

God's Pattern with His People

**Prophecy of End Time Events
Revealed in God's Pattern with Israel**

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History is Repeating

History has been and will be repeated. 1SM 162

That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15

Those things which have been will be repeated. 1MR 47

We are Repeating Israel's History

The history of their backslidings is repeated among the people of God today. ST, May 26, 1881

History is being repeated. The shepherds of the flock of God are doing in this day just what the Jewish leaders did in their day. RH, May 18, 1897

...you (Battle Creek) have been treading in the very footsteps of the Jewish nation. You are repeating their history. 1888 1631

This experience will be repeated in the last years of the history of the people of God... Men whom He has greatly honored will in the closing scenes of this earth's history pattern after ancient Israel. 13MR 379

We are repeating the history of that people. Lightness, vanity, love of ease and pleasure, selfishness, and impurity are increasing among us. 5T 160

We are treading the same path as Israel

The Lord has given instruction that the history of the apostasy of Israel is now to be presented, because... Men who ought to stand as firm as a rock to principle are treading in the same path that the Israelites followed. RH Feb 4, 1909

The experience of Christians in these days are much like the travels of ancient Israel. 1T 284

You are doing as the children of Israel did again and again. Instead of repenting before God, you reject His words, and attribute all the warnings and reproof to the messenger whom the Lord sends. (1882) 3SM 70

You are following the same path as did ancient Israel. There is the same falling away from your holy calling as God's peculiar people. 5T 75

Staying on the same path – Leads to the Same end / result

...they are traveling in the same path, repeating the same course of action, and **the result will be the same.** 16MR 82

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me its meaning, and the result that **it will have if** allowed to continue. BCL 79

As God's church, we cannot tread the same path of unbelief as did ancient Israel... and escape the sure result of our course of action. 2SAT 331

...many are walking in blindness, and leading others in the same path, where both must perish, because they will not heed the reproofs of the Spirit of God! PH028 16

In his dealing with ancient Israel God has given us an illustration of the result that will follow an unrighteous, disobedient course. KC 150

Many of our people are lukewarm. ...neither for nor against, neither cold nor hot. They hear the words of Christ, but do them not... May the Lord have mercy upon you; for if you go on in this way, nothing but evil can be prophesied concerning you. 5T 76

To know our Future -- Study Israel's past

The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days. 7MR 417

The mistakes and sins of His early people are being repeated in His people today: warnings and admonitions given in that day are not being heeded in this. PC 78

The Israel of God in these last days are in constant danger of mingling with the world, and losing all signs of being the chosen people... Shall we provoke him as did ancient Israel? Shall we bring his wrath upon us by departing from him, and mingling with the world and following the abominations of the nations around us?... The same injunctions that rested upon ancient Israel rest upon God's people now... The great Head of the church has not changed. HL 282

What God has done in the past He Will Do Again

There are lessons to be learned from the history of the past; and attention is called to these, that all may understand that God works on the same lines now that He ever has done. BEcho 8-26-1895

Under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, Solomon wrote, "That which hath been is now: and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." In mercy God repeats his past dealings. He has given us a record of his dealings in the past. This we need to study carefully; for history is repeating itself. RH, April 20, 1897

Prophecy is Clear – But God's people are not willing to see the truth

<p>GC 594 Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again... But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance... and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death.</p>	<p>Jesus warned His disciples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • But they didn't want to hear it.
<p>The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and <u>when the time of trial came,</u> it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes <u>as if He had not forewarned them.</u></p>	<p>In the time of trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they were unprepared • Destroyed hopes • As if they had not been warned
<p><u>So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples</u> by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, <u>are clearly presented.</u></p>	<p>Prophecy is Clear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will punish SDA church, just like Israel, if they stay on the same path.
<p>But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and <u>the time of trouble will find them unready.</u></p>	<p>God has warned SDA's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unprepared • 2nd SDA's disappointment Greater than the first disappointment

Study Israel's History

The Old and New Testaments are linked together by the golden clasp of God. We need to become familiar with the Old Testament Scriptures. The unchangeableness of God should be clearly seen; the similarity of his dealings with his people of the **past** dispensation and of the **present**, should be studied. SW 9-12-1905

The history of the wilderness life of Israel was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God to the close of time. PP 293

We are more accountable than were those whose experience is recorded in the Old Testament; for their mistakes, and the results of those mistakes, have been chronicled for our benefit. ...we should be warned not to do as they did, lest a worse punishment come upon us.... This Scripture biography is a great blessing. This precious instruction, the experience of ages, is bequeathed to us. SW 9-12-1905

Study Israel's Experience

How they respond to God

All the experience of Israel has a lesson for us, who are living in the last hours of time. We should carefully consider their course of action and the dealings of God with them... ST 11-11-1880

A study of the history of the children of Israel will help us to learn lessons that will keep us from repeating the mistakes that spoiled their record. TDG 237

...I beg of you to learn a lesson from the Jewish nation. Their pride, self-righteousness, and stubborn resistance of light and truth brought them into their deplorable condition. Their history is given you, not for you to imitate, but as a beacon of warning, that you should not follow their example in sin, and impenitence, and rejection of light. PH155 6

Study carefully the experiences of Israel in their travels to Canaan. CC 117

How God Deals with Israel

In mercy God repeats his past dealings. He has given us a record of his dealings in the past. This we need to study carefully; for history is repeating itself. SW 9-12-1905

The dealings of God with his people in the past should receive our careful attention. ST 5-26-1881

The record of God's dealing with the wanderers of the desert in all their marchings to and fro, ...is fraught with warning and instruction for His people in all ages. CC 94

...it is important that we... ponder with care the dealings of God with them. ST 5-26-1881

God's character is Revealed in how He deals with man

The history of God's ancient people is full of instruction for the church of today. ST 1-10-1884

Learn -- God's Character, through His dealings with Israel

In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. CT 379

We behold the image of God, ...in the works of nature and in His dealings with men... ML 365

...the character and purposes of God are made manifest in His dealings with His chosen people. PP 367

God speaks to us in his word. Here we have ...the revelation of his character, of his dealings with

men, and the great work of redemption. CE 56

The knowledge of God and Christ lies at the foundation of all knowledge. Through the study of the Bible... (the) attributes of God were revealed in his dealings with mankind. ST 6-9-1890

...the character and purposes of God are made manifest in His dealings with His chosen people. PP 367

...in all His works, in all His dealings with mankind, His character is revealed. AUCR, 6-1-1900

...we should study the word of God. The Bible... communicates a correct knowledge of the character of God and his will concerning us. RH 1-10-1888

In studying the Scriptures we become acquainted with God... FE 393

...from the first entrance of sin to the final triumph of righteousness and truth; and all is but a revelation of the character of God. PP 596-599

Learn: God's character is Mercy to the Obedient & Judgment to the disobedient

God revealed his character to Moses, declaring how he would deal with the obedient and the disobedient. "...The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and ...keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty." ST 1-5-1891

Through His people Israel, God designed to give to the world a knowledge of His will. His promises and threatenings, His instructions and reproofs, the wonderful manifestations of His power among them, in blessings for obedience, and judgment for transgression and apostasy,--all were designed for the education and development of religious principle among the people of God until the close of time. Therefore it is important that we acquaint ourselves with the history of the Hebrew host, and ponder with care the dealings of God with them. 2BC 994

God doesn't change

I am the Lord, I change not... Malachi 3:6

We need to become familiar with the Old-Testament Scriptures. The unchangeableness of God should be clearly seen; the similarity of his dealings with his people of the past dispensation and of the present, should be studied. RH, April 20, 1897

God's claims are the same. The principles of His government are the same. PP 373

God's character has not changed. He is the same jealous God today as when He gave His law... SL 68

With Him there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He is "the same yesterday, and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8. FLB 42

God does not change his plans and devise new expedients to save man in different ages or dispensations. With him "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." ST 12-15-1887

God does not change. He has not one character for Denmark, another for Sweden, and another for Norway, and still another for England, but he is the same to all. RH 5-10-1887

When will men learn that God is God, not man, and that He does not change. UL 318

Conclusion

1. Study God's dealings with Israel
2. God's Character does not Change / What God has done in the past He Will Do Again
3. We are Repeating Israel's History / To know the Future - Study Israel's Past

Israel's history is an Outline of Last Day Events

Book of Hosea

Prophecy of Latter Rain – End Time Event

...his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3

Hosea 6:1-3 -- Order of Events before the Latter Rain

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then ...he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:1-3	Past	Present	Future
	<u>(Apostasy)</u> Call to return because they have left the Lord <u>Judgment</u> Torn & smitten	<u>Repent & Return</u> Come let us return	Heal & bind us up After 2 days Revive & Raise up live in His sight <u>Latter Rain</u>

What happens after Apostasy and before the Latter Rain? *Judgment*

Book of Hosea	Pattern of End Time Events
Hosea 1:2 ...the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a <u>wife</u> of whoredoms... Hosea 3:1 ...according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel,	Covenant
Hosea 1:2 ...the land hath committed great <u>whoredom</u> , departing from the LORD. Hosea 2:3 ...she went after her lovers, and forgot me. Hosea 7:4 They [are] all adulterers... Hosea 4:1-2 ...there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By <u>swearing</u> , and <u>lying</u> , and <u>killing</u> , and <u>stealing</u> , and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.	Apostasy
Hosea 5:1 ...hearken, ye house of Israel... for <u>judgment is toward you</u> ... Hosea 4:9 ...I will punish them for their ways... Hosea 2:10-11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. Hosea 4:5-7 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day... and I will destroy thy mother. ...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject theetherefore will I change their glory into shame. Hosea 1:6 I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away... Hosea 5:10 I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.	Judgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of Wrath • Scattering time
Hosea 5:14-15 ...I will be... as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away ; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place,	Forsaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will bring judgment then leave

Hosea 5:6 They shall go ...to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.	Delay (Time of Waiting, Tarrying) • waiting for Repentance
Hosea 5:15 ...till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Hosea 6:1 <u>Come, and let us return unto the LORD</u> : for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.	Repent and Return • Remnant will Return to God • (like Daniel) Confess sins of church • pray in affliction for God to remove the curse
Hosea 1:10-11 ...in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, ...it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel <u>be gathered together</u> ...	Gather together
Hosea 2:18-20 ...in that day will I make a <u>covenant</u> for them.. And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness... in lovingkindness, and in mercies. ...in faithfulness...	Renew Covenant
Hosea 6:2-3 After two days will he <u>revive</u> us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.	Latter Rain & Healing • God will answer their prayers • heal their affliction • send an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Book of Ezekiel -- has the same Pattern of Last Day Events

Ezekiel 9 -- is an End Time prophecy

Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry... Ezekiel 9:4

...the time will soon come when the prophecy of Ezekiel 9 will be fulfilled; that prophecy should be carefully studied, for **it will be fulfilled to the very letter**. 1888 1303

Book of Ezekiel -- Events that lead up to the Sealing in Ezekiel 9

<u>Book of Ezekiel</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
Ezekiel 2:3-4 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me... For they are impudent children and stiff-hearted. Ezekiel 5:5-6 This is Jerusalem... she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations ... round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.	Apostasy • Rebellious • Reject God's Word
Ezekiel 5:7-8 Because ye ...have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments... Therefore... I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. Ezekiel 6:3-4, 6 ...I even I, will bring a <u>sword</u> upon you, and I will <u>destroy your high</u> places.... And your <u>altars</u> shall be <u>desolate</u> , and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down <u>your slain men</u> before your idols. ...the <u>cities</u> shall be laid waste... and <u>your idols</u> may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and <u>your works may be abolished</u> .	Warning of Judgment • Sword / slaughter • Destroy high places • Altars desolate • Break Idols • Scattered • Abolish your works

Ezekiel 6:8-9 Yet will I leave a remnant , that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be <u>scattered</u> ... And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations... and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.	Promise to Save a Remnant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape the sword • scattered
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Ezekiel 8 -- God "shows My people their sins" & Abominations (a call to repent)

8:3, 5-6 ...the spirit ... brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem , to the <u>door of the inner gate</u> ... where was the seat of the image of jealousy , which <u>provoketh to jealousy</u>Son of man, lift up thine eyes ...northward <u>at the gate of the altar</u> this image of jealousy in the entry <u>Son of man, seest thou what they do?</u> even the <u>great abominations</u> that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary?	Abominations of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image of Jealousy • at the Altar gate • Entry • of Jerusalem God leaves the Sanctuary
8:6-9 ...but turn thee yet again, and <u>thou shalt see greater abominations</u>he brought me to the door of the court; and... behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, <u>dig now in the wall</u> : and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, <u>Go in</u> , and <u>behold</u> the wicked abominations that they do here.	God tells Ezekiel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dig in the wall • Go in • See the abominations
8:10-12 ...I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall... And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel... Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.	Ezekiel saw: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hole in the wall (law of God) • Unclean beasts • Idols on the Wall
8:13-14 ...Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt <u>see greater abominations</u> ... Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the <u>north</u> ; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.	Greater Abominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeping for Tammuz (a dead god)
8:15-17 ...turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see <u>greater abominations</u> than these. ...at the door of the temple ...were about five and twenty men, with their <u>backs toward the temple</u> ... and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?	Last Abomination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Worship
8:17-18 ...they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to <u>provoke me to anger</u> ... Therefore will I also deal in fury : mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.	Probation Closes & Sentence of Judgment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrath without Mercy • God will not hear their cry • Probation is Closing
9:2-4 ...six men came ...every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side (God) ... <u>called to the man clothed with linen</u> , which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.	Sealing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Remnant • Those who sigh and cry • For the sins in the church
9:5-6 ...to the others he said... Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young... but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and <u>begin at my sanctuary</u> .	Judgment is Executed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sword / Slaughter

