u>of no great consequence.</u>" –Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, Volume 8, page 413.

Did you notice the statement, "Then Commenced The Jubilee When The Land Should Rest," written by Ellen White twice in the same book, Early Writings? Have no doubt; this is important!

As I researched this topic in 1990, I found the accounts on the reign of both of these kings extremely unclear both in the Bible and in historical sources. An example follows:

<u>"The chronology of Hezekiah's time presents some</u> <u>difficulties.</u> The years of his reign have been variously given as 727-696 B.C., 724-696 (Kohler), 728-697 (Duncker, 'Gesch. des Altertums'), while the modern critics (Wellhausen, Kamphausen, Meyer, Stade) have 714-689. <u>The Biblical data are conflicting.</u> II Kings xviii. 10 assigns the fall of Samaria to the sixth year of Hezekiah. This would make 728 the year of his accession. But verse 13 of the same chapter states that Sennacherib invaded Judah in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah. The cuneiform inscriptions <u>leave no doubt</u> that this invasion took place <u>in 701</u>, which would fix 715 as Hezekiah's initial year." –The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1904 edition, Volume VI, page 381.

"In 701 Sennacherib marched against the rebels of Syro-Palestine . . . Although he besieged Jerusalem, he was unable to take the city, for 'that night the angel of the Lord went forth, and slew 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians' (II Kings 19:35)." *–Encyclopedia Judaica*, 1971 edition, Volume 14, page 1162.

"<u>Another key date in Hebrew chronology is 701</u>, the year when King Sennacherib of Assyria mentions that in his third campaign he came against Hezekiah and Jerusalem. Assyrian chronology fixes this as <u>701 B.C</u>. And since, according to 2 Kings 18:13, it was in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah that Sennacherib came against him, we have <u>701</u> established as the fourteenth year of Hezekiah's reign." –Edwin R. Thiele, A *Chronology of the Hebrew Kings*, page 30.

There are 3 things that we know for sure from Scripture:

- 1. Hezekiah reigned 29 years (2 Kings 18:2)
- 2. Hezekiah reigned 14 years, fell extremely ill, prayed, and the Lord added another 15 years to his life (Isaiah 38:5)
- 3. Sennacherib invaded Judah in the 14th year of king Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:13).

"The majority of modern commentators have held that the account describes one campaign and that the events all belong in Hezekiah's 14th year, <u>701 B.C.</u>" –*The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Volume 2, page 955.

In addition to all of the above, in all 3 Biblical accounts, Hezekiah's illness and 15 year life-extension follows the glorious destruction of the Assyrians by the angel of God (Isaiah 38; 2 Kings 20; and 2 Chronicles 32:24), thus I was led to believe that the 185,000 Assyrians were destroyed in Hezekiah's 14th year, and concluded that the event took place in 701 B.C.

I only had one problem in 1990 and that was a statement by Ellen G. White:

 $\mathbf{f}^{\mathbf{f}}$ The reign of Hezekiah was characterized by a series of remarkable providences which revealed to the surrounding nations that the God of Israel was with His people. The success of the Assyrians in capturing Samaria and in scattering the shattered remnant of the ten tribes among the nations. *during the* earlier portion of his reign, was leading many to question the power of the God of the Hebrews. Emboldened by their successes, the Ninevites had long since set aside the message of Jonah and had become defiant in their opposition to the purposes of Heaven. A few years after the fall of Samaria the victorious armies reappeared in Palestine, this time directing their forces against the fenced cities of Judah, with some measure of success; but they withdrew for a season because of difficulties arising in other portions of their realm. Not until some years later, toward the close of Hezekiah's reign was it to be demonstrated before the nations of the world whether the gods of the heathen were finally to prevail." -Ellen G. White, Prophets and Kings, page 339.

I concluded from the above that the statement <u>"toward the</u> <u>close of Hezekiah's reign,</u>" must have meant his first reign of 14 years which ended in 701 B.C.

Tirhakah—King Of Ethiopia Enters The Picture Isaiah 37:9 & 2 Kings 19:9

When nothing happened in 1994, I decided that perhaps the statement, "Then commenced the Jubilee when the land should rest," could be applicable only to the coming of Christ when the 1,000 year period of Revelation 20:5 commences. However, I always felt uncomfortable with my position.

Then by God's grace, a brother who has been studying these same events, asked my opinion on a number of issues including King Tirhakah (2 Kings 19:9; Isaiah 37:9), whom I had never paid any attention to. As I researched this king, I found the following statement:

"<u>Tirhakah</u> [Heb. Tirhaqah; Egyptian, <u>generally</u> <u>transliterated Taharka</u>... the 5th king of the 25th, or Ethiopian, dynasty of Egypt ... <u>In 690 B.C. he became king after his</u> <u>brother's death</u> and reigned until 664 B.C. In 2 Ki 19:9 and Is 37:9, King Tirhakah is mentioned in connection with an invasion of Judah by Sennacherib. These verses speak of his approach with an army to fight against Sennacherib. <u>Many formerly</u> <u>believed that this was at the time of</u> <u>Sennacherib's campaign of 701 B.C.</u>, of which the Assyrian king has left us long and detailed records. <u>HOWEVER</u>, Tirhakah was certainly not king in 701 B.C., and may not even have been in Egypt at that time....

<u>"Therefore, it seems that the campaign which proved so</u> disastrous to Sennacherib (2 Ki 19:35) must have taken place after Tirhakah began his reign, and therefore some time after 690 B.C., but before the death of Hezekiah, which appears to have occurred about 686 B.C." –Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, pages 1125, 1126.

L was so taken back that I had to go back and re-examine all of my material on this topic.

"Sennacherib's next major campaign was carried out in the west in 701 B.C., . . . Jerusalem was besieged for a time by an Assyrian army, but was not taken (ch. 18:17). So Sennacherib could claim only that he had made Hezekiah 'a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage . . . He must have carried out another military campaign against Hezekiah, because 2 Ki 19:9 mentions an attempt of Tirhakah, the Nubian king of Egypt, to aid Hezekiah during a campaign of Sennacherib. Since Tirhakah did not leave Nubia, his homeland, until about 689 B.C., when he became coregent with his brother at the age of 20, this campaign cannot be dated earlier. Therefore it must be concluded that the Biblical records of chs 18-20 and parallel passages deal with 2 distinct campaigns and not with one, as a cursory reading of the narrative seems to indicate." -Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, pages 1003, 1004

I then went to the Internet, and typed in Google: Sennacherib. I was amazed at the amount of material on this subject and the number of people who have struggled to find the truth about this great Bible episode.

Sennacherib's Hexagonal Prism, includes color photographs of a pottery prism incised with cuneiform writing discovered in 1830 by Colonel Taylor among the ruins of ancient Nineveh. It contains the Annals of Sennacherib himself. This prism is

among the three accounts discovered which have been left by the Assyrian monarch, of his campaign against Israel and Judah. The Assyrian records contain no other accounts of any invasions against Hezekiah after 701 B.C.

GI<u>n the last century scholars became</u>

aware that there were two invasions of Palestine by Sennacherib and that it is possible to discern in the scriptural record an early and a late campaign against Hezekiah. The first campaign to Palestine took place about -701. <u>The</u> second campaign is dated by modern historians to -687 or -686." <u>-http://www.varchive.org/tac/elam.htm</u>

I then researched King Tirhakah of Ethiopia which is also known as King Taharqa. None of the references have him reigning anywhere close to 701 B.C. and thus he could have never aided Hezekiah in that year.