Then they <u>began at the ancient men</u> which were before the house.	• Begin with leaders
<p>9:8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and <u>I was left</u>, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! <u>wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel</u> in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?</p> <p>2SM 380 The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out--the chaff separated from the precious wheat. <u>This is a terrible ordeal</u>, but nevertheless it must take place.</p>	<p>Church Appears to Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of Shaking and Sifting • Sinners sifted out • Terrible Ordeal
<p>Ez 10:2 ...he spake ...and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with <u>coals of fire</u> from between the cherubims, and <u>scatter them over the city</u>.</p> <p>Acts 2:3-4 ...cloven tongues <u>like as of fire</u> ...sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...</p>	<p>Latter Rain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire scattered over the city

Ezekiel 11

<u>Ezekiel 11</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
11:12 ...ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen...	Apostasy
11:8-10 I will bring a sword upon you. I will ...deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. Ye shall fall by the sword; <u>I will judge you in the border of Israel...</u>	Judgment
11:13 Then fell I [Ezekiel] down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?	church appears to fall
11:16 ...Although I have <u>cast them far off</u> among the heathen, and ...scattered them among the countries, yet will I <u>be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries</u> where they shall come.	Scattering
11:17 <u>I will even gather you from the people</u> , and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered...	Gathering
11:19-20 <u>I will give them one heart</u> , and I will <u>put a new spirit within</u> you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh... That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.	Latter rain

Zechariah 10:1-8

Past		Present	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostasy • Idols • leaders tell lies • Comfort in vain • False dreams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is angry with Shepherds • Judgment on Shepherds • Cast off • No Shepherd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for Rain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord will Hear & Answer • give Rain • Mighty, Strengthened • Lord is with them • As though not cast off

Zechariah 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.	Present / Ask for Rain Future / Latter rain
10:2 For the <u>idols</u> have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a <u>lie</u> , and have told <u>false dreams</u> ; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were <u>troubled</u> , because [there was] <u>no shepherd</u> .	Past • Apostasy
10:3 Mine anger was kindled against the <u>shepherds</u> , and I <u>punished</u> the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath <u>visited</u> his flock the house of Judah...	Past • Judgment
10:5-8 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies... and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them... I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph... for I have mercy upon them: and <u>they shall be as though I had not cast them off</u> : for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.... I will <u>gather them</u> ; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase...	Future • Gathering • Latter Rain

Jeremiah 14:8-22

14:8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof <u>in time of trouble</u> ,	During the Time of Trouble
14:10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet,	Apostasy
14:10 ...therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will <u>now</u> remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. 14:12 I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. 14:8 ...why shouldst thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? 14:9 Why shouldst thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? 14:11 ...Pray not for this people for their good. 14:12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them:	Judgment • God Rejects His people • Visits their sins • God Is Withdrawn • will not save • will not hear their prayers • will not accept their offerings
14:9 ...yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.	Remnant • Trial of Faith
14:13 ...Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake	Prophets • have lied • cry peace, peace

unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. 14:19 ...we looked for <u>peace</u> , and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and <u>behold trouble!</u>	Overwhelming surprise • church is under Judgment not Peace Church expected Peace during Time of Trouble
14:15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; <u>By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.</u>	Judgment on Prophets • Slain with Sword • Ezekiel 9
14:16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall <u>be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem</u> because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.	The People • Are Scattered
14:17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; <u>Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day</u> , and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. 14:18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.	Remnant • Sigh and Cry for God's people • Ez 9
14:19 <u>Hast thou utterly rejected Judah?</u> hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?	Church appears to Fall • Ez 9:8; 11:13
14:20 We <u>acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers:</u> for we have sinned against thee. 14:21 <u>Do not abhor us,</u> for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: <u>remember, break not thy covenant</u> with us. 14:22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause <u>rain?</u> or can the heavens give <u>showers?</u> <u>art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait</u> upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.	Remnant • Repent • Pray to renew Covenant • Pray for Rain • Wait

All the Old Testament writers are adding pieces to the same story

As each story, or Pattern unfolds, it adds information & builds a bigger, clearer picture.

	Hosea	Ezekiel 2-10	Ez 11	Zech	Jer 14	Misc
Covenant	1:2					
Apostasy	1:2; 4:1-2	2:3-4; 5:5-6; 8	12	10:2	10	
Warnings		5:7-8; 6:3-6				
Sealing		9:2-4				
SDA probation closes		9:5 (8:18)				
Judgment	5:1; 4:6-7	9:6-7	8-10	10:3	8-12	1Pet 4:17
Appears to Fall		9:8	13		19	
Remnant escape	6:8					
Scattering		5:10; 22:15; 34:5	16	13:7	16	1Ki 22:17; Jer 10:21; 18:17; 30:11
Delay	5:14-15				22	
Gathering	6:1		17	10:8		Joel 2:15-17
Repentance	5:15			10:1	20	Lev 26:40-42
Theocracy						Jer 31:10
Latter Rain	6:2-3	10:2	19-20	10:5-7	22	

Outline of Israel's History

God Chooses a People

...the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6

I... have separated you from other people.... I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine. Leviticus 20:24, 26

I will... be your God, and ye shall be my people. Leviticus 26:12

God singled out the children of Israel as his people. He separated them from other people, making them the repository of his law; and it was his design that they should preserve his honor in the earth. ST 11-26-1896

...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 1 Peter 2:9

The Lord has His eye upon every one of His people... To the people of God today as well as to ancient Israel belong the words written by Moses through the Spirit of Inspiration: "...the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6. CCh 78

God chooses a Leader (Prophet)

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee... unto him ye shall hearken... I will ...put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. ...whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

I have also spoken by the prophets... And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. Hosea 12:10, 13

Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 2 Kings 17:13

God enters a Marriage Covenant with Israel

The close relation of the church to Christ is represented under the figure of marriage. The Lord had joined his people to himself by a solemn covenant, he promising to be their God, and they pledging themselves to be his, and his alone. 4SP 233

Mt Sinai – God married Israel

Ex 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

Jer 31:32 ...the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt... I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 3:14 ...I am married unto you: Ez 16:8 I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee... and thou becamest mine.

Covenant of Love

Deut 7:7-8 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you,

God Vows to Love and Bless her above all people

Deut 7:13 And he (God) will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 7:14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people... 7:15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness...

I am your husband – I will take care of you

Is 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name...

Our Covenant to God -- Love and Serve Him with your whole heart

Deut 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deut 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to ...walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

The marriage Covenant in the Law

Ex 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.	I am the Lord that saved you and chose you to marry
Ex 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	I want you to love me and only me
Ex 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything... 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor <u>serve</u> them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...	I am a Jealous husband. I don't want you to serve or worship anything but me
Ex 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...	When you take my Name, don't take it in vain
Ex 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.	Meet with Me – The Sabbath is holy and I want to spend it Wholly with you

Covenant (Vow) of Blessings & Curses

Typical wedding vow: “Do you take you, ____, to be your wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish and obey till death do we part?”

Marriage Vows can also be a blessing or a curse

- A blessing if you cherish and honor your vows (Covenant of love)
- A Curse if your heart turns from your Covenant of Love

Deut 11:26-28 I set before you this day a **blessing and a curse**; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD... And a curse, if ye will not obey... but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day... that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers...

If you break our Covenant of Love – you will curse our marriage

Deut 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Blessings -- If You Obey	Curses -- If You Disobey
Deut 11:13-14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will give you Rain • Land will give fruit • You will eat and be full 	Deut 11:16-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will shut up the heavens • Land will not give fruit • You will perish
Lev 26:5-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwell safely, • no sword in land • I will give peace to the land • None will make you afraid • I will rid beasts from the land 	Lev 26:14-17, 22, 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will appoint terror, sorrow • Slain before enemy • Bring a sword upon you (25) • Delivered to the enemy (25) • Send wild beasts among you (22)
Lev 26:9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make you fruitful • Multiply you 	Lev 26:17, 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land not yield increase • Make you few in number • Land made Desolate (32)
Lev 26:9, 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Covenant with you • Set my tabernacle among you • I will walk among you • I will be Your God 	Lev 26:17, 24, 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set my face against you • Enemy will reign over you • I will walk contrary to you (24) • Destroy your sanctuaries (31)
Deut 11:8-9, 23-24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be strong, Possess the land • Prolong days in the land • God will drive out the enemy • Possess every land you walk on 	Deut 11:17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will perish off the good land Deut 28:25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smitten before enemy • Driven out of your land

"I do" -- I choose you this day

Ex 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD... 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Ex 24:3 ...and all the **people answered with one voice**, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

Deut 26:17 <u>Thou hast avouched</u> the LORD <u>this day</u> to be thy God,	Israel says: "I choose you to be My God"
Deut 26:18 ...the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people,	God says: "I choose you to be My people"

All were to signify their acceptance of the terms of the covenant and give their assent to the blessings or curses for its observance or neglect. PP 500

At the foot of Sinai they had entered into covenant relationship with Him as His "peculiar treasure... above all people." ... God had chosen Israel as His people, and they had chosen Him as their King. PK 293

If you forget the Covenant of Love

God's promise of Blessings - can turn to a curse

Jer 18:9 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, <u>to build and to plant it;</u>	God says He will Bless (if they obey)
Jer 18:10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.	If they Disobey: God will remove His blessings

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and **I will curse your blessings...** Malachi 2:2

God's promise to curse - can change to blessings

Jer 18:7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, <u>to pluck up</u> , and to pull down, and to <u>destroy it;</u>	God says He will Curse / destroy
Jer 18:8 <u>If that nation</u> , against whom I have pronounced, <u>turn from their evil</u> , <u>I will repent of the evil</u> that I thought to do unto them.	If they Repent: God will remove the Curse

Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. Jeremiah 26:13

God saw their (Nineveh's) works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. Jonah 3:10

Jer 36:2-3 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

God's Covenant is Everlasting

He hath remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. ...and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Psalms 105:8, 10

...he hath commanded his covenant forever... Psalms 111:9

I am the LORD, I change not... Malachi 3:6

...the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; Deuteronomy 7:9

When Israel Apostatized -- God Remembered His Covenant (to curse)

I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt... saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear... therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.... Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape. Jeremiah 11:7-8, 11

Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say... Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city? Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods... Jeremiah 22:8-9

When Israel Repents -- God Remembered His Covenant (to bless)

...they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Psalms 106:43-46

If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And [that] I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. Leviticus 26:40-42

Jeremiah turns the people back to the Covenant of blessings and curses

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant... And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as [it is] this day. ... Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words... saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. Jeremiah 11:1-6

Judgment comes because they have Broken the Covenant

And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city? Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them. Jeremiah 22:8-9

God will make them accountable for the Covenant

Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: Ezekiel 20:36-37

Daniel prays acknowledging -- the Covenant of curse has been upon them

And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments... Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might

not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us... by bringing upon us a great evil... As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us... Therefore ...the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. Daniel 9:4, 11-14

After God scatters He will Gather His people & Renew His Covenant with them

...thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city... Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger... and I will bring them again unto this place... And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever... And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. ...thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. Jeremiah 32:36-42

God writes His Covenant in the Heart of His people

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers... But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:31-33

I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: Ezekiel 16:62

I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me... even the messenger of the covenant... behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi... that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Malachi 3:1-3

Midnight Deliverance -- God's Covenant of Blessings is given to those who Obey

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still.... 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, and those who had died in faith... hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law. EW 285

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them... and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. Ezekiel 37:26

In the last days of this earth's history, God's covenant with His commandment-keeping people is to be renewed. "In that day will I make a covenant for them... and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth..." PK 299

God gives the Everlasting Covenant -- to those who turn from sin (144,000)

The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob... this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, ...from henceforth and forever. Is. 59:20-21

The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening... Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai.... And when the blessing

is pronounced... there is a mighty shout of victory. GC 640

God has not Changed -- Modern Israel is under the same Covenant

The glorious possibilities set before Israel could be realized only through obedience to God's commandments. The same elevation of character, the same fulness of blessing--blessing on mind and soul and body, blessing on house and field, blessing for this life and for the life to come--is possible for us only through obedience. AG 141