"King Taharqa (690-664 B.C.) . . . a son and third successor of King Piye, was the greatest of the Nubian pharaohs." -<u>http://www.homestead.com/wysinger/kingtaharqa.html</u>

The Jewish Encyclopedia states: "TIRHAKAH, King of Ethiopia (*i.e.*, Nubia) . . . his ascension to the throne would fall in 694-693 B.C. (according to others, his coronation occurred in 691 and his death in 665)."

-<u>http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=222&letter</u> =T&search=tirhakah

"The engagement between Tirhakah's army and the Assyrians is regarded as having taken place in 701 BC. . . . <u>There is a general opinion, however,</u> that the Assyrian historians, like those of 2 Kings and Isaiah, have mingled two campaigns made by Sennacherib, <u>one of them</u> <u>being after the accession of Tirhakah."</u> –Orr, James, M.A., D.D. General Editor. "Entry for 'TIRHAKAH'". "International Standard Bible Encyclopedia".

.1915">http://www.studylight.org/enc/isb/view.cgi?number=T8802>.1

Lastly I researched Merodach-baladan, the king of Babylon who "sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick." *—Isaiah 39:1.*

Some sources on the Internet declare that Merodach-baladan sent a present to Hezekiah in 713 B.C., however, this could not have been since ALL of the sources agree that Sennacherib ascended to the throne in 705 B.C., and Merodach-baladan sent the present after Sennacherib had already invaded.

In addition, history declares: "Sennacherib . . . is <u>best</u> remembered in secular history for his senseless destruction of <u>Babylon in 689 B.C.</u>" –Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, pages1003, 1004.

The truth of the matter appears to be that Merodach-baladan sent the present to Hezekiah sometime after 703 B.C., when he recovered the reign of Babylon which he had lost in 709 B.C., before Sennacherib drove him away and destroyed Babylon in 689 B.C.

There are only two conclusions that can be reached from all of this research:

1. There were two invasions by Sennacherib; one during Hezekiah's 14th year in 701 B.C., of which he openly

boasted of, and the second embarrassing one 15 years later, "toward the close" of Hezekiah's reign, which was never registered in the Assyrian records; OR

The first invasion took place 15 years prior to 701 B.C., on the 14th of Hezekiah as the Bible declares in 2 Kings 18:13 and before the Lord added 15 years to his life, and the final invasion took place in 701 B.C.

Let's examine both possibilities. Most sources agree that Hezekiah died in 686 B.C., and all of the sources agree that the only invasion on record by Sennacherib took place in 701 B.C. If that invasion was indeed the 14th year of Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:13), then his reign had to commence in 715 B.C. and end in 686 B.C.

On the other hand, if 701 B.C. <u>was not</u> the 14th of Hezekiah, and was indeed the fatal year for the 185,000 Assyrians, then we have three problems.

- As noted earlier in *Prophets and Kings*, page 339, there were 2 invasions by Sennacherib, and the destruction by God's angel of the 185,000 Assyrians did not take place "until some years later, *toward the close of Hezekiah's* <u>reign</u>," Based on this conclusion, the 14th of Hezekiah would have had to take place 15 years earlier or 715 B.C., but ALL of the sources agree that Sennacherib ascended to the throne in 705 B.C.
- 2. If the 14th of Hezekiah was 715 B.C., then the 29th of Hezekiah was 701 B.C. and most sources agree that Hezekiah died in 686 B.C.
- 3. From the three accounts of Sennacherib's invasion in the Scriptures, it appears that <u>a short time after</u> the angel of the Lord smote the Assyrians, Sennacherib was murdered by his two sons. All of the sources agree that this event took place in 681 B.C., 20 years after 701, which hardly seems a short time.

"Hezekiah . . . <u>a test came in 701 B.C.</u> when Sennacherib who had followed Sargon II in 705 B.C. on the throne of Assyria, carried out a successful campaign against Palestine in general, and against Hezekiah in particular. Of this invasion both Biblical and cuneiform records are available. The Biblical records (2 Kings 18:13 to 19:36; 2 Chronicles 32:1-21; Isaiah 36 and 37) combine <u>two invasions</u> of Sennacherib in such a way that it is <u>difficult to know where the account of the</u> <u>campaign of 701 B.C. ends and that of the later one (which took place after 690 B.C.) begins.</u> . . . <u>When Hezekiah died, c. 686</u> <u>B.C.</u>, his son Manasseh . . . became sole ruler." –Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, pages 485, 486.

The conclusion of the whole matter appears to be that Hezekiah ascended to the throne in 715 B.C. In his 14th year or 701 B.C., <u>a Sabbatical year</u>, Sennacherib's first invasion took place, and pursuant to God's promise in Deuteronomy 15:1 and 31:10, God miraculously delivered him.

The destruction of the 185,000 Assyrians took place sometime during the Sabbatical year which commenced on the Day of Atonement in 688 B.C., but before it ended on the Day of Atonement in 687 B.C., on the eve of the Jubilee year (687/686 B.C.), since the very night the sign was given by the Lord, the Assyrians were destroyed.

"And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.... <u>And it came to</u> <u>pass that night</u>, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand." -2 Kings 19:29, 35.

Regardless of when Jesus comes, whether shortly after this Jubilee commences or 49 years later, please notice that it is the Jewish Economy that will <u>delineate</u> the events that will take place before His advent.

"Through the prophets, God has given a <u>delineation</u> of what will come to pass in the <u>last days</u> of this earth's history; and <u>the Jewish economy</u> is full of instruction for <u>us...</u>

"All these things were closely studied by the company before me in my dream. Scripture was compared with Scripture, and **application was made of the word of God to our own time."** –Ellen G. White, *The Review and Herald*, February 4, 1902.

We will never know the commencement of the prophetic periods of Daniel until the National Sunday Law is enacted in America, BUT—ASSUMING THAT THIS IS IN FACT the Jubilee of jubilees—the 1,000 year Jubilee of Revelation 20:5 let's go to September 29, 2009, and travel back in time to examine 7 great events which we are told will take place before Jesus returns. Please refer to the 1335-day Diagram on page 13.

"Attention was given to the manner in which the types relating to the first advent of Christ had been fulfilled. The slaving of the Passover lamb was a shadow of the death of Christ.... These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time. On the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, the very day and month on which for fifteen long centuries the Passover lamb had been slain, Christ, having eaten the Passover with His disciples, instituted that feast which was to commemorate His own death as 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' That same night He was taken by wicked hands to be crucified and slain. And as the antitype of the wave sheaf our Lord was raised from the dead on the third day, 'the first fruits of them that slept,' In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service." -Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, pages 399, 400.

Event #7

The Feast of Tabernacles October 4-11, 2009

The wicked will be destroyed during this feast (Zechariah 14:4, 5, 16-19).

<u>"The Feast of Tabernacles . . . pointed forward</u> to the great day of final ingathering, when the Lord of the harvest shall send forth His reapers to gather the tares together in bundles for the fire, and to gather the wheat into His garner. <u>At that time the</u> <u>wicked will all be destroyed.</u>" –Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 541. The Feast of Tabernacles lasts 8 days and the last day is very special:

<u>"In the last day, that great day of the feast</u>, Jesus stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst let him come unto me, and drink." –John 7:37.