All of God's people upon the earth are one body, from the beginning to the end of time.... The same injunctions that rested upon ancient Israel rest upon God's people now... The **great Head of the church has not changed.** HL 282

The covenant that God made with His people at Sinai... is of just as much force today as it was when the Lord made it with ancient Israel.... God includes in His covenant all who will obey Him. AG 142

Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God... That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself... Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day: Deuteronomy 29:10, 13-15

The covenant God made at Sinai is for the Israel of God for all time.... If we comply with the conditions... we shall receive the blessings... 1MR 108

Unmistakable evidence is given that God is a jealous God, and that he will require of modern Israel as he did of ancient Israel... ST 5-27-1880

1 Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

The Covenant of Blessings and Curses Continue to the End of Time

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live... This song was not historical but prophetic. While it recounted the wonderful dealings of God with his people in the past, it also foreshadowed the great events of the future, the final victory of the faithful when Christ shall come the second time in power and glory. PP 467

Every Promise has Conditions

God's promises are all made upon conditions. FW 47 To every promise of God there are conditions. Ed 253

It should be remembered that the promises and the threatenings of God are alike conditional. Mar 61

Condition of Obedience

All the promises of God are on condition of obedience to Him. LYL 83

God has given man precious promises upon conditions of faith and obedience... Con 85

Faith claims God's promises, and brings forth fruit in obedience. FLB 122

God's promises are for those who keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. OHC 119

God's promises are all on condition of humble obedience. 1T 496

If we cherish sin

Ps 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

There are many in our world who do not keep the commandments of God or make any profession of so doing, and yet they claim all His blessings. They are willing to accept and appropriate His promises without heeding the conditions upon which they are based. They have no right to the blessings they claim. FW 59

Many are forfeiting the condition of acceptance with the Father. We need to examine closely the deed of trust wherewith we approach God. If we are disobedient, we bring to the Lord a note to be cashed when we have not fulfilled the conditions that would make it payable to us. We present to God His promises, and ask Him to fulfill them, when by so doing He would dishonor His own name. COL 143

Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah. They bring the name of Christ as their authority for the fulfillment of the promise, but they do not those things that would show faith in Christ and love for Him. COL 143

Presumption

Presumption is Satan's counterfeit of faith. Faith claims God's promises, and brings forth fruit in obedience. Presumption also claims the promises, but uses them as Satan did, to excuse transgression. Faith would have led our first parents to trust the love of God, and to obey His commands. Presumption led them to transgress His law, believing that His great love would save them from the consequence of their sin. DA 126

The testimony of the word of God is against this ensnaring doctrine of faith without works. It is not faith that claims the favor of Heaven without complying with the conditions upon which mercy is to be granted, it is presumption; for genuine faith has its foundation in the promises and provisions of the Scriptures. GC 472

God does not fulfill his Promises to an Unfaithful church

Jesus saw His church, like the barren fig tree... A backsliding church... God did not forsake them, or suffer His faithfulness to fail; but they departed from Him, and separated themselves from His love. As they refused to comply with the conditions, His promises were not fulfilled to them. GC 315

Obedience was the only condition upon which ancient Israel was to receive the fulfillment of the promises which made them the highly favored people of God; and obedience to that law will bring as great blessings ...now as it would have brought to the Hebrews. 1SM 218

Promise to SDA church	
God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble and believing at His feet... More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day... Ev 693	God designed that the light of the church should increase and grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Precious promises are made to God's people upon <u>condition</u> of obedience. If , like Caleb and Joshua, <u>you had</u> wholly followed the Lord, <u>He would have magnified His power</u> in your midst. Sinners would have been converted, and backsliders reclaimed... 2T 124

God would in no wise excuse sin in a people who had been enlightened, even if he had, in their days of faithfulness and purity, loved them, and given them especial promises. These promises and blessings were always upon condition of obedience upon their part. 2SP 54

1857 -- If the counsel of the True Witness had been fully heeded, God would have wrought for his people in greater power. ...this solemn, fearful message ...did not accomplish the work God

designed it should. 2SG 224

1868 -- The church has departed from the light, ...like ancient Israel. They have violated their covenant to live for God and him only. ...the love of pleasure, and sin, are cherished, and Christ has departed. His Spirit has been quenched in the church. PH011 14

Apostasy of Ancient Israel

Follow nations around them

...ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you. Ezekiel 11:12

...all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen... 2Chron 36:14

...they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 1 Kings 14:24

Reject words of Prophet

...the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD... but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD. Zechariah 1:4

...they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them. Nehemiah 9:26

...they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people... 2 Chronicles 36:16

Will not Obey their God

This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. Jeremiah 7:28

Disobey God's law

...this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that **will not hear the law of the LORD:** Isaiah 30:9

...Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: Ezekiel 33:30-31

This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. Jeremiah 7:28

Reject the Testimonies

...because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, **nor walked in his law,** nor in his statutes, **nor in his testimonies;** therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day. Jeremiah 44:23

...they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: Psalms 78:56

...they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies... And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God ...and served Baal. 2 Kings 17:15-16

Land is full of Idols

...the spirit ...brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate... where

was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.... I went in and saw... all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. Ezekiel 8:3, 10

The word... concerning Judah and Jerusalem... Their land also is full of idols they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: Isaiah 2:1, 8

Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart... house of Israel... are all estranged from me through their idols. Ezekiel 14:3, 5

...thou has gone a whoring after the heathen, and... thou art polluted with their idols. Ezekiel 23:30

Love of Money (Gain) -- Stumbling block

...their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls... because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity. Ezekiel 7:19

Final abomination -- Worship the sun and the host of heaven

...the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest... to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and **for all the host of heaven**: and he burned them... And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and... them also that **burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven**. 2 Kings 23:4, 5

...Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. ...between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. ...they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger... Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them. Ezekiel 8:15-18

Break the Covenant – to live only for God

the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and **this people will** rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land... and will forsake me, and **break my covenant which I have made with them**.... For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers... and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them... and break my covenant. Deuteronomy 31:16, 20

They... refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Jeremiah 11:10

...O ye house of Israel ...ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it... and **they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations**. Ezekiel 44:6-7

God's covenant with His people had been disannulled, and He declared to Moses, "Let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them... Their sins had already forfeited the favor of God, and justice called for their destruction. PP 318

...only a few weeks passed before they broke their covenant with God, and bowed down to worship a graven image. They could not hope for the favor of God through a covenant which they had broken... PP 371

False Shepherds in the church

My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray... Jeremiah 50:6

Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard... Jeremiah 12:10

For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD... and all their flocks shall be scattered. Jeremiah 10:21

The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Jeremiah 2:8

His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant... Isaiah 56:10

How does the Bible describe False Shepherds?

- Blind
- Lead people astray
- Destroy vineyard
- Scatter flocks
- Prophecy by Baal
- Don't know the Lord
- Asleep

For the rejection of Christ... A nation's sin and a nation's ruin were due to the religious leaders. COL 305

Beasts -- In sheep's clothing

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Matthew 7:15

His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Isaiah 56:10-11

Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. Ezekiel 22:27

I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Acts 20:29

Lies of False Shepherds

Teach lies

The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them... they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Jeremiah 14:14

The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means... Jeremiah 5:31

And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.... I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name... Jeremiah 23:13, 25

For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 29:9

Promise eternal life to the Wicked

Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by **promising him life**: Ezekiel 13:22

"God is with us"

...the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us. Micah 3:11

Peace, peace "no harm will come to us"

They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. Jeremiah 23:17

...the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 13:16

...the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Jeremiah 14:13-14

Strengthen hands of sinners

I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Jeremiah 23:14

Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. ... When ye say, Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment? Malachi 2:17

Do not show My people their sin

Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity... Lamentations 2:14

Teach "commandments of men"

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:9

Thy prophets ...have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment. Lamentations 2:14

And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. Ezekiel 22:28

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them... Jeremiah 23:32

Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Ezekiel 13:2

Violate the Law of God

Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have **done violence to the law**. Zephaniah 3:4

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean... Ezekiel 22:26

...they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me... and walked

after things that do not profit. Jeremiah 2:8

We are God's people

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed... I know that ye are Abraham's seed; I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me... **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him... John 8:33, 37-44

History of SDA Apostasy

1852 -- Many who profess to be looking for the speedy coming of Christ are becoming conformed to this world... They are cold and formal, like the nominal churches from which they but a short time since separated. The words addressed to the Laodicean church describe their present condition perfectly. EW 107

1860 -- I was shown the low state of God's people; that God had not departed from them, but that they had departed from Him, and had become lukewarm. 1T 210

1868 -- Men in responsible places at the heart of the work are asleep. They are paralyzed by Satan... (they) have given up their watch, and recline at ease. ...while their wily foe has entered the fort, and works successfully by their side... They see that Satan is deceiving the inexperienced and unsuspecting, yet... They apprehend no special danger. They see no cause to raise an alarm. 2T 439-441

<p>1882 -- I have been shown that unbelief in the testimonies has been steadily increasing as the <u>people backslide</u> from God. It is all through our ranks, all over the field. 5T 76</p> <p>I have been shown that the spirit of the world is fast leavening the church. You are following the same path as did ancient Israel. There is the same falling away from your holy calling as God's peculiar people. You are having fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Your concord with unbelievers has provoked the Lord's displeasure. 5T 75.3</p>	<p>Apostasy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unbelief in Testimonies • Worldliness in the Church • Following same path of Israel • No longer a Peculiar People <p>Has Provoked God's displeasure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship with works of darkness
<p>Many who complacently listen to the truths from God's word are <u>dead spiritually</u>... They <u>do not hunger and thirst after righteousness</u>. They have no relish for spiritual or divine things. They assent to the truth, but are not sanctified through it... Many who preach the truth to others are themselves cherishing iniquity.... {5T 76.2} Many of our people are lukewarm. ...neither for nor against, neither cold nor hot. They hear the words of Christ, but do them not. {5T 76.3}</p>	<p>Condition of God's people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritually dead • Do not hunger after righteousness • Not sanctified by truth • Lukewarm

<p><u>You know not</u> the things that <u>belong to your peace</u>, and they are <u>fast being hid from your eyes</u>. Your neglect to follow the light will place you in a more unfavorable position than the Jews upon whom Christ pronounced a woe. {5T 75.3}</p> <p>But few know what our churches are to experience. {5T 76.1}</p> <p>I saw that <u>at present we are under divine forbearance</u>, but <u>no one can say how long this will continue</u>. No one knows how great the <u>mercy</u> that has been exercised toward us. {5T 76.1}</p>	<p>We don't know, what is coming (1882) Right now – We are under</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forbearance & Mercy <p>We are about to Lose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace with God • God's Blessings & Promises • Divine Forbearance
<p>Many of our people are lukewarm. ...neither for nor against, neither cold nor hot. They hear the words of Christ, but do them not. {5T 76.3} If they remain in this state, <u>He will reject them with abhorrence</u>. {5T 76.3}</p>	<p>What will God do if the church remains Lukewarm?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will reject the church
<p>May the Lord have mercy upon you; for if you go on in this way, nothing but evil can be prophesied concerning you. 5T 76</p> <p>The patience of God has an object, but you are defeating it.</p>	<p>What is Prophesied, if the church doesn't repent?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing but Evil
<p><u>He is allowing</u> a state of things to come that you would fain see counteracted by and by, but it will be too late.</p>	<p>What God is allowing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be too late to stop • By the time you see it
<p>God sent King Hazael</p>	
<p>God commanded Elijah to anoint the cruel and deceitful Hazael king over Syria, that he might be a scourge to idolatrous Israel.</p>	<p>What was king Hazael to Israel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Scourge / to bring affliction
<p>Who knows whether God will not give you up to the deceptions you love? Who knows but that the preachers who are faithful, firm, and true may be the last who shall offer the gospel of peace to our unthankful churches?</p>	<p>The faithful preachers in EW's day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be the last • To preach the true Gospel • To our unthankful churches
<p>It may be that the <u>destroyers are already training</u> under the hand of Satan and <u>only wait the departure of a few more standard-bearers to take their places</u>, and with the voice of the false prophet cry, "Peace, peace," when the Lord hath not spoken peace.</p>	<p>When the faithful Leaders die who takes their place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan's destroyers • False Teachers <p>What message do they bring?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace, peace • Voice of the false prophet
<p>I seldom weep, but now I find my eyes blinded with tears; they are falling upon my paper as I write. It may be that ere long all prophesyings among us will be at an end, and the voice which has stirred the people may no longer disturb their carnal slumbers. {5T 77.1} June 20, 1882</p>	
<p>What can I say to arouse our people? I tell you not a few ministers who stand before the people to explain the Scriptures are defiled. Their hearts are corrupt, their hands unclean. Yet many are crying, "Peace, peace;" and the workers of iniquity are not alarmed. {5T 78.4}</p> <p>There is a <u>spirit of opposition to the plain word of God and to the testimony of His Spirit</u>. There is a spirit of idolatrous exaltation of mere human reason above the revealed wisdom of God. {5T 79.1} There are <u>men among us in responsible positions</u> who hold that the <u>opinions</u> of a few conceited</p>	<p>Condition of the minsters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defiled, Corrupt hearts • Unclean hands • Crying Peace, peace • Oppose the Word of God

<p>philosophers, so called, are <u>more to be trusted than the truth of the Bible, or the testimonies of the Holy Spirit.</u> {5T 79.2}</p> <p>God has shown me that <u>these men are Hazael</u> to prove a scourge to our <u>people.</u> They are wise above what is written. {5T 79.3}</p> <p>...when holy hands bear the ark no longer, Woe will be upon the people. {5T 77}</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And SOP • Exalt human opinions • <p><u>These men are Hazael</u></p>
<p><u>Oh, that thou hadst known,</u> even thou, in this thy day, <u>the things that belong unto thy peace!</u> Oh, that our people may, as did Nineveh, repent with all their might and believe with all their heart, <u>that God may turn away His fierce anger from them.</u> {5T 77.2}</p> <p>You know not the things that belong to your peace, and they are fast being hid from your eyes. {5T 75.3}</p>	<p>God's Anger is upon us</p>
<p>The Lord's hand is not shortened that He cannot save, nor His ear heavy that He cannot hear; but it is <u>our sins that have separated us from God.</u> The <u>church is corrupt</u> because of her members who defile their bodies and pollute their souls. {5T 78-79.4}</p>	<p>Condition of the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separated from God • Corrupt
<p><u>If all</u> of those who come together for meetings of edification and prayer could be regarded as <u>true worshipers,</u> then <u>might we hope,</u> though much would still remain to be done for us. <u>But it is in vain to deceive ourselves.</u> <u>Things are far from being what the appearance would indicate.</u> From a distant view much may appear beautiful which, upon <u>close examination, will be found full of deformities.</u> 5T 79</p>	<p>It is Vain to think we are right with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our condition is worse than what appears

1881 -- The old standard-bearers are fainting and falling. 5T 11

1893 -- Now is the time to watch unceasingly. Watch for the first step of advance that Satan may make among us. RH, Jan. 24, 1893

1901 -- Satanic agencies are working with all their power to weaken and destroy us, and unless there is a waking up among the people of God, the enemy will gain the victory. 13MR 195

1904 -- ...the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us. RH 11-24-1904

1905 -- I am bidden to give this message to you at Battle Creek... Now, just now, take your stand against the power of darkness which has come in, and has led many souls captive. SpTB07 16

...those who do not discern where Satan has come in, will continue to be led in false paths. CET 81

The early church was deceived by the enemy of God and man, and apostasy was brought into the ranks of those who professed to love God; and today, unless the people of God awake out of sleep, they will be taken unawares by the devices of Satan. 1888 1073

God sends Warnings to Ancient Israel

Gods sends Prophets

...he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD... 2 Chronicles 24:19

Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Jeremiah 7:25

Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: Jeremiah 26:2

Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and **speaking with my words unto them**.... And go... unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Ezekiel 3:1-4, 11

...the Lord did not give Israel up without first doing all that could be done to lead them back to their allegiance to Him. Through long, dark years when ruler after ruler stood up in bold defiance of Heaven and led Israel deeper and still deeper into idolatry, God sent message after message to His backslidden people. Through His prophets He gave them every opportunity to stay the tide of apostasy and to return to Him. PK 108

Show My People their Sins

God says to Dig, Enter and See the Abominations

It came to pass ...as I sat in mine house... that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.... And he... took me... and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate... He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, **seest thou what they do?** [even] the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here... but turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt **see greater abominations**. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, **dig now in the wall**: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, **Go in, and behold the wicked abominations** that they do here. So **I went in and saw**; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.... He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and **thou shalt see greater abominations** that they do. Ezekiel 8:1, 3, 6-10, 13

The Lord directed Jeremiah, saying: "Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah... It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." Here is shown the Lord's reluctance to give up His sinning people. ...He delays His judgments upon them and gives them a full rehearsal of their disobedience... and of the judgments He had pronounced... Thus they had another opportunity to see their iniquity and repent. In this we see that God does not delight in afflicting His people; but ...He entreats His wandering people to return to their own allegiance. ... This message was a reproof of the many sins of Israel and a warning of the consequences that would follow a continuance of their evil course. It was an earnest appeal for them to renounce their sins. 4T 176

Show My People their Sins

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1

...show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. Ezekiel 43:10

I now raise my voice in warning; for you are in danger. The people are to know when peril is threatening them; they are not to be left in darkness... PH133

Call to Repent

Repent & Turn from sin

...the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 2 Kings 17:13

They (prophets) said, Turn ye again now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: Jeremiah 25:5

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending [them], saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you... Jeremiah 35:15

...before the Lord punishes men for their iniquity, he sends them messages of warning. Before he visits them with his judgments, he gives them a chance to repent. He remembered the sins of the Noachian world, but he did not punish them without warning them. For one hundred and twenty years this warning was sounding in their ears; but they did not repent. RH 3-16-1897

God will turn away His wrath – if you Repent and turn from sin

Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak... If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. Jeremiah 26:2-3

...provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. Jeremiah 25:6

Warnings – Judgments will come unless you Repent and turn from sin

God Sends Warnings

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Ezekiel 3:17-19

Your sins are Provoking God to Anger and Wrath

...go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands... Jeremiah 25:6

Destruction is coming unless you repent

And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets... Then

will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. Jeremiah 26:4-6

Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: Jeremiah 29:17-18

...unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write... I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot... So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ...be zealous therefore, and repent. Revelation 3:14-16, 19

Destruction comes because they will not Obey the Prophets

...I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence... **Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD**, which I sent unto them **by my servants the prophets**, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 29:17, 19

Because ...this people **hath not hearkened unto me**: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that **I have pronounced against them**: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. Jeremiah 35:16-17

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother... But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, **lest they should hear the law**, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit **by the former prophets**: **therefore** came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: Zechariah 7:9, 11-13

God will not return until you Receive the Word of His Prophets

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee... Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord**. Matthew 23:37-39

False Shepherds promise Peace

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. Amos 5:18

Woe to them [that are] at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, [which are] named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Amos 6:1

And it shall come to pass at that time, [that] I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. Zephaniah 1:12

...the prophets of Israel ...see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 13:16

Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land... for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer ...is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; [and] thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, [that] the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul. Jeremiah 4:5-10

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not... neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination... and the deceit of their heart. Jeremiah 14:13-14

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. Isaiah 48:22

Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: Ezekiel 13:22

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Isaiah 5:20, 23

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. Amos 9:10

<p>Jeremiah 8:5-6 Why then is this people of Jerusalem <u>slidden back</u> by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? everyone turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.</p>	<p>God's people are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • backslidden • hold to deceit • refuse to return • no one has repented
<p>8:7 ...the stork in the heaven <u>knoweth her appointed times</u>; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but <u>my people know not the judgment of the LORD</u>.</p>	<p>God's people don't know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's the day of Atonement • day of judgment
<p>8:8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.</p>	<p>God's people say in vain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have the truth • God is with us

<p>8:9-11 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them? ...for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 8:11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.</p>	<p>Leaders have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rejected God’s Word • Expecting Peace
<p>8:10, 12-13; 9:1 Therefore will I <u>give their wives unto others</u>, and their fields to them that shall inherit them... Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: <u>therefore shall they fall</u> among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: [there shall be] <u>no grapes on the vine</u>, nor figs on the fig tree... and the <u>things that I have given them shall pass away</u> from them.... Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the <u>slain of the daughter of my people!</u></p>	<p>God’s Judgment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churches will Fall • given to others • No more harvest • Loose what God has given them • Slain
<p>8:14-15 ...the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. <u>We looked for peace</u>, but no good [came; and] for a time of health, and <u>behold trouble!</u></p>	<p>Expect Peace in the day of Harvest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behold Trouble

God Investigates His People

<p>Ez 8:1 And it came to pass ...[as] I sat in mine house ...that <u>the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.</u> 8:3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate...</p>	<p>Investigative Judgment The Lord takes Ezekiel above Jerusalem to see/ Investigate Jerusalem</p>
<p>Ez 8:5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.</p>	<p>Investigates the north gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image of jealousy • In the Entrance
<p>Ez 8:6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? [even] the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt see greater abominations.</p>	<p>Look (see) what they are doing. Look again, it gets worse</p>
<p>Ez 8:7 And he brought me to the <u>door</u> of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.</p> <p>Ez 8:8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.</p> <p>Ez 8:9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.</p> <p>Abominations</p> <p>Ez 8:10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.</p> <p>Leadership Abominations</p> <p>Ez 8:11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, ...with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.</p> <p>Ez 8:12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast <u>thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark</u>, every man in the <u>chambers of his imagery?</u> for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.</p>	<p>Investigates door of court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ez is told to Dig in the wall (Research) • Open the door • And go in • And see what they are doing behind closed doors <p>Abominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every form of creatures • Abominable beasts • Idols of Israel <p>Leadership / Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing worship • In Abominations • With an evil mind
<p>Ez 8:13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.</p> <p>Ez 8:14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which [was] toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.</p>	<p>Investigates Door of Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door of God's house • Women weeping for Tammuz
<p>Ez 8:15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen [this], O son of man? turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt see greater abominations than these.</p> <p>Ez 8:16 And he brought me into the <u>inner court of the LORD'S house</u>, and, behold, <u>at the door of the temple</u> of the LORD, <u>between the porch and the altar</u>, [were] about five and twenty men, with their</p>	<p>Investigates the door of the Sanctuary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship toward the sun • Back toward the temple

backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they <u>worshipped the sun</u> toward the east.		
Ez 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen [this], O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.		Provoke God to Anger
Ez 8:18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, [yet] will I not hear them.	Close of Probation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercy is withdrawn • No Pity • God will not hear them 	

Wrath of God without Pity is the -- Close of Probation

Hosea 1:6 [God said] ...I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

The End is Come

Ez 7:1 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 7:2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. 7:3 Now [is] the end [come] upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. 7:4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.

During the Time of Trouble -- God pours out His Wrath on His People

Ez 7:7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble [is] near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. 7:8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. 7:9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations [that] are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD that smiteth.

God Seals the Remnant

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezekiel 9:4

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 7:4

Sealed by the Word of Truth

...after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: ...also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Ephesians 1:13

Prepare for the Seal -- Only the Pure in heart are Sealed

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. 5T 214

Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great anti-typical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection. The names of those who are steadfastly looking and waiting and watching for the appearing of their Saviour—more earnestly and wishfully than they who wait for the morning—will be numbered with those who are sealed. Hvn 90

It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character. 5T 215-216

Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God and purifying their souls by obeying the truth these are receiving the heavenly mold and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads. Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God... 5T 216

Sigh and cry for the sins of the church

These sighing, crying ones had been holding forth the words of life; they had reproved, counseled, and entreated....But the glory of the Lord had departed from Israel; although many still continued the forms of religion, His power and presence were lacking....They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church. 5T 210-211

Those who Sigh and cry are Sealed

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezekiel 9:4

In the time when His wrath shall go forth in judgments, these humble, devoted followers of Christ will be distinguished from the rest of the world by their soul anguish, which is expressed in lamentation and weeping, reproofs and warnings.... They mourn before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They lament and afflict their souls because pride, avarice, selfishness, and deception of almost every kind are in the church.... The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God. 5T 211

The Sealed – Have on the Wedding Garment, the Mark of Redemption

What is the seal of the living God, which is placed in the foreheads of His people? It is a mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read; for the destroying angel must see this mark of redemption.... The sin of the transgression of the law of God is taken away. They have on the wedding garment, and are obedient and faithful to all God's commands. 21MR 52

When the Sealing is finished – The Time of Trouble starts

I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels... Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand... Revelation 7:2-4

Just before we entered it the time of trouble, we all received the seal of the living God. Then I saw the four angels cease to hold the four winds. And I saw famine, pestilence and sword, nation rose against nation, and the whole world was in confusion. 7BC 968

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." EW 279

Those who are Sealed are Protected in the Time of Trouble

And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite... Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Ezekiel 9:5-6

I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty. EW 43

Close of Probation (for the church)

Israel followed 7 gods (complete apostasy), then God said "I will save you no more"

<p>Judges 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him.</p>	<p>Served 7 gods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baalim, Ashtaroth, Syria, Zidon, Moab, Ammon, Philistines <p>Complete Apostasy</p>
<p>10:7-8 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. ...they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel...</p> <p>10:10 And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, saying, We have sinned against thee... we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim</p>	<p>God is Angry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives them over to their enemy <p>They come crying to God</p>
<p>10:11-12 And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.</p>	<p>God says I saved you 7 times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egyptians, Ammorites, Ammon, Philistines, Zidonians, Amalekites, Maonites <p>God's Salvation is Complete and Perfect</p>
<p>10:13-14 <u>Yet ye have forsaken me</u>, and served other gods; wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry to the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your <u>tribulation</u>.</p>	<p>Probation closes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will save no more • God will hear no more