"The 144,000 shouted, 'Alleluia!' as they recognized their friends who had been torn from them by death, <u>and in the same</u> <u>moment we were changed</u> and caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. <u>We all entered the cloud together, and</u> **were seven days ascending** to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads . . . Jesus raised His mighty, glorious arm, laid hold of the pearly gate, swung it back on its glittering hinges, and said to us . . . enter in." –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, pages 16, 17.

Event #6

The Day of Atonement September 29, 2009

<u>The trumpet of the Jubilee sounds</u> on the Day of Atonement, the 10^{th} day of the seventh month, and proclaims "liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:9, 10).

It is this **trumpet** that will probably cause the "special resurrection" of all those "who have died in faith under the third angel's message" (*Early Writings*, page 285), so they can witness the Lord's coming.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last <u>trump</u>: for the <u>trumpet</u> shall sound, and the <u>dead shall be</u> <u>raised</u> incorruptible, and <u>we shall be changed.</u>" –1 Corinthians 15:52.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and <u>with the trump</u> of God: and the <u>dead in Christ shall rise first</u>. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds," -1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

The 1260 and 1335 prophetic periods of Daniel 12 commence at different times but end simultaneously when we are delivered by the voice of God on the Day of Atonement.

According to John and Mrs. White, the 42 months of papal persecution of Revelation 13:5 and Daniel 12:7 and also mentioned in Daniel 7:25; Revelation 11:2; 11:3; 12:6 and 12:14, which had their first fulfillment from A.D. 538 – 1798, will have a FINAL FULFILLMENT in the future.

"In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. <u>He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed</u> from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. <u>THEN will take place the FINAL</u> <u>FULFILLMENT of the Revelator's prophecy.</u> 'And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies <u>and power</u> was given unto him to continue **forty and two months.'**[Revelation 13:4-18 quoted]' " –Ellen G. White,

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Manuscript Releases, Volume 19, page 282 [Manuscript 153, 1902].

<u>"Blessed is he that waiteth,</u> and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." –Daniel 12:12. Why are those that wait until the 1335th day blessed? Because they will be delivered by the Voice of God!

"Let us read and study the 12th chapter of Daniel. <u>It is a</u> warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of <u>the end.</u>" –Ellen G. White, Letter to Elders Prescott & Daniells, July 30, 1903.

<u>"The decree will go forth</u> that they must disregard the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and honor the first day, or lose their lives . . . <u>With sweet and solemn whisperings they say</u> to each other, 'We are delivered. **It is the voice of God.'**" –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1, pages 353, 354.

"When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. <u>As the time appointed</u> in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike <u>in one night</u> a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

"The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forest and the mountains—still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. <u>It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen</u>. Saith the Lord: 'Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a <u>holy</u> <u>solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart</u>, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of Jehovah, to the Mighty One of Israel. And <u>the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard</u>, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.' Isaiah 30:29, 30." –Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, pages 635, 636.

Let's look at these words, "holy solemnity," and see why it will be kept with "gladness of heart."

The word "solemnity," appears only twice in the King James Version. One of those times is the usage in Isaiah 30:29 above. Notice the other!

"And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in <u>the solemnity of the year of release</u>," -Deuteronomy 31:10.

This scripture must be fulfilled during the "solemnity" of a "year of release." But when does "the year of release" take place? This phrase, "the year of release," is used only twice in the King James Version. One of those times is the usage in Deuteronomy 31:10 above. Notice the other!

"Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, <u>The seventh year, the year of release</u>, is at hand" -Deuteronomy 15:9.

But the seventh year, or Sabbatical year as it was called, lasted one year! How can we tell when, during that year, God's

people will be delivered? The clue is found in the word "solemnity."

Strong's Concordance #2282 for the word "solemnity" defines it thus: "a festival . . . (solemn) feast day."

Now we know that the deliverance takes place during one of God's festivals, but which one? It cannot be any of the Spring festivals, since the crisis must commence in the Spring, to end 1260 days later in the fall, when the wicked are destroyed during the Feast of Tabernacles (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 541).

So it must be one of the Fall festivals, but which one? It cannot be during the *Feast of Tabernacles*, since at that time the wicked will be destroyed, and the *deliverance* of God's people takes place days before the destruction of the wicked. Why?

Because the destruction of the wicked takes place at the second coming, and the "day and hour" of the second coming are pronounced when God's people are delivered (*Early Writings, page 285*). Both events cannot take place simultaneously!

After the saints are delivered by the voice of God, there is still a work to be done by the wicked which will take some time!

<u>"After the saints had been delivered by the voice of God</u>, the wicked multitude turned their rage upon one another. The earth seemed to be deluged with blood, and dead bodies were from one end of it to the other." –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 290.

We have narrowed down the "deliverance" day to the Feast of Trumpets or the Great Day of Atonement, but which one is it? The answer is found in Daniel 11!

Chapter 11 of Daniel contains a "dual" test which must be met by the Universal Sunday Law. Verses 27, 29 and 35 declare that the Universal Sunday Law must COMMENCE and the papal persecution must END during feast days or "appointed times."

<u>"At the time appointed</u> he shall return . . . and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and <u>have intelligence with them that forsake the holy</u> <u>covenant.</u> And <u>arms shall stand on his part.</u> and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and <u>shall take away the daily</u> sacrifice, and they shall <u>place the abomination that maketh</u> <u>desolate</u>. . . . And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet <u>they shall fall by the sword</u>, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, <u>many days</u>. . . . And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a <u>time appointed.</u>" –Daniel 11:29-35.

Strong's Concordance #4150 for the word "appointed," in Daniel 11:27, 29 and 35, defines it thus: "an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; *spec. a festival.*"

In Daniel 8:11-13; 11:31 and 12:11, the word "sacrifice" is in italics, and has been inserted by the translators.

"Then I saw in relation to the "daily" (*Daniel 8:12*) that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text." –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 74 [*Emphasis shown as Mrs. White wrote it*]. The "daily" is mentioned 5 times in chapters 8, 11 and 12 of Daniel. Strong's concordance assigns #8548 to all five references; its original meaning is *perpetual*.

Daniel called this "daily" the "holy covenant" (Daniel 11:30-32). Moses called the Sabbath the "perpetual covenant"

(Exodus 31:16). <u>When the Sabbath, the perpetual covenant</u> between God and His people is removed, the "daily shall be taken away."

"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a <u>perpetual</u> <u>covenant.</u>" –Exodus 31:16.

The "daily" was taken away the first time in A.D. 364 when the papacy, during the Council of Laodicea, instituted its first Sunday closing law. However, Daniel and Mrs. White were shown that the papacy would "return" and take away the "daily" a second and final time!

"We have no time to lose, troublous times are before us. <u>The world is stirred with the spirit of war.</u> Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. <u>Much of the history that has taken place in</u> <u>fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated.</u> In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that 'shall be grieved, and <u>return</u>, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; <u>he shall even return</u>, and <u>have intelligence with them</u> <u>that forsake the holy covenant.</u> And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, <u>and shall take</u> <u>away the daily</u> sacrifice, and they shall <u>place the abomination</u> <u>that maketh desolate.'</u> [Verses 31-36, quoted.]

<u>"Scenes similar to those described in these words will take</u> place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. <u>Let all</u> read and understand the prophecies of this book." –Ellen G. White, Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 394 (Letter 103, 1904).

If we place the deliverance of God's people on the Feast of Trumpets, only one half of the test of Daniel is met, because as we count back in any year, it is mathematically impossible for either the National or the Universal Sunday law to commence on a feast day.