Mercy has ended -- I will not have pity

And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations [that] are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth. Ezekiel 7:9

And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Ezekiel 9:5

For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even loving kindness and mercies. Jeremiah 16:5

The End has come

And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel... Amos 8:2

Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. Ezekiel 7:3

The evils that had overspread the land had become incurable; and upon Israel was pronounced the dread sentence: "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." "The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it." PK 285

Break My People -- Cannot be made whole again

God and get a potter's earthen bottle... and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee... Behold, I will bring evil upon this place [Judah & Jerusalem]... Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods... Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men... say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, **that cannot be made**

whole again... Jeremiah 19:1, 3-4, 10-11

Close of Probation -- then the Time of Trouble

...thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.... The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. Ezekiel 7:2-3, 7

...the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! ... The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jeremiah 8:14-15, 20

I will Break My Covenant to bless

Then said I, **I will not feed you:** that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff, even Beauty, and **cut it asunder**, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. Zechariah 11:9-11

You will know My broken Covenant

I earnestly protested unto your fathers ...saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not... therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not. Jeremiah 11:7-8

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, ...shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. Numbers 14:34

For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. Ezekiel 16:59

And the LORD said... I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. Hosea 1:4-5

And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. Zechariah 11:10

...I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, ...and half of the city shall go forth into captivity... Zechariah 14:2

...the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen... 2 Kings 23:27

The children of Israel were taken captive to Babylon because they separated from God, and no longer felt that it was their duty to maintain principles unadulterated by the sentiments of the nations around them. Because of their separation from God, the Lord humbled them. He could not work for their prosperity, He could not fulfill His covenant with them while they were untrue to the principles He had given them to zealously maintain... CTr 181

Cup of Wrath – begins at the house of God

Wrath begins after the Sealing is Finished

...the LORD said unto him, Go through... the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry... And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Ezekiel 9:4-5

Wrath begins at the house of God

Slay utterly old and young... and begin at my sanctuary.... Ezekiel 9:6

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God... 1 Peter 4:17

Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men... had betrayed their trust.... These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. 5T 211

In the great day of final atonement and investigative Judgment, the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. "Judgment must begin at the house of God..." [1 Peter 4:17.] GC 480

Cup of Wrath brings...

Desolation, Destruction, Famine

O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury... These two things are come unto thee... desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword... Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets... they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God. Isaiah 51:17-20

No longer Exist

For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been. Obadiah 1:16

Jerusalem Drinks the Cup First

Jer 25:17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink...

Jer 25:18 To wit, <u>Jerusalem</u> , and the cities of <u>Judah</u> , and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;	1st Jerusalem • Ez. 9
Jer 25:19-26 Egypt ...land of Uz ...Philistines, Ashkelon, Azzah, Ekron, ...Ashdod, Edom, Moab, the children of Ammon, ...Tyrus, ...Zidon, ...the isles beyond the sea, ...Dedan, Tema, Buz ...the utmost corners ...Arabia, ...Zimri, ...Elam, Medes, all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and <u>all the kingdoms of the world</u> , which are upon the face of the earth:	Next All Nations
Jer 25:26 ...the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. (Jer 51:41 How is <u>Sheshach</u> taken! ...how is <u>Babylon</u> become an astonishment...)	Babylon drinks last ...Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of... wrath. Rev. 16:19

...the Lord ...bade Jeremiah liken the fate of the nation to the draining of a cup filled with the wine of divine wrath. Among the first to drink of this cup of woe was to be "Jerusalem, and the

cities of Judah, and the kings thereof." Others were to partake of the same cup--"Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people," and many other nations of earth--until God's purpose should have been fulfilled. See Jeremiah 25. PK 431

God's people drink of the cup that was not intended for them.

Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken... Jeremiah 49:12

Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel... Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen: Ezekiel 36:6

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; ...ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures ...all their molten images, and ...all their high places: And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land... for I have given you the land to possess it. But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land... then it shall come to pass... that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them. Leviticus 33:51-56

Jerusalem drinks every drop -- then the cup is given to the heathen

O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.... Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: ...Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee. Isaiah 51:17, 21-23

God rejects His people – in the day of His wrath

Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. Jeremiah 7:29

And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 2 Kings 17:20

How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, [and] cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! Lamentations 2:1

<p>Ezekiel 36:1, 3-4 Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.... Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they [the enemy] have made you <u>desolate</u>, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a <u>possession unto the residue of the heathen</u>, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people: Therefore, ye mountains of Israel ...and to the cities that are <u>forsaken</u>, which became a <u>prey</u> and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about;</p>	<p>Israel becomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desolate • Possessed by heathen • Forsaken of God
<p>36:5, 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea... Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; <u>I have</u> lifted up mine hand, Surely the <u>heathen</u> that are about you, <u>they shall bear their shame</u>.</p>	<p>Then God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punishes the Heathen

Wrath on False Shepherds

Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. Ezekiel 9:6

Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds.... Zechariah 10:3

Here we see that the church--the Lord's sanctuary--was the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. The ancient men, those to whom God had given great light and who had stood as guardians of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust. ...they say: The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil. He is too merciful to visit His people in judgment. Thus "Peace and safety" is the cry from men who will never again lift up their voice like a trumpet to show God's people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God. 5T 211

Strike the shepherds

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd... saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered... Zechariah 13:7

...for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice... And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.... And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. Zechariah 1:7-9; 1:12

Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.... Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet... but The valley of slaughter. ...and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies... Jeremiah 19:3, 6-7

Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. Jeremiah 25:34

When God Strikes the Shepherds – His Covenant is broken with His people

There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.... For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD... And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. Zechariah 11:3, 6, 10

I will Save My people from false shepherds

Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls... I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt... and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted... Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 13:20-21, 23

...Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock... for I will deliver my flock from their mouth... Ezekiel 34:10

I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. Ezekiel 34:25

God will remove the false shepherds

...it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. Zechariah 13:2

You will not go Unpunished

(Time of Trouble)

For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and **will not leave thee altogether unpunished**. Jeremiah 30:11

When the sins of a nation are punished, the innocent often suffer with the guilty. ST, 8-11-1881

...it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. Zephaniah 1:8-9

Thou hast forsaken me... therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. ...I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways. Jeremiah 15:6-7

The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. Hosea 12:2

You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore **I will punish you** for all your iniquities. Amos 3:2

...I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. Jeremiah 30:14-15

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. Psalms 118:18

Punished for sins of fathers

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

...I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; Exodus 20:5

Time of Trouble - is a Day of Wrath

<p>O the hope of <u>Israel</u>, the saviour thereof in <u>time of trouble</u>... ...the LORD doth not accept them; <u>he will now remember their iniquity</u>, and visit their sins. ...I will consume them by the <u>sword</u>, and by the <u>famine</u>, and by the <u>pestilence</u>. When they fast, <u>I will not hear their cry</u>; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, <u>I will not accept them</u>... Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? <u>why hast thou smitten us</u>, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! Jeremiah 14:8, 10-12,19</p>	<p>Time of Trouble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember their iniquity • Visit sins • Destroy with sword, famine, pestilence • God will not hear them • God will not accept their worship • Feel Rejected • Smitten by God
<p>...the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to <u>astonishment</u>, and to <u>hissing</u>... 2 Chron 29:8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrath of God • Astonishment • Hissing
<p>This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy... Isaiah 37:3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuke • Blasphemy
<p>...thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel... Now is the end come upon thee, and <u>I will send mine anger upon thee</u>, and <u>will judge thee</u> according to thy ways, and will <u>recompense upon thee all thine abominations</u>... O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble... And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: ...and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth. Ezekiel 7:2-9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrath of God on the church • Day of Recompense • Judgment on the Church
<p>I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and... Jerusalem... <u>their goods shall become a booty</u>, and <u>their houses a desolation</u>... The <u>great day of the LORD</u> is near... even the <u>voice of the day of the LORD</u>... That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and <u>desolation</u>... A day of the <u>trumpet and alarm</u> against the fenced cities, and <u>against the high towers</u>. ...<u>because they have sinned against the LORD</u>... Zephaniah 1:4, 13-17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under God's hand • Goods become booty • Houses a desolation • Day of wrath • Day of distress
<p>Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it... For I am with thee, saith the LORD, <u>to save thee</u>: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: <u>but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished</u>. Jer 30:7, 11</p>	<p>God's people in the Time of Trouble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punished • And a Remnant are Saved
<p>I will weep bitterly... <u>because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people</u>. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, <u>breaking down the walls</u>, and of crying to the mountains. Isaiah 22:4-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoiled • Breaking down walls (structure)
<p>...the LORD our God hath <u>given us water of gall to drink</u>, because we have sinned against the LORD. <u>We looked for peace</u>, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble! ... The <u>harvest is past</u>, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jer. 8:14-15, 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drink bitter cup • time trouble • Probation past • Not saved

Ezekiel 9 is the Time of Trouble for God's church

Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness... Ezekiel 9:9 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain... Ezekiel 9:7

Judgment on the Sins of Israel

...in time of trouble ...the LORD doth not accept them [Israel]; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. Jeremiah 14:8, 10

Day of Recompense

...I will recompense their way upon their head. Ezekiel 9:10

...thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel... I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.... O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble... Ezekiel 7:2-3, 7

Day of wrath on God's church

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Ezekiel 9:8

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble... O my servant Jacob... I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. Jeremiah 30:7, 10-11

...the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing... 2 Chronicles 29:8

I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and... Jerusalem... The great day of the LORD is near... That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation... Zephaniah 1:4, 14-15

God will send a Sword in the Time of Trouble

...six men came from the way of the higher gate, ...every man a slaughter weapon in his hand... he said in mine hearing, Go... Slay utterly old and young... Ezekiel 9:2, 5-6

Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 29:9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword... 2 Chronicles 29:8

O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble... the LORD ...will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. ...I will consume them by the sword, Jeremiah 14:8, 10-11

God will Smite His people in the Time of Trouble

...he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Ezekiel 9:5

...O thou that dwellest in the land [Israel]: the time is come, the day of trouble... And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: ...and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth. Ezekiel 7:7, 9

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! Jeremiah 14:19

Will not pity

Go ...through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: ...mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity... Ezekiel 9:5, 10

...unto the land of Israel... the time is come, the **day of trouble**... And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: Ezekiel 7:2, 7, 9

Destroy City

Cause them that have charge over the **city** to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.... And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the **city**, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark... And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the **city**, and smite... Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. Ez. 9:1, 4-5, 7

I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and... Jerusalem... their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation... That day is **a day of wrath, a day of trouble** and distress, a day of wateness and desolation... A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. Zephaniah 1:4, 13, 15-16

Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. Isaiah 2:27-28

Will you destroy all of Israel?