However, if we place the deliverance on the Day of Atonement, as we count back 1260 days, we always land in the very week of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

This leaves us then with only one conclusion; the "deliverance" of God's people takes place on the Day of Atonement when they hear the voice of God!

"Saith the Lord: 'Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; **and gladness of heart**, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of Jehovah, to the Mighty One of Israel. **And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard**, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.' Isaiah 30:29, 30." –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pages 635, 636.

Notice the words, "gladness of heart." Now notice the same use of them made regarding the Day of Atonement!

"On the great Day of Atonement satisfaction was made for the sins of Israel, and *with gladness of heart* the people would welcome the jubilee." –Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 533.

Event #5 The End Of The 1290 Days Of Daniel 12 August 15, 2009

A study of Daniel 12:11, 12 reveals that the 1290 and the 1335 days both commence when the "daily" is taken away. Therefore, the 1290 days commence at the moment that the National Sunday Law is enacted in America.

The 1335 days <u>end</u> with the deliverance of God's people by the voice of God at the commencement of the Jubilee Year. If we count back 1335 days, we arrive at the commencement of the National Sunday Law in America. Counting forward 1290 days brings us to the end of the 1290 days.

"And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the *abomination that maketh desolate* set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days." –Daniel 12:11.

Please notice from the above reference that the "abomination" – "maketh desolate." These are two separate and distinct events; let's examine them both.

"When ye therefore shall see the <u>abomination of desolation</u>, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, <u>stand</u> in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea <u>flee into the mountains.</u>" –Matthew 24:15, 16.

The "abomination" must refer to someone who "stands" in the holy place! Jesus repeated this same warning in Mark 13:14 and Luke 21:20, 21, therefore it behooves us to understand when these 1290 days come to an end.

More than 100 years ago Mrs. White wrote: "Again and again <u>the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country</u>, where they can raise their own provisions; for <u>in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one."</u> –Ellen G. White, Country Living, page 10.

For more than one hundred years the majority of God's people have disobeyed His counsel of living close to small cities in the country. The last warning to leave the large cities takes place when the National Sunday Law is enacted in America. As soon as that occurs, the following admonition applies:

"The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in <u>desolate and solitary</u> <u>places.</u> As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of <u>our nation</u> in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, <u>preparatory to leaving the</u> <u>smaller ones for retired homes in secluded</u> <u>places among the mountains.</u> And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize." –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 5, page 464, 465.

We should be living in the country. When the National Sunday Law in America is enacted, we should immediately prepare to leave the smaller cities for "retired homes" *among* the mountains.

At the end of the 1290 days, when the "abomination that maketh desolate is set up," we are to leave our "retired homes among the mountains" and "flee to the mountains," to even higher ground, to "desolate and solitary places" which God's angels will show us. There they will feed us with bread and water until Jesus comes.

"He has made the strength of the everlasting hills to be a safe retreat for His people. He has prepared the mountains and the caves for His oppressed and persecuted children. We may sing, 'God is our refuge and strength in time of trial.' He who made the towering mountains, the everlasting hills-to Him we may look." -Ellen G. White, This Day With God, page 241

"During the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, 'Call your household. I will lead you; follow me.' He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, 'Here you are safe.' There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said. 'The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come.' -Ellen G. White, Maranatha, page 270.

"I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and *living in the most* solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death." -Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pages 282, 283.

Did you notice from the above reference that the fleeing to the mountains at the end of the 1290 days is directly related to the death decree?

66 Abomination" – this word is found in the book of Daniel only two times (Daniel 11:31 & 12:11). Daniel 8:9-11 reveals that the "little horn" is the one that takes away "the daily." Notice that as soon as the "little horn" takes away the daily, he places the abomination of desolation.

"And arms shall stand on his part, and . . . shall take away the daily . . . and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." –Daniel 11:31.

The role of the last pope will be to take away "the daily" by enacting the Universal Sunday Law and introduce Satan as the counterfeit Christ.

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ . . . In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness . . . The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air, 'Christ has come! Christ has come!" "-Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, page 624.

Most Seventh-day Adventists have believed that Satan's apparition takes place after probation closes. But who would he deceive then after the saints are sealed? Have no doubt, the "strong delusion" in 2 Thessalonians 2:11 will take place before probation closes!

"Satan . . . declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion." -Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, page 624.

"Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and . . . will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God. . . . He is to work miracles; and this wonderful, miracle-working power is to sweep in the whole world." -Ellen G. White, Maranatha, page 208.

The following reference, quoted earlier in its fullness, leaves us without doubt that Satan's first apparition will take place **before** the FINAL FULFILLMENT of the 42 months of papal persecution mentioned in Revelation 13:5!

66 In the last days Satan will appear as angel of light . . . THEN will take place the FINAL FULFILLMENT of the Revelator's prophecy . . . and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." "-Ellen G. White, Manuscript Releases, Volume 19, page 282.

"But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, *standing* where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains." -Mark 13:14.

"That day shall not come, except... that man of sin be revealed so that he as God sitteth in the temple of **God.** showing himself that he is God." -2 Thessalonians 2:3. 4.

"We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ." -Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Volume 6, page 1106.

 \mathbf{C}_{an} you think of anything more abominable than for Satan himself to personate Christ, and to sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God?

If the personating of Christ by Satan is "the abomination," then what is represented by "maketh desolate is set up?"

"And from the time that the daily . . . shall be taken away, and the abomination that *maketh desolate set up*, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." -Daniel 12:11.

"Desolate . . . strip of inhabitants . . . to make desolate; rid of inhabitants." -Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition, copyright ©1988, page 373.

Towards the end of his 42 months of persecution, Satan will command all to "hallow the day which he has blessed," under penalty of death.

"In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to

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Sunday, and <u>commands</u> all to hallow the day which he has blessed. "-Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 624.

"Says the great deceiver: the sabbath which I have set up shall be enforced by laws the most severe and exacting. Those who disregard them shall be driven out from the cities and villages, and made to suffer hunger and privation ... When death shall be made the penalty of violating our sabbath, then many who are now ranked with commandmentkeepers will come over to our side." -Ellen G. White, Testimonies to Ministers, pages 472, 473.

Desolation – it seems to apply to the "death decree" which is "set up" on the 1,290th day when Satan fulfills 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4: "He as God <u>sitteth</u> in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

What are God's people to do after the abomination that maketh desolate is set up? "Then let them that be in Judea <u>flee to the mountains."</u> -Mark 13:14.

What are God's people to do after the death decree is set up? <u>"As the decree issued</u> by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment-keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. <u>Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the</u> <u>mountains."</u> –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 626.

We are not to flee to the mountains until we "see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place" (Matthew 24:15.)

Luke now adds a clue to the puzzle by stating that at that time Jerusalem is going to be surrounded by armies.

<u>"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies,</u> then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea <u>flee to the mountains</u>." –Luke 21:20, 21.

What biblical decree also had a date set for the destruction of God's people?

"<u>The decree that will finally go forth</u> against the remnant people of God will be <u>very similar</u> to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews." –Ellen G. White, *Prophets and Kings*, page 605.

We have been warned by Mrs. White that "the final movements will be rapid ones."

If you study the 3^{rd} chapter of Esther you will find that the death decree was debated in the courts of Haman for only 12 days. The debate began on the first day of the 1^{st} month, they cast the lot from day to day (3:7) and on the 13^{th} day the death decree was signed into law (3:12). The decree was to take effect 11 months later (3:13), but the Jews were redeemed 70 days after the law was passed (8:9, 12; 9:1-3).

"When Jesus leaves the most holy, His restraining Spirit is withdrawn from rulers and people. They are left to the control of evil angels. Then such *laws will be made by the counsel and direction of Satan*, that unless *time should be very short*, no flesh could be saved." –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 1, page 204.

Will the decree take effect immediately? <u>"A</u> <u>decree will finally be issued</u> against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment, and giving the people liberty, <u>after a certain time</u>, to put them to death." -Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 615.

The decree "that maketh desolate is set up" on the 1,290th day. However, the wicked are not at liberty to rush upon God's people until "after a certain time." That time will be 45 days later, on the 1,335th day, and on that day, they hear the voice of God which delivers them!

<u>"The decree will go forth that they must disregard the</u> <u>Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and honor the first day, or</u> <u>lose their lives</u>... Satan's host, and wicked men, will surround them, and exult over them, because there will seem to be no way of escape for them. But in the midst of their revelry ... the captivity of the righteous is turned, and with sweet and solemn whisperings they say to one another: <u>'We are delivered. It is the</u> <u>voice of God.'"</u> –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 1, pages 353, 354.

"And at that time thy people shall be delivered." *–Daniel* 12:1. At what time? 45 days after the 1290th day, or on the 1,335th day, when the trumpet of the Jubilee is blown at the end of the Day of Atonement. This is why Daniel says: "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." *–Daniel* 12:12.

Event #4

The Day of Atonement October 10, 2008

On October 22, 1844, on the feast of the great Day of Atonement, Jesus entered the most holy place in fulfillment of Leviticus 16 and Daniel 8.

If Jesus waited 1,813 years to enter the most holy place precisely on the great Day of Atonement, it follows that pursuant to Leviticus 16, He will also come out on the Day of Atonement.

Once Jesus leaves the most holy place there will be no mediator between God and man and probation will close for the world, but don't forget that probation closes for God's people much before this event takes place.

"The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. <u>In quick succession the judgments</u> of God will follow one another—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. . . . <u>The time of God's destructive</u> judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had 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, <u>while the door is closed to those who</u> <u>would not enter.</u>" –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 9, pages 96, 97.

<u>"So in the prophecies the future is opened before us</u> as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. <u>The events connected with the close of probation and the work of</u> <u>preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.</u> But

multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed." –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 594

According to Leviticus 16:17, once the high priest came out the second time from the most holy place, he <u>tarried</u> in the holy place, in the golden altar, "the altar that is before the Lord" (Leviticus 16:18), and made an atonement for it. It is during this tarrying time, according to Mrs. White, that the plagues are falling upon the earth.

The earthly high priest then, in Leviticus 16:20, 21, went into the outer court and laid "both his hands upon the head of the live goat" and confessed "over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel" and sent him away "into the wilderness."

"As Jesus moved out of the most holy place . . . a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. <u>There was then no</u> <u>mediator</u> between guilty man and an offended God . . . <u>It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary</u>; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner . . <u>Jesus tarried a moment in the outer apartment</u> of the heavenly sanctuary, and the sins which had been confessed while He was in the most holy place were placed upon Satan, the originator of sin, who must suffer their punishment." –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, pages 280, 281.

All of the events in Leviticus 16 took place during the Day of Atonement, and their antitypical fulfillment will take place on the same day. The plagues commence on a certain Day of Atonement when Jesus, in fulfillment of Leviticus 16, leaves the most holy place, but how long with they last?

The plagues in Egypt lasted "several months," but we are told that the seven last plagues will be more "terrible and extensive" than the plagues of Egypt.

"'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.' The king was filled with madness at these words. His impulse was to kill the messengers before his face. But a spell seemed to be upon him. He felt himself under the control of a power he could not understand. . . . Now the great controversy was fully entered upon; for months the warfare between the Prince of Life and the prince of darkness was carried on. . . . God's ways are not man's ways. *<u>He gave each plague</u>* time to do its work and to impress the Egyptians, to let them see that there is a supreme Ruler to whom every created thing must bow. . . . The contest between the king of Egypt and the Lord of heaven came to the knowledge of all Egypt; for the works of God covered so much time that none were in ignorance. The Lord gave a respite after every plague, in which abundant opportunity was given for repentance, and for obedience to the command, 'Let my people go.' "-Ellen G. White, The Youth's Instructor, pages 271, 272, April 8 and 15, 1897.

"The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those <u>more terrible and</u> <u>extensive judgments</u> which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people." –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pages 627, 628. A careful study of Leviticus 16 and *The Great Controversy* below, reveals that the seven last plagues will last one year. Jesus will leave the most holy place on the Day of Atonement, the plagues will then commence, and on the *following* Day of Atonement Jesus will place all of the sins upon the head of Satan, which was symbolized in Leviticus 16:21, 22, as the "live goat."

<u>"Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn</u> <u>service of the Day of Atonement.</u> When the ministration in the holy of holies <u>had been completed</u>... the scapegoat was presented alive before the Lord ... Leviticus 16:21. <u>In like</u> <u>manner</u>, when the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary <u>has been completed</u>, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness." –Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, page 658.

Event #3

The Day of Atonement – October 22, 2007

Jesus entered the most holy place precisely on October 22, 1844 on the great Day of Atonement, and THEN, the Judgment of the Dead commenced!

In the year 2007, the Day of Atonement again takes place on October 22^{nd} ? This is a most unusual event; it has taken place only four times since 1844.

According to Mrs. White, the great test for God's people is the National Sunday Law.

<u>"This is the test that the people of God must have before</u> <u>they are sealed</u>... Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast." –Ellen G. White, *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Volume 7, page 976.

We will never know when the Judgment of the Living commences, but the fact that it ties in so well with the coming Jubilee is very revealing, and should cause each one of us to heed Paul's counsel: "Examine yourself, whether ye be in the faith." -2 Corinthians 13:5.

Event #2

The Feast Of Unleavened Bread – April 18, 2006

<u>If this is in fact the Jubilee of jubilees</u>, then counting back 1260 days or 42 months from the commencement of the Jubilee when God's people are delivered, brings us to April 18, 2006, in the midst of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

At this time the Universal Sunday Law goes into effect and God's people are persecuted for 42 months. Please refer to Event #6 above for a complete explanation.

Event #1

February 2, 2006

<u>If this is in fact the final Jubilee</u>, then counting back 1335 days from the commencement of the Jubilee when God's people are delivered, brings us to February 2, 2006. On this date, I

think the National Sunday Law should go into effect in the United States.

"As America, the land of religious liberty, *shall unite with the papacy* in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, *the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example."* –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 6, page 18.

"Foreign nations will follow the example of the United State. <u>Though she leads out</u>, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world." –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 6, page 395.

May 30, 2004 - February 2, 2006

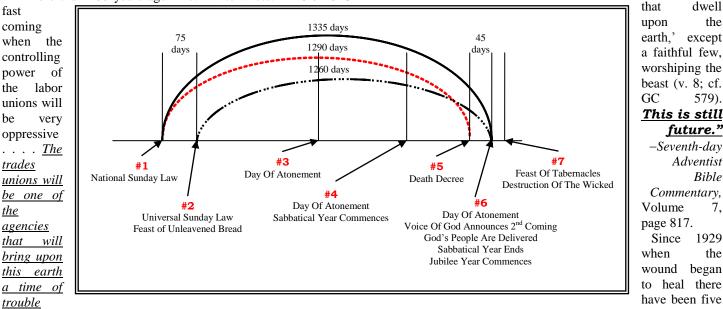
More than 100 years ago Mrs. White wrote: "The time is

combined." -Time Magazine, April 3, 2000, pages 29, 38.