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Ezekiel 9:8

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold **trouble**! Jeremiah 14:19

God will not hear their prayers – (Time of Trouble)

Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the **time of their trouble**. Jeremiah 11:11-12

O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in **time of trouble**... When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. Jer. 14:8, 11-12

Shall not the **day of the LORD** be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. ...I will not hear the melody of thy viols. Amos 5:20-23

Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel... Who hate the good, and love the evil... Who also eat the flesh of my people... Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. Micah 3:1-4

And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many

prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Isaiah 1:15

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Jeremiah 7:16-18

Will not hear their prayers

If we know God's requirements and claim to love Him, yet cherish sin, God will not hear us when we ask for His blessing; for He does not minister to sin. 1888 143

Brethren, you who close the heart against Christ's suffering ones, remember, that as you deal with them, God will deal with you. When you call, he will not say, "Here I am;" when you cry, he will not answer. 1888 764

1st Time of Trouble -- Under the Wrath of God

...I will weep bitterly, ...because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. Isaiah 22:4-5

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.... Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.... Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.... But thou, O LORD, shalt endure forever... Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. Psalms 102:1-2, 8, 10, 12-13

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee... For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit... Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.... Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee... Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? ... LORD... why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die... Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. Psalms 88:1, 3-4, 7, 9-10, 14-16

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret [sins] in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale [that is told]. Ps. 90:7-9

O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.... Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.... But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame... Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy... Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.... Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision... Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me... All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. ...neither have our steps declined from thy way; Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow

of death.... Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off forever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?... Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake. Psalms 44:1-26

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.... I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.... I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. Psalms 38:1-9

I cried unto God... In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:... and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled... and my spirit was overwhelmed. ...I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. ...I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth [his] promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. Psalms 77:1-12

<p>Isaiah 32:9-12 ...ye women that are at ease; hear my voice... <u>Many days and years shall ye be troubled</u>, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. ...be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. They shall lament ...for the fruitful vine.</p>	<p>Time of Trouble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many years and days • harvest will fail • Lay in sackcloth
<p>32:13-14 Upon the <u>land of my people</u> shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever...</p>	<p>City of God is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desolate • Forsaken
<p>32:15-18 <u>Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high</u>, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, ...and in quiet resting places;</p>	<p>Until the Latter Rain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness becomes • Fruitful field

Day of Destruction

The Lord gave me a view, ...which I will relate. I saw that some of the people of God were stupid and dormant; and were but half awake, and did not realize the time we were now living in; ...and that some were in danger of being swept away. I begged of Jesus to save them... before it should be forever too late. The angel said, "Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind." RH 4-1-1850

God will Destroy the High Places -- Headquarters

Headquarters or Capitol of Israel -- Samaria

...king of Israel went to his house... and came to Samaria. 1 Kings 20:43

...the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 1 Kings 21:1

Jehoahaz... reign over Israel in Samaria... 2 Kings 13:1

Jehoash... reign over Israel in Samaria... 2 Kings 13:10

Hoshea... reign in Samaria over Israel... 2 Kings 17:1

The Sin of Israel is Samaria (and Jerusalem)

What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? Micah 1:5

The kings of Samaria are their gods

...they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.... Israel hath cast off the thing that is good. They have set up kings, but not by me... of their silver and their gold have they made them idols... the workman made it; therefore it is not God... Hosea 8:1, 3-4, 6

They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again. Amos 8:14

They Trust in the leaders of Samaria

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Amos 6:1

I will bring Samaria down

Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. Micah 1:6

Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword... Hosea 13:16

I will Destroy your High places

I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. Leviticus 26:30

And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. Amos 7:9

Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains (of Israel)... Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. Ezekiel 6:3

In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and

your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. Ezekiel 6:6

I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw **down thine eminent place**, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. Ezekiel 16:39

For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. Psalms 78:58

And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. Leviticus 26:30

The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! 2 Samuel 1:19

...the king ...made two calves of gold... And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship... And he made an house of high places... And Jeroboam ordained a feast... sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. 1 King 12:28, 30-32

Ahaz sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 2 King 16:4

Will remove the dwelling place of leaders

And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. 2 Kings 25:9

I will destroy your Pomp and Strength

For I will lay the land most desolate, and **the pomp of her strength shall cease**; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. Ezekiel 33:28

There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for **their glory is spoiled**: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the **pride** of Jordan is spoiled. Jeremiah 11:3

Destroy your place of Worship – Sanctuaries

I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. Leviticus 26:31

...if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments... Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land... and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. 2 Chronicles 7:19-20

Behold ...the Lord ...shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant... But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire... And I will come near to you to judgment. Malachi 3:1-2, 5

Reject His Sanctuaries

The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces... Lamentations 2:7

...this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight... 1 Kings 9:7

Sanctuaries Give to Heathen

I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. ...and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.... Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Ezekiel 7:21-22, 24

Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. Isaiah 1:7

We are confounded... for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house. Jeremiah 51:51

Sanctuaries & Altars made desolate

Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men... Ezekiel 6:3-4

And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. Amos 7:9

"your images shall be broken"

And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. Ezekiel 6:3

"your works may be abolished"

In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. Ezekiel 6:6

And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect [that] which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images. In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation. Isaiah 17:8-9

Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people... Psalms 106:39-40

I hate your offerings and solemn assemblies

I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them : neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. Amos 5:21-23

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. Isaiah 1:11

Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar... And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, [is it] not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, [is it] not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. ... Who [is there] even among you that would shut the doors [for nought]? neither do ye kindle [fire] on mine altar for nought. **I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.** Malachi 1:7-8, 10

Do away with them (services)

I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. Hosea 2:11

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Isaiah 1:13

Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. Amos

Heathen burn the Sanctuary / church structure or government destroyed

...the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. Jeremiah 32:29

And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. 2 Kings 25:9

Cities given to the Heathen

The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron... O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. Jeremiah 17:1, 3

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Zechariah 14:2

O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance [and] all thy treasures to the spoil, [and] thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee... for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, [which] shall burn forever. Jeremiah 17:3-4

They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed... because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil... Ezekiel 7:19, 21

Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. Jeremiah 20:5

Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and [there shall be] none. Ezekiel 7:24-25

Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen... and thou shalt know that I [am] the LORD. Ezekiel 25:7

...thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land... Ezekiel 38:15-16

God brings down the Wall

...one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with **untempered mortar**: Ezekiel 13:10

False Prophets

And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. Ezekiel 22:28

...the prophets of Israel ...prophecy out of their own hearts ...the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets... have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Ezekiel 13:2-3, 6-7

Untempered Mortar

Lies – false vision

The prophets prophecy lies in my name: ...they prophecy unto you a false vision and divination, ...and the deceit of their heart. Jeremiah 14:14

Promising Peace to the wicked

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and [there was] no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered [mortar]: Ez 13:10

[To wit], the prophets of Israel which prophecy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and [there is] no peace, saith the Lord GOD. Ez 13:16

Lies – promise life to the wicked

Ez 13:22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

Lies: God will not punish us

...ye have said... when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Ez 28:15

God's Judgment is on the Wall

Say unto them which daub [it] with untempered [mortar], that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend [it]. Lo, when the wall is fallen... Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend [it] with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in [my] fury to consume [it]. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered [mortar]... Ezekiel 13:11-14

The LORD hath purposed to **destroy the wall** of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying... Lamentations 2:8-9

Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; ...take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD'S. Jeremiah 5:10

I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: Isaiah 5:5

Judgment on the Wall and the False Shepherds

Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it. Ezekiel 13:15

In the Time of Trouble -- God brings down the wall

I will weep bitterly... because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. Isaiah 22:4-5

...in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; ...and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. Ez. 38:19-20

God will deliver His people from the False shepherds

Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel... Woe unto the foolish prophets... Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you... I (will) tear, and deliver my people out of your hand... Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: Ezekiel 13:2-3, 8, 21, 23

And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies... Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace... the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 13:9-10, 16

God will sweep away the errors and commandments of men

...the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies... Ezekiel 28:17

In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. Ezekiel 6:6

God breaks down the Wall -- To reveal the foundation of Truth

So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 13:14

I will make Samaria as an heap of the field... I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. Micah 1:6

Judgment is Seen by All

My church will know Judgment is From Me

You will know I am the Lord -- When I Smite

...I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth. Ezekiel 7:9

The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; **Israel shall know it...** They have deeply corrupted themselves... therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. Hosea 9:7, 9

The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth... Psalms 9:16

...they shall know that I am the LORD, **when** I shall scatter them among the nations... Ezekiel 12:15

...they shall know that I am the LORD, **when** I shall lay my vengeance upon them. Ezekiel 25:17

...ye shall know that I am the LORD, **when** I set my face against them. Ezekiel 15:7

Then shall they know that I am the LORD, **when** I have laid the land most desolate. Ezekiel 33:29

Ye shall fall by the sword... and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 11:10

Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, **when** their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars... Ezekiel 6:13

...they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, **when** I have accomplished my **fury** in them. Ezekiel 5:13

Yet will I leave a remnant, ...that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations... And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them. Ezekiel 6:8-10

Heathen will See God's Judgment on the Church

Judgment on the Church is in the eyes of All Nations

And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 22:16

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee **in the sight of the nations**. Ezekiel 5:8

Heathen will know

And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. Ezekiel 39:23

Judgment -- In the Sight of all Churches

And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee **in the sight of many women**: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more. Ezekiel 16:41

Whoredom is exposed

How is the faithful city become an harlot! Isaiah 1:21

I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom... Jeremiah 13:27

Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. Jeremiah 13:26

Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness... Her filthiness is in her skirts... Lamentations 1:8-9

Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. Isaiah 47:3

Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers... **therefore** I will gather all thy lovers... with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and **will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness**.... And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. Ezekiel 16:36-37, 39

They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. Ezekiel 23:26

And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. Hosea 2:10-11

Become a Reproach and an Astonishment (Time of Trouble)

Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to **trouble**, to **astonishment**, and to **hissing**, as ye see with your eyes. 2 Chronicles 29:8

...thou shalt become an **astonishment**, a **proverb**, and a **byword**, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. Deuteronomy 28:37

Reproach, Astonishment, Hissing

Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an **astonishment** unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. Ezekiel 5:14, 15

I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and... to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD... Jeremiah 29:18-19

SDA name becomes a Reproach and a Shame

I will make **this city** desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. Jeremiah 19:8

I am against thee... and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy **shame**. Nahum 3:5

...horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces... Ezekiel 7:18

...for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. Psalms 69:7

Become a Byword and a Taunt

...thou hast cast off, and put us to shame... Thou hast **...scattered** us among the heathen.... Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. ...the shame of my face hath covered me, For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger. Psalms 44:9-16

...the wicked (&) ...the workers of iniquity: ...whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: Psalms 64:2-3

I am as one mocked of his neighbor... the just upright man is laughed to scorn. Job 12:4

And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. Job 30:9-10

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour... Ezekiel 7:26

...I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief... For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth... I was a reproach among all mine enemies, ...and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind... For I have heard the slander of many... Psalms 31:9-13

Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me. Psalms 102:8

Thou hast showed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. Psalms 60:3

...if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD... all these curses shall come upon thee... And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. Deuteronomy 28:15, 37

...Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? 1Kings 9:7-8

The followers of Christ must tread the same path of humiliation, reproach, and suffering which their Master trod. GC 39

Day of Disappointment

Confounded

(Another Great Disappointment is coming)

...a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are **greatly confounded**... Jeremiah 9:19

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah?... why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and **behold trouble!** Jeremiah 14:19

...the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and **behold trouble!** Jeremiah 8:14-15

Expected Peace and Protection

...the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law ...and have not obeyed my voice... Therefore... I will scatter them also among the heathen... and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.... Thus saith the LORD ...call for the mourning women... For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are **greatly confounded**... Jeremiah 9:13, 15, 17, 19

The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and **confounded** for all thy wickedness. Jeremiah 22:22

They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed. Job 6:20

Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. Micah 3:7

Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways. ...she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been **ashamed and confounded**... Jeremiah 15:6-7, 9

We were told we would have Peace but God's Wrath is on us (time of Trouble)

Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Ezekiel 7:25

For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. ...wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the **time of Jacob's trouble**; ...fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel... For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. Jeremiah 30:5-7, 10-11

Leaders have lied -- Trouble does come to God's people

Jer 14:8-11 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in **time of trouble**... O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember

Judgment in the Time of Trouble

- God will NOW
- Remember the sins of his church
- Visit their sins
- Consume them with the sword, famine and pestilence

<p><u>their iniquity</u>, and visit their sins. ...I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.</p>	
<p>14:13-14 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a <u>false vision</u> and divination, and a <u>thing of nought</u>, and the deceit of their heart.</p>	<p>Lies of Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have peace • God will not hurt his people <p>False vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will not come true • Deceit from man

Prophecy is Clear -- We were Warned, but didn't believe

<p>Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again... But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death.</p>	<p>Jesus Warned His disciples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They refused to believe • they are thinking "that won't happen to us"
<p>The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and <u>when the time of trial came</u>, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes <u>as if He had not forewarned them</u>.</p>	<p>In the time of trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are unprepared • Hope is Destroyed • as if they were not told
<p>So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the <u>time of trouble</u>, are clearly presented.</p>	<p>Prophecy is Clear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will punish SDA church just like Israel, if they follow their example
<p>But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and <u>the time of trouble will find them unready</u>. GC 594</p>	<p>Time of trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDA's are Unprepared • 2nd disappointment greater than the first

And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations... And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them. Ezekiel 6:9-10

God will Punish and bring Affliction

If ye will ...walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. Leviticus 26:27-28

For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. ...I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. ...because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. Jeremiah 30:12-15

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. Leviticus 26:18

God will punish His chosen People

You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Amos 3:2

...I will correct thee in measure, and **will not leave thee altogether unpunished**. Jeremiah 30:11
...they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity... Ezekiel 14:10

God will Punish according to our deeds

The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. Hosea 12:2

I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands. Jeremiah 25:14

...I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee... and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 7:2-4

Behold... I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom. Isaiah 65:6-7

I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations... that are in the midst of thee... Ezekiel 7:8-9

God's people think "they will not be punished"

It shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. Zephaniah 1:12

The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. ...but I will recompense their way upon their head. Ez. 9:9-10

Time of Trouble -- A Day of Recompense for God's people

Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. An end is come, the end is come... The morning is come unto thee... the day of trouble is near... Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee... and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth. Ezekiel 7:5-9

The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it... They

have deeply corrupted themselves... therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. Hosea 9:7, 9

I will Save My People -- but First I will punish them for Iniquity

I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.... And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with ...detestable and abominable things. Jer 16:15, 18