Daniel calls him "the little horn," Paul calls him "the man of sin," Luther called him "the antichrist," the media calls him "the supreme pontiff and bishop of Rome," Protestants now call him "the holy father," and *Time*, magazine dedicated 20 pages of its December 26, 1994 issue, to John Paul II, their "man of the year."

But as popular as this pope is, Revelation 17:10 seems to say that one last pope will be elected before Jesus returns: "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; <u>and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."</u>

"A significant event occurred in <u>**1929**</u> when the Lateran Treaty restored temporal power to the pope, who was given the rule of Vatican City... **Following the healing** he saw 'all



<u>such as has not been since the world began.</u> The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which **will soon come upon them with blinding force.** In the world <u>gigantic monopolies will be formed</u>... The trades unions and confederacies of the world are a snare. Keep out of them, and away from them, brethren... <u>These unions are one of the signs of the last days</u>." –Ellen G. White, *Country Living*, pages 9-11.

Have these words been fulfilled? Think of Microsoft, IBM, the merger of banks and telecommunications? Have you kept up with the problems labor unions are causing around the world?

Daniel 8 indicates that before the Universal Sunday Law is enacted, two events will take place:

- 1. The 7th and last pope must be elected in fulfillment of Revelation 17:10 and
- We must go to war with Iran [Persia] in fulfillment of Daniel 8:3, 20 – the battle between the Ram and the He Goat.

$oldsymbol{T}$ he 7th And Last Pope Will Soon Be Elected

"The Pope's trip to the Holy Land takes him from places of prayer to political battlegrounds. . . . There may be other trips too for <u>this traveling man, who in 91 journeys abroad as Pontiff</u> <u>has already logged more miles than all previous Popes</u> popes that have ruled the Catholic Church:

- "Five Are Fallen"
 - Pope Pius XI (1922 1939)
 - Depe Pius XII (1939 1958)
 - Pope John XXIII (1958 1963)
 - Pope Paul VI (1963 1978)
 - Pope John Paul I (1978 1978)

"One Is"

Depe John Paul II (1978 - Present)

<u>"The other is not yet come</u>; and when he cometh, he must continue <u>a short space.</u>" –*Revelation 17:10.*

Could the "short space" mentioned above refer to the 42 months of papal persecution of Revelation 13:5?

Last but not least let's keep our eyes on Iran – In Daniel 8 we find the battle between the Ram and the He Goat. The angel Gabriel told Daniel this battle would take place <u>"at the time of the end"</u> (Daniel 8:17), in the <u>"last end of</u> <u>the indignation"</u> (Daniel 8:19).

When Daniel received this vision he declared: "I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai." *–Daniel 8:1, 2.*

Uriah Smith was an excellent Bible scholar, but his writings were not inspired. Most Seventh-day Adventists believe that this

battle between the Ram and the He Goat took place in the past because on page 152 of his book Daniel and The Revelation, he claims this battle took place in the plains of Arbela, Syria, in 331 B.C.

However, according to the angel Gabriel this battle takes place during "the time of the end" (Daniel 8:17), and marks the "last end of the indignation" (Daniel 8:19).

Of this battle Mrs. White wrote: "The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass." -Ellen G. White, Testimonies to Ministers, pages 112, 113.

"And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel." -Daniel 10:4.

"Hiddekel-Ancient name of the river Tigris." -The Open Bible (KJV), Nelson Publishers, 1975, Cyclopedic Index, page 144.

When Daniel had this vision he found himself "at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of <u>Ulai</u>." -Daniel 8:2.

 \mathbf{T} here are four bodies of water that will serve as points of reference to help you find the areas discussed by Daniel in modern day maps. They are: The Caspian Sea, The Persian Gulf, The Red Sea, and The Mediterranean Sea.

Shushan is shown in old maps as Susa. "Shushan, Susa-a city of Elam." -The Open Bible (KJV), Nelson Publishers, 1975, Cyclopedic Index, page 270.

If you will locate this area in a modern map, easily

waterway has figured in at least 25 wars, and is presently used by Iraq, Iran and Kuwait, in transporting their oil via the Persian Gulf. wonder Is it any that on August 2, 1990, to the surprise of the whole world, Iraq invaded Kuwait in an effort to control this waterway?

Daniel was shown a Ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. He saw the Ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him (Daniel 8:1-4).

He then saw <u>a He Goat which came from the west on the</u> face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground, and he came to the Ram, and was moved with choler against him, and smote the Ram, and broke his two horns (Daniel 8:5-7.)

The angel Gabriel then told Daniel: "The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of <u>Grecia.</u>" –Daniel 8:20, 21.

Persia is the ancient name for Iran. "Persia-old name of Iran." -Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition, page 1007.

 \mathbf{T} he king of Media or The Median Empire corresponds to the ancient kingdom in the part of SW Asia that is now NW Iran. NE Iraq and perhaps part of Syria.

Under the leadership of Cyaxares (585 B.C.) the Medes made an end to the Assyrian Empire by capturing its capital, Nineveh, in 612 B.C. (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, page 722).

Nineveh was located on the eastern bank of the Tigris, opposite the present city of Mosul in Iraq (Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary, page 797).

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river found in Shushan, corresponds to the river Karun, also found in Iran. The river Karun merges into the Shatt-al-Arab, the waterway formed by the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers. It is in this small piece of real estate that Daniel received his vision more than 2,500 years ago!

The strategic Shatt-al-Arab waterway, which is 125 miles long and separates Iran and Iraq on their southern boundary, was the major point of contention between Iran and Iraq in the 1980's.

The battle for control of the Shatt-al-Arab, Iraq's only outlet to the Persian Gulf, dates back more than 400 years. The

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"Then Commenced The Jubilee, When The Land Should Rest."

Iran, the higher horn "came up last." UN led by U.S. destroys Iran. World applauds Iran's destruction. America enacts the National Sunday Law. National Apostasy = National Ruin. 4 world powers emerge. 7th Pope (Daniel 8:8; Revelation 17:10.) 42 months of persecution (Dan. 12:7; Rev. 13:5.) "Little Horn" enacts Universal Sunday Law. "Continue a short space" (Rev. 17:10.)

1979-1988 Iran was a thorn in the flesh for the entire world. On July 29, 1986, The Journal published the pictures of the top 10 Tyrants in the world and Ayatollah Khomeini held the #1 spot.

From

Time Magazine entitled the front cover of its August 17, 1987 issue, Iran Vs. The World. On page 22, Time Magazine's headline reads: "At War On All Fronts."

Iran quieted down when Ayatullah Khomeini died, and Iraq, the king of Media, with an army of more than one million troops, began in 1988 pushing on all fronts in fulfillment of Daniel 8!

Immediately after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. Time Magazine reported on page 2 of its August 13, 1990 issue the following headlines: "Armed and audacious, Saddam Hussein takes Kuwait-and no one knows how to stop him."

Saddam Hussein continued to push during the presidencies of George Bush, and Bill Clinton, until finally George W. Bush, brought its reign to an end in 2003.

But Daniel was shown "a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and <u>the higher came up last</u>" (Daniel 8:3). I submit to you that Iran is the higher horn of Daniel 8:3. Please notice Iran's reaction 15 days after the World Trade Center disaster! Since then they have been in the news constantly. I have many slides as you see below in my PowerPoint presentation on this topic.

"Tran Won't Help U.S. – TEHRAN, Iran (AP) Iran's supreme leader said in a <u>blistering speech</u> Wednesday that his nation would not participate in any U.S. – led coalition against terrorism. . . . <u>Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called U.S.</u> <u>behavior 'disgusting'</u> and said in a state-run television address to the nation that Iran does not consider the United States 'competent and sincere (enough) to lead any global campaign against terrorism." –*Associated Press*, September 26, <u>2001</u>.

"Iranians Rally Against United

States – TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Angered by the United States' labeling of Iran as part of an 'axis of evil,' <u>hundreds of thousands of Iranians chanted 'Death to America'</u> on Monday during demonstrations to mark the 23rd anniversary of the Islamic Revolution. . . . Men, women and children poured into Tehran's Freedom Square carrying anti-U.S. banners and <u>burning effigies of Uncle Sam.</u>" –Associated Press, February 11, 2002.

"Bush Renews Iran Sanctions Amid

Reports Iran Seeking Nuclear Weapons – WASHINGTON - <u>Because the actions and policies of the</u> government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, the national emergency declared on March 15, 1995, must continue in effect beyond March 15, 2003, <u>Bush said in his executive order.</u> -Associated Press, March 13, 2003.

"IAEA Rebukes Iran Over Nuclear

Cover-Ups – VIENNA, Austria – The International Atomic Energy Agency rebuked Iran Friday for past cover-ups in its nuclear program and warned the Islamic republic it has little time left to disprove it has a nuclear weapons program. <u>The</u> <u>resolution, adopted unanimously by the IAEA's 35-member</u> <u>board of governors</u> . . . Its harsh wording amounted to substantial pressure on Iran to clear up suspicions about a <u>nuclear program that was covert for nearly 20 years until</u> <u>discovered two years ago.</u>" –Associated Press, June 18, 2004.

"Images Show Iran May Be Hiding

Nuke Plants – NEW YORK – 'We're really quite amazed at what we were seeing in this imagery and we're also quite amazed at what we're not seeing.' . . . <u>The 2002 images show</u>

buildings under construction. But in the 2004 images, 'you can see that they completely covered it up with a thick layer of dirt.'... The building is protected by <u>8-feet thick concrete</u> walls, 'primarily to protect it against air strikes,' Jafarzadeh noted. Also, <u>the entrance to the main building consists of a U-</u> shaped tunnel. 'This way, even smart bombs cannot sort of glide <u>or crawl into the hall,'</u> he said. 'That tells me this is definitely built underground for air strike protection.' " –Fox News, June 18, **2004.**

Iran's quiet behavior since the death of Khomeini, is not deserving of the He Goat's choler (Daniel 8:7.) In order for the He Goat to smite the Ram and brake his two horns, Iran will do something so horrifying, that the He Goat, <u>"in the fury of his power,"</u> and <u>"moved with choler,"</u> will finally destroy the second horn!

The entire world will celebrate immediately after Iran is destroyed by the United Nations (the He Goat), under the leadership of the United States (the "great horn.") However, soon thereafter the "great horn" is broken, and in its place we see "four notable" powers appear on the stage.

"Therefore <u>the he goat waxed very great</u>: and when he was strong, <u>the great horn was broken</u>; and <u>for it came up four</u> <u>notable ones</u> toward the four winds of heaven." –Daniel 8:8.

In Daniel 7:3 we saw four beasts come up from the sea namely Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. However in Daniel 7:17 the angel describes these powers to Daniel as follows: "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which <u>shall</u> arise out of the earth."

The first 4 beasts of Daniel 7:3 came from the <u>sea;</u> these other 4 beasts <u>"shall arise</u>" in the future "out of the <u>earth..."</u> The first 4 beasts were described in detail in Daniel 7:3-8, but this second set of beasts are not described at all. Therefore, we must look at the description of the first 4 beasts, and see if any nations today match that description.

"The first beast was like a <u>lion</u>, and had <u>eagle's</u>

wings." *–Daniel 7:4.* This first beast is a coalition of two nations. We know that the Lion is the symbol for England. The Eagle is the symbol for the United States.

England was America's main ally in Gulf War I and Gulf War II. Tony Blair was the only Prime Minister invited to attend George W. Bush's address to the U.S. Congress on September 20, 2001, after the World Trade Center towers were destroyed.

The second beast described in Daniel 7:5 does not need much introduction: "And behold another beast, a second, like to a *bear*." The Bear symbolizes RUSSIA.

Do you really think that Russia has ceased to be a threat to America? Notice the coalition that is being formed by Russia and China.

"Yeltsin gets China's support, then

blasts Clinton Associated Press, BEIJING—Boris Yeltsin lashed out at President Clinton on Thursday for

criticizing Russia's war in Chechnya, bluntly reminding Clinton that Russia remains a nuclear power. <u>It seems Mr. Clinton has</u> forgotten Russia is a great power that possesses a nuclear arsenal... I want to tell President Clinton that he alone cannot dictate how the world should live, work and play. It is us who will dictate.' Yeltsin's outburst, delivered in front of reporters, came after he secured Chinese backing for Russia's campaign to crush separatists in Chechnya. . . . Both Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Li, No. 2 in the Communist Party, welcomed Yeltsin to Beijing with bear hugs. . . . Yeltsin and Jiang initiated annual summit meetings in 1996 to draw the fierce cold war rivals closer and build a strategic partnership." -The Roanoke Times, December 10, 1999.

The third beast of Daniel 7:6 is described as follows: "After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it."

The Leopard is undefined. Could it refer to China and its neighbors? Daniel saw the leopard which had four heads. A leopard is known for its tremendous speed with which it attacks its prey. After being economically devastated in World War II, Japan has become one of the richest nations in the world. But how will China be drawn into this controversy? Through one of the four heads of the Leopard!

"TORONTO-Unseen and unheard, they were not guests at the annual economic summit conference. But Asia's four 'tigers'-the newly industrializing countries of South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore were not ignored. . . . Japanese officials, on the other hand, see themselves as defenders of the Asian exporters. The tigers, the Japanese contend, are still only cubs, and should be nurtured rather than forced to grow up too fast. The four tigers 'are being criticized as a threat to the rest of the world just because their trade surpluses have been swelling at an astonishing speed.' " -Los Angeles Times, June 22, 1988.

As of 1997, Hong Kong officially reverted to China, and now China has been made part of this prophecy.

"U.S. Must Keep Eye on China

Military Build-Up - A little-noticed recent report by the secretary of defense to Congress serves as an alarming reminder that China isn't wasting any time building up militarily while the U.S. is otherwise occupied, and that the North Pacific power could present a formidable military challenge if in the future it became an outright foe." -FOX NEWS, September 10, 2003

The fourth beast is the only mayor power remaining in the world that we have not considered-the European Community and it's described in Daniel 7:7. Have you noticed what is happening to the Dollar and the euro?

lifetime low against the euro after weaker-than-expected U.S. economic data eroded optimism on the economic outlook." -REUTERS, December 30, 2003.