Punishment of God's people is greater than Sodom's punishment

For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment... Lam. 4:6

God's people receive double for sin

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem... for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Jeremiah 40:2

I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with ...abominable things. Jeremiah 16:18

Lord will Punish those He Loves

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten... Revelation 3:19

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son... Proverbs 3:11-12

...as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Deuteronomy 8:5

God's punishment is less than what we deserve

And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve... Ezra 9:13

Purpose of Affliction

...despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. Job 5:17-18

To Turn us in the right way

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon [my] thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. Jeremiah 31:18-19

To Save A Remnant

...we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 1 Corinthians 11:32

For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and **will not leave thee altogether unpunished**. Jeremiah 30:11

...they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity... That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God.... Ezekiel 14:10-11

To keep His people from going further into sin

I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more. So

will I make my fury toward thee to rest ...behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations. Ezekiel 16:41-43

To teach others to not follow your ways

Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Ez. 23:48-49

To Cause God's people to Return to Him

...the king of Assyria, ...took Manasseh... and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers... Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. 2 Chron. 33:9-13

The wrath of God came upon them, ...and smote down the chosen men of Israel.... When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God. Psalms 78:31, 34

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hosea 6:1

To lead His people to Remember I am your God

...I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD... For thou hadst cast me into the deep... and the floods compassed me about... Then I said, ...I will look again toward thy holy temple... When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. Jonah 2:2-7

LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Isaiah 26:16

To teach us lessons we refuse to learn

"Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..." Hosea 4:6. In trial and affliction they were to learn lessons that under circumstances more favorable they had refused to learn. RH 2-26-1914

To bring God's people to realize their sin and repent

...neither dew nor rain fell upon the land of Israel for three years and a half. The object of this affliction was to arouse Israel to a realization of their sin, to bring them to repentance, and turn them to God..." RH 5-26-1891

It cost Israel suffering and great affliction to be brought to that repentance that was necessary... Their apostasy was more dreadful than drought or famine. Elijah waited and prayed in faith through the long years of drought and famine that the hearts of Israel, through their affliction, might be turned from their idolatry to allegiance to God. 3T 276

To Purify God's People

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Isaiah 48:10

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.... And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers... Mal. 3:3, 5

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness... Hebrews 12:11

1901 -- Judgment on the SDA church

Many have come to the place where they do not care to follow the directions that the Lord sends. They have walked in their own counsel, until the Lord has come near by judgment, and swept away the printing plant. RH, April 14, 1903

When the Battle Creek Sanitarium was destroyed... God was appealing to His people to return to Him. And in the destruction of the Review and Herald office, and the saving of life, He makes a second appeal to them.... God says: "If they turn to Me, I will restore to them the joy of My salvation. But if they continue to walk in their own way, I will come still closer; and affliction shall come upon the families who claim to believe the truth, but who do not practice the truth..." 8T 102

We have become Worse than Israel

I saw many who profess to believe the truth for these last days, think it strange that the children of Israel... should be so ungrateful, and forget what God had done for them. Said the angel, "Ye have done worse than they." RH, Jan. 6, 1863

The same disobedience and failure which were seen in the Jewish church have characterized in a greater degree the people who have had this great light from heaven... 5T 456

The danger-signal has been lifted to keep us off forbidden ground, and we should be warned not to do as they did, lest a worse punishment come upon us. RH, April 20, 1897

I will go away and wait for them to Repent

I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Hosea 5:14-15

Woman in Travail -- Gives birth to the Remnant

A Day of Pain, Sorrow & Weeping (Time of Trouble)

Travail -- In Sorrow, Pain, Day of Wrath & day of Destruction

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another... Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. Isaiah 13:6-9

What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? ...shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail? Jeremiah 13:21

I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. Isaiah 42:14

When is the Woman in Travail?

- Day of the Lord
- Day of Wrath
- Desolation
- Time of Destruction
- Punishment
- destroy sinners out of it (Ezekiel 9)

A Travailing Woman is in – Fear, Pain, Anquish & Sorrow

...anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail. Jeremiah 6:24

I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child... Jeremiah 4:31

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. Psalms 48:6

...fear ...anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail. Jeremiah 49:24

Labor pains & Destruction – Come on Suddenly

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child... 1 Thessalonians 5:3

Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. Jeremiah 4:20

Time of Trouble - Time of Weeping and rebuke

This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 2 Kings 19:3

I will weep bitterly... because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. Isaiah 22:4-5

Woman in travail dies, gives birth -- Eli & sons die, Israel is scattered

...Israel went out against the Philistines to battle... Let us fetch the ark of the covenant ...when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. 1 Sam. 4:1, 3

<p>A great slaughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders are Slain • Eli and his sons <p>Ez 9:6 Slay ...<u>the ancient men</u>. (in the sanctuary)</p>	<p>1Sam 4:10 ...the Philistines fought and Israel was smitten... 4:14 ...[a] man came in hastily, and told Eli. 4:17 ...<u>Israel is fled</u> before the Philistines, and there hath been also a <u>great slaughter</u> among the people, and thy two <u>sons</u> ...are dead, and the <u>ark of God is taken</u>. 4:18 ...he fell from off the seat backward... and <u>he died</u>...</p>
<p>Scattering: Zech 13:7 ...<u>smite the shepherd</u>, and the sheep shall be scattered...</p>	<p>1Sam 4:17 ...<u>Israel is fled</u> before the Philistines...</p>
<p>Ark of God is Taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The glory of God is departed • the (ark) presence of God has departed • close of probation for the church <p>Mother (church) Dies</p> <p>Jer 15:7 ...I will destroy my people... 15:9 ...<u>she hath given up the ghost</u>; her sun is gone down... Hos 4:5 Therefore shalt thou fall... and I <u>will destroy thy mother</u>.</p>	<p>1Sam 4:19-21 ...his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, <u>was with child</u>, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast borne a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.</p>
<p>At the same time the mother dies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a child is born • The Remnant is Born 	<p>And about the time of her <u>death</u> the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for <u>thou hast borne a son</u>. 1 Sam 4:20</p>

Woman gives Birth to the Remnant

- In the midst of destruction & death the Remnant is Born

...the slain shall fall in the midst of you. Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword... Ezekiel 6:7-8

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion... Isaiah 37:32

...when the land sinneth against me... then will I stretch out mine hand upon it.. and will cut off man and beast ... Yet... therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, Ez 14:13, 22

Hearken unto me... **all the remnant ...which are borne by me** from the belly... Is 46:3

Who hath heard such a thing? ...shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isaiah 66:8

Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. Micah 5:3

Delivered outside of the city

Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, ...there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. Micah 4:10

After Punishing – God will Bless

I will First keep my covenant to Punish

Jer 39:16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be [accomplished] in that day before thee.

Jer 21:10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

Jer 18:11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

I will then keep My Covenant to Bless

Jer 32:42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

Jer 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Good Figs – Bad Figs

Jer 24:3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

Good Figs are carried away First

Jer 24:5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for [their] good.

Evil figs that remain are carried away to be Cursed

Jer 24:8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: 24:9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for [their] hurt, [to be] a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. 24:10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

God will remember the good figs to bring them back – and bless them

Jer 24:6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull [them] down; and I will plant them, and not pluck [them] up. 24:7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I [am] the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

The Scattering (shaking)

I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds. Ezekiel 5:10

Strike the shepherd and sheep are Scattered

...smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered... Zechariah 13:7

...they were scattered, because there is no shepherd, Ezekiel 34:5

For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. 1 Kings 14:15-16

For the pastors ...have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and **all their flocks shall be scattered**. Jeremiah 10:21

God will scatter His people

And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries... Ezekiel 22:15

I will scatter them also among the heathen... Jeremiah 9:16

Remember ...the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: Nehemiah 1:8

I will **scatter** you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Leviticus 26:33

...the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. Deuteronomy 4:27

Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:18-19

I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate. Zechariah 7:14

Israel (Laodicea) cast out

Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. Leviticus 20:22

...the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria... 2 Kings 17:23

I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. 2 Kings 23:27

...because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Revelation 3:16

...the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land... Deuteronomy 29:28

...O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased... Psalms 60:1

Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not... where I will not show you favour. Jeremiah 16:13

Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight... 1 Kings 9:7

No Leaders (Time of Trouble)

No King, No Shepherd

And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd... Ezekiel 34:5

For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were **troubled**, because there was no shepherd. Zechariah 10:2

Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. Micah 4:9

O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth... These two things are come unto thee... desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword... Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets... they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God. Isaiah 51:17-20

Home church / God is their sanctuary & leader

...I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. 2 Chronicles 18:16

Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will **I be to them as a little sanctuary** in the countries where they shall come. Ezekiel 11:16

The LORD will be terrible... for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, everyone from his place, even all the isles of the heathen. Zephaniah 2:11

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. Isaiah 41:17-18

Forsaken by God (Time of Trouble)

...thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord... because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. 2 Chronicles 24:20

Feel Forsaken

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in **times of trouble**? Psalms 10:1

I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies. 2 Kings 21:14

But God never forsakes a people until they first forsake him. HS 287

For a small Moment

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on

thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. Isaiah 54:7-8

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalms 30:4-5

God Separates from His people

...they provoked him to anger... So that **he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh**, the tent (*church*) which he placed among men; Psalms 78:58, 60

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Psalms 42:9-10

Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him... but if **ye forsake him, he will forsake you**. Now for a long season Israel hath been **without the true God**, and without a teaching priest, and without law. 2 Chronicles 15:2-3

I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. Jeremiah 12:7

Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. Jeremiah 7:29

Leaves Sanctuary (church) goes to the mountain

He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. Ezekiel 8:6

...the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. Ezekiel 11:23

Remnant experience the Sufferings of Christ

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.... Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered... But I am ...a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. ...thou art my God from my mother's belly. Be not far from me; for **trouble is near**; for there is none to help. Many bulls have compassed me... They gaped upon me with their mouths, [as] a ravener and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water... my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me.... Deliver my soul from the sword.... Save me... Psalms 22:1-16, 20-21

How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? forever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider [and] hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the [sleep of] death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; [and] those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. Psalms 13:1-6

Cast off

For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of

the oppression of the enemy? Psalms 43:2

...thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. Psalms 44:9

Day of Darkness

Oh, for a living, active faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial. The darkness that will then rest upon our path must not discourage us or drive us to despair. It is the veil with which God covers His glory when He comes to impart rich blessings. 5T 215

Remnant will Escape – In the midst of destruction

...the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, Ezekiel 6:7-9

Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire... Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and... Gomorrah. Isaiah 1:7, 9

Ye that have escaped the sword... remember the LORD afar off... We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house. Jeremiah 51:50-51

...when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth... behold, they shall come forth... Ezekiel 14:21-22

Saved in the midst of Judgment and Death

...I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways. ...she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.... The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the **time of affliction**. Jeremiah. 15:7, 9, 11

And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, Ezra 9:8

Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained. Jeremiah 39:9

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: Isaiah 37:31

...all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 34:9

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. Joel 2:32

Delay & Trial of Faith

I will be ...as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away... I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Hosea 5:14-15

Jacob's night of anguish, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau, represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble. GC 616

As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good.... Satan endeavors to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. GC 618

I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. ...Like Jacob, they were wrestling with God. The angels longed to deliver them, but they must wait a little longer; the people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism. EW 283, 284

They afflict their souls before God... Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions. ...the language of their souls is: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." GC 619

The people of God will then flee from the cities and villages, and associate together in companies... They themselves begin to fear that the Lord has left them to fall by the hand of their enemies. It is a time of fearful agony. Day and night they cry unto God for deliverance.... Their countenances express their internal struggle. Paleness sits upon every face.... But they must wait yet a little longer... The very delay, so painful to them, is the best answer to their petitions. As they endeavor to wait trustingly for the Lord to work, they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience. 4SP 445-447

Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but the Refiner will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. God's love for His children during the period of their severest trial is as strong and tender as in the days of their sunniest prosperity; but it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their earthliness must be consumed, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected. The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint though severely tried. GC 621

It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality, but this is not true of the crisis. RH 3-14-12

Oh, for living, active, faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial. The darkness that will then rest upon our path must not discourage us, or drive us to despair. CET 190

Wait & Hope on the Lord (Time of Trouble)

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalms 27:14

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me... Psalms 27:12

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. ...I am come into deep waters, where

the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. Psalms 69:1-3

<p>Psalms 31:9-13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in <u>trouble</u>: mine eye is consumed with grief... my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity... I was a reproach among all mine enemies... I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side...</p>	<p>Time of Trouble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grief • Reproach • Slander • Fear
<p>31:14-17 <u>But I trusted in thee, O LORD</u>: I said, Thou art my God. <u>My times are in thy hand</u>: <u>deliver me</u> from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.</p>	<p>Trusting in God</p>
<p>31:19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!</p>	<p>Praising God</p>
<p>31:20, 23-24 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.... O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.</p>	<p>Hoping in God</p>