Daniel saw coming out of this fourth dreadful beast a "little horn" with "eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." and the first thing this little horn did was to take away "the daily."

"Therefore the *he goat waxed very great*: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn. . . . And by him the daily sacrifice was taken away." -Daniel 8:8-11.

"The prophecies of Daniel . . . are to be witnesses in the world. By their fulfillment in these last days they will explain <u>themselves.</u>" –Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Volume 7, page 949.

Notice in Daniel 8:8-11 above, that there is a period of time between the enactment of the National Sunday Law in America (before the "great horn was broken"), and the enactment of the Universal Sunday Law by the papacy, the "little horn."

The He Goat's actions in destroying the Ram will be welcomed by the entire world. This will present a perfect opportunity for America, the "great horn" of the He Goat, to exalt itself and enact a National Sunday Law, but it's been prophesied that "this national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin."

6 Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin" -Ellen G. White, The Review and Herald, June 15, 1897.

"The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactment, enforce the Sunday Law ... the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin." -Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Volume 7, page 977.

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall *repudiate every* principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, **THEN** we may know that the time has come for the MARVELOUS WORKING OF SATAN and that the end is near. -Ellen G. White, Testimonies For The Church, Volume 5, page 451.

Has America Stretched "Her Hand Across The Gulf" To Grasp The Hand Of The Roman Power?

"Bush Meets With Pope At Vatican –

ROME - Pope John Paul II called for the quick return to sovereignty in Iraq Friday after receiving the Medal of Freedom from President Bush.... calling the pontiff a 'devoted servant of

Dollar CHICAGO—The Dollar fell broadly on Tuesday, slumping to a "Then Commenced The Jubilee, When The Land Should Rest." Page 16 of 18

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God,' <u>Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of</u> <u>Freedom—the highest civilian award.</u> . . . <u>Friday marked</u> <u>Bush's third meeting with the Pope since he</u> <u>became president—a</u> measure of the importance both men place on the relationship." –Fox News, June 4, 2004

"U.S. Catholic Leaders Endorse Constitutional Amendment Against Gay Marriage. ASSOCIATED PRESS – The leaders of the nation's Roman Catholic Bishops Wednesday gave 'general support' to a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would define marriage as a union of a man and a woman."

-FOX NEWS, September 10, 2003. Have you noticed the speed with which the gay rights movement is progressing in America? In an effort to prevent a further moral decline, a constitutional amendment is being proposed, but as was shown to Ellen White, this could very well cause America " to repudiate every principle of its constitution."

****President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment** to define marriage as being only between a man and a woman faces a long and difficult path to become reality." –FOX NEWS, February 24, 2004.

66 Great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. Events which for more than forty years we have upon the authority of the prophetic word declared to be impending are now taking place before our eyes. <u>Already</u> <u>the question of an amendment to the</u> <u>constitution</u> restricting liberty of conscience has been urged upon the legislators of the nation." –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies* For The Church, Volume 5, page 711.

66 There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The controversies of the past are to be revived; new controversies will arise. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not yet even dreamed of. Satan is at work through human agencies. <u>Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution</u> and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us." –Ellen G. White, *Testimonies For The Church*, Volume 5, page 753.

Daniel prophesied that the great horn would be broken (Daniel 8:8.) Speaking of America, Mrs. White prophesied:

"S<u>aid the angel:</u> 'Hear, O heavens, the cry of the oppressed, and reward the oppressors double according to their deeds." **This nation will yet be humbled into the <u>dust.</u>" –Ellen G. White,** *Testimonies For The Church***, Volume 1, pages 258, 259.**

Once the great horn of Daniel 8:8 is broken, America ceases

to be the only superpower, and four world powers enter the scene. From the fourth power comes the "little horn" (Daniel 8:9.)

<u>**Then, And Only Then,**</u> does the "little horn" take away "the daily" in Daniel 8:9-12 through a Universal Sunday Law, and the 42 months of papal persecution described in Revelation 13:5 and Daniel 12:7 commence!

"Pope Wants New International

Order To Keep Peace – REUTERS. The world needs a 'new international order' to solve its conflicts and ensure peace, Pope John Paul said in his New Year's Day address on Thursday." –*FOX NEWS*, January 1, 2004.

Shortly before the elections this November or shortly thereafter, I believe we will attack Iran and destroy it in fulfillment of the battle between the Ram and the He Goat of Daniel 8.

I have dozens of newspaper articles in my files, dating back to 1986, and ancient maps of the Middle East, which show with the strictest accuracy, that the very spot where Daniel had his vision is the very piece of real estate where Gulf War I and Gulf War II were fought, and where finally the battle between the Ram and the He Goat of Daniel 8 will be concluded.

"I <u>saw that the remnant were not prepared for what is</u> <u>coming upon the earth.</u> Stupidity, like lethargy, seemed to hang upon the minds of most of those who profess to believe that we are having the last message. <u>My accompanying angel</u> <u>cried out with awful solemnity, 'Get ready! get</u> <u>ready! get ready!</u> for the fierce anger of the Lord is soon to come.'" –Ellen G. White, *Early Writings*, page 119.

<u>"The storm is coming, relentless in its fury.</u> Are we prepared to meet it? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father? –Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, page 199.

"Christians should be preparing for what is soon to **<u>break</u> <u>upon the world as an overwhelming surprise</u>, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts." -Ellen G. White,** *Prophets & Kings***, page 626.**

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Please Refer To Page 18 For A Five-Year Table Of God's Festivals

		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
First day of Sacred Year	[Nisan 01]	Apr 10 – Sunday	Mar 31 – Friday	Apr 19 – Thursday	Apr 8 – Tuesday	Mar 28 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>
Unleavened Bread – First Day	[Nisan 15]	Apr 24 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Apr 14 – Friday Double Sabbath	May 3 – Thursday	Apr 22 – Tuesday	Apr 11 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>
Unleavened Bread – Last Day	[Nisan 21]	Apr 30 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>	Apr 20 – Thursday	May 9 – Wednesday	Apr 28 – Monday	Apr 17 – Friday Double Sabbath
First Fruits – symbol of 144,00	0 [Rev 14:4]	Apr 24 – Sunday	Apr 16 – Sunday	May 6 – Sunday	Apr 27 – Sunday	Apr 12 – Sunday
Pentecost		Jun 19 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Jun 4 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Jun 24 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Jun 15 – Sunday Double Sabbath	May 31 – Sunday Double Sabbath
Trumpet	[Tishri 01]	Oct 5 – Wednesday	Sep 24 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Oct 13 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>	Oct 1 – Wednesday	Sep 20 – Sunday Double Sabbath
Atonement -	[Tishri10]	October 14 – Friday Double Sabbath	Oct 3 – Tuesday	Oct 22 – Monday	Oct 10 – Friday Double Sabbath	Sep 29 – Tuesday
Tabernacles – First Day	[Tishri15]	Oct 19 – Wednesday	Oct 8 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Oct 27 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>	Oct 15 – Wednesday	Oct 4 – Sunday Double Sabbath
Tabernacles – Last Day	[Tishri 22]	Oct 26 – Wednesday	Oct 15 – Sunday Double Sabbath	Nov 3 – Sabbath <u>High Day</u>	Oct 22 – Wednesday	Oct 11 – Sunday Double Sabbath

Feast Dates 2005 - 2009

♦ ALL FEASTS COMMENCE THE PRIOR DAY AT SUNSET