Prayer of Faith in the Time of Trouble

Hope in the Lord

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13

Pray even when you feel Forsaken

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me...? 22:2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. 22:7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, [saying], 22:8 He trusted on the LORD [that] he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for [there is] none to help. Psalms 22:1

Remember What God has done in the past

So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, [and] to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. 2 Chronicles 33:9-13

Trust in the Lord -- Claim the Goodness of God – Hold on to Faith

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the LORD:

he [is] our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. Psalms 33:18-22

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant. Ps 25:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalms 27:14

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. Ps 31:24

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. Nahum 1:7

Call a Solemn Assembly / Renew Covenant

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Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, **Spare thy people, O LORD**, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Joel 2:15-17

Remnant Returns to God

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:1-2

It shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob... shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return. Isaiah 10:20-22

After the curses come you will remember My Covenant and Return to Me

..it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse... and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; Deuteronomy 30:1-2

Yet though they were carried as captives to Babylon, God did not forsake them. He sent His prophets to them with reproofs and warnings, and aroused them to see their guilt. When they humbled themselves before God and returned to Him with true repentance, He sent them messages of encouragement, declaring that He would deliver them from captivity, restore them to His favor... PK 582

God will be a sanctuary for them where they are scattered

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will **I be to them as a little sanctuary** in the countries where they shall come. Ezekiel 11:16

Remnant will not Forget God in their Time of Trouble

...thou hast cast off, and put us to shame... Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.... Thou makest us a reproach... Thou makest us a byword... All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy

covenant. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; ...thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.... Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off forever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake. Psalms 44:9-26

Cry out to God

...they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives... Ezekiel 6:9

...they cried unto the LORD in their trouble... Psalms 107:6

Pray for God to turn away His Wrath

How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself forever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? Lord, where are thy former loving kindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom [the reproach of] all the mighty people; Psalms 89:46-50

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us forever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. Psalms 85:4-7

O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people [are become] a reproach to all [that are] about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. Daniel 9:16-19

Help us Lord in our Time of Trouble

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. Thou hast showed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.... Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies? Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. Psalms 60:1-3, 10-12

Confess -- Acknowledge sins

I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. Ps. 41:4

...my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. Psalms 38:17-18

Acknowledge & Confess Iniquity

Return, thou backsliding Israel... and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every

green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 3:12-13

...they that escape of you ...shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. Ezekiel 6:9

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Let us shun every mean action, all dishonesty, all overreaching; and if any one is guilty of wrong in this respect, let him confess his sin, and make restitution to the one whom he has wronged, and in addition bring a trespass offering to God, that when the times of refreshing shall come, his sins may be blotted out, and his name retained in the book of life. GW92 432

Confess own sins, and sins of the Fathers

We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. Psalms 106:6

And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me... Then will I remember my covenant... and I will remember the land. Leviticus 26:39-40, 42

Acknowledge God's goodness in Affliction

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.... I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Psalms 119:71, 75

Confess that God is righteous to Punish them for Sin

If they shall confess... that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant... and I will remember the land. Leviticus 26:40-42

Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. Daniel 9:11

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. Micah 7:8-9

Accept that God has kept His Covenant

The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries. Lamentations 2:17

...therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil... As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us... Daniel 9:11-13

For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did... Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land... 2 Kings 17:22 -23

Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches. Isaiah 43:28

Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives... and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them. Ezekiel 6:8-10

Confess God's punishment is Just

Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly: Nehemiah 9:33

David learned wisdom from God's dealings with him and bowed in humility beneath the chastisement of the Most High. CC 8

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Make a Covenant to turn away God's Wrath

Pray for God to take away His Wrath, Stop the Curse

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us forever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. Psalms 85:4-7

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth... Psalms 39:10-11

O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. Daniel 9:16-17

Pray for God to keep His Covenant

And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. ...when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept... and prayed before

the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, ...that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses... if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant... Nehemiah 1:3-11

Sanctify the leaders & the house of God

<p>2 Chron 29:3-5 (Hezekiah) ...opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and <u>gathered</u> them together... And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.</p>	<p>Gather Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair the house of God • Carry out filthiness • Sanctify the leaders • Sanctify the house of God
<p>29:6 For our fathers have <u>trespassed</u>, and done that which was <u>evil</u> in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have <u>forsaken him</u>...</p>	<p>Apostasy of Fathers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done evil • Forsaken God
<p>29:8-9 Wherefore the <u>wrath</u> of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to <u>trouble</u>, to <u>astonishment</u>, and to <u>hissing</u>, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword...</p>	<p>Judgment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of Trouble • Sword
<p>29:10 <u>Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant</u> with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.</p>	<p>Make a Covenant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Turn Away God's Wrath

Make a Covenant to keep God's law

<p>Neh 9:26 ...<u>they were disobedient</u>, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets... and they wrought great provocations.</p>	<p>Apostasy of Fathers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disobedient, Rebellious • Reject law, Kill prophets
<p>9:27, 36-37 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the <u>time of their trouble</u>... Behold, <u>we are servants this day</u>, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, <u>we are servants in it</u>: And it yieldeth much increase <u>unto the kings whom thou hast set over us</u> because of our sins: also <u>they have dominion over our bodies</u>, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.</p>	<p>Judgment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slaves of Enemy • Time of Trouble • We have become slaves
<p>9:38; 10:29 And <u>because of all this we make a sure covenant</u>, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it... They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an <u>oath, to walk in God's law</u>, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and <u>do all the commandments</u> of the LORD our Lord, and his <u>judgments</u> and his</p>	<p>Make a Covenant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep God's law • Judgments

When Josiah heard the words of warning and condemnation because Israel had trampled upon the precepts of Heaven, he humbled himself. He wept before the Lord. He made a thorough work of repentance and reformation, and God accepted his efforts. The whole congregation of Israel entered into a solemn covenant to keep the commandments of Jehovah. This is our work today. We must repent of the past evil of our doings, and seek God with all our hearts. RC 57

God will hear and Answer

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel... When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants... and **give rain upon thy land**, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. 1 Kings 8:33-36

If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, for thy name is in this house, and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 2Chron 20:9

...when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 2 Chronicles 15:4

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. ...the LORD heard, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:4-7

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their cry... The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. Psalms 34:15-19

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he ...heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, ...and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. Psalms 40:1-3

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalms 30:4-5

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; ...O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever. Psalms 30:11

God will keep His Covenant

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. Joel 2:32

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the

remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth [in] mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. Micah 7:18-20

Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked [him] with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise. Psalms 106:43-47

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Isaiah 40:1-2

God's anger turns to Forgiveness

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity... he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. Micah 7:18-20

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. Psalms 85:1-3

Curses Turn to Blessings

...it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage... Jeremiah 12:15

Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good... Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. Jeremiah 32:41-42

...like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 31:28

...in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Isaiah 60:10

...it shall come to pass, that as **ye were a curse** among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and **ye shall be a blessing**: fear not, but let your hands be strong. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As **I thought to punish you**, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not: So again have I thought in these days **to do well unto Jerusalem** and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. Zechariah 8:13-15

More Blessed after they Return

And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them. Zechariah 10:6

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. Haggai 2:9

So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning... Job 42:12

Turn Captivity

Thus saith the LORD... Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. Nahum 1:12-13

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. Jeremiah 33:7-8

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned [thyself] from the fierceness of thine anger. Psalms 85:1-3

For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city... which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword; ...I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and... I have hid my face from this city. Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. Jeremiah 33:4-7

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, [even] the LORD, [is] in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: [and to] Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.... I will gather [them that are] sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, [to whom] the reproach of it was a burden. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you [again], even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD. Zephaniah 3:14-20

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works!... Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.... For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.... Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. Psalms 66:1-16

Remnant are Sanctified

Redeemed with Judgment

Zion shall be redeemed with judgment... Isaiah 1:27

I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me... Ezekiel 20:37-38

Purified in the midst of Affliction

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee **in the furnace of affliction**.
Isaiah 48:10

...the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment... Is. 4:4

I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. Ezekiel 22:15

...the Lord ...shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant... ...he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And **he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver**: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. And I will come near to you to judgment... Malachi 3:1-5

I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. Zech. 13:8-9

When you see the Remnant Purified you will know why I have done all I have done

The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth... Zephaniah 3:13

...the **remnant** of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:1

...behold, therein shall be left a **remnant** that shall be brought forth ...and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem ...they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 14:22, 23

Gathering

I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. Jer. 23:3

I will gather [them that are] sorrowful for the solemn assembly, Zephaniah 3:18

God will turn their sorrow into Joy

Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout... publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them... a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble... Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it... and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion... and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice... for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. Jeremiah 31:7-13

And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD... Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [that] I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake... But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:28-33

When God gathers His Remnant – He becomes there Shepherd

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. ...they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them. Micah 2:12 -13

He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. Jeremiah 31:10

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock... that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. Ezekiel 34:12, 23

And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. Jeremiah 12:15

Under the Theocracy of Christ

Thus by choosing a heathen ruler, the Jewish nation had withdrawn from the theocracy. They had rejected God as their king. Henceforth they had no deliverer. They had no king but Caesar.

To this the priests and teachers had led the people. DA 737

God brings us back to a Theocracy

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good... For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD. Jer. 33:11

I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant [shall be] king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. ...and my servant David [shall be] their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. Ez 37:23-28

We have been inclined to think that where there are no faithful ministers there can be no true Christians, but this is not the case. God has promised that where the shepherds are not true He will take charge of the flock Himself. God has never made the flock wholly dependent upon human instrumentalities. But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. 5T 79

3rd Angel's Message given under Divine Theocracy

The Lord of heaven is to be the Leader and Guide and Counselor of His people. His institutions are to be managed under His theocracy. RH 4-14-1903

When you joined the church of God, you placed yourself under the laws and principles of a higher world. You took your place in the divine theocracy, under an authority higher than any earthly authority. MM 1-1-1903

The Lord designs that the proclamation of the third angel's message shall be the highest, greatest work carried on in our world at this time.... The place assigned you by the Lord was under Him in the divine theocracy. You were to learn of Jesus, the Great Teacher, planning and working in accordance with His example. You were to make God first, ever obeying His word. In this would be your strength. 8T 180

God's people have been called out of the world, that they may be separated from the world.... They are ever to remember that they are one in Christ. God calls upon them to enter their names as under His theocracy. 3MR 40

Our vocation is high, holy and elevated.... We are to work for the spiritual recovery of mankind to God, to bring them under His theocracy. Then only are we a safe people. BTS 9-1-1908

When the leaders get out of the way, the work will be progressive ...the church will act from a calm, simple sense of their obligations. They will as a church become in the highest sense a missionary field. 1888 753

Latter Rain

Pray for Rain, Pray for the Holy Spirit

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13

Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. Exodus 39:29

God will Answer

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, ...let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar... Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. **Yea, the LORD will answer** and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: Joel 2:15-19

Holy Spirit poured out

Latter Rain comes After judgment and affliction

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.... Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:1, 3

After judgment, Holy Spirit (coals of fire) scattered over city

...Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young... but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; ...he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. Ezekiel 9:5-6, 10:2

Work of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain)

To Preach in the Spirit and Power of God

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Gather in the Harvest

...it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. Deuteronomy 11:13-14

Show My people (Expose) their sin

...truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. Micah 3:8

Interpret Dreams

This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the

interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise [men] of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou [art] able; for the spirit of the holy gods [is] in thee. Daniel 4:18

Wisdom

There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom... was found in him... Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel... Daniel 5:11-12

1st Angel's Message

Judgment on the Church is in the eyes of All Nations

Heathen see God's Judgement

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee **in the sight of the nations**. Ezekiel 5:8

And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself **in the sight of the heathen**, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 22:16

Heathen ask, Why? / The Remnant tell the story

And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to everyone that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers... and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. 2 Chronicles 7:21-22

And many nations shall pass by this city, and <u>they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?</u> Then they shall answer, <u>Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.</u> Jeremiah 22:8-9	The Remnant Answer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judgment has come to us• because we have broken God's Covenant
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...if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments. Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God... and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil. 1 Kings 9:6-9

Remnant report what has happened to God's church

...I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 12:16

And the **heathen shall know** that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. Ezekiel 39:23

1st angel's message: "the hour of God's judgment has come" on the church

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven... 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; **for the hour of his judgment is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6-7

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God... 1Pet 4:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God... Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. Ps 9:17; 11:6	Judgment Message <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judgment has come to the house of God first• The World is Next
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God's Judgment on the church will be a lesson (instruction) to the world

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee ...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:8-9

I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an **instruction** and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. Ezekiel 5:14-15

Heathen Find Deliverance in the Remnant

Then the believers will be of one heart and of one mind, and the Lord will make his word powerful in the earth. New cities and villages and territories will be entered; the church will arise and shine, because her light has come, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon her. New converts will be added to the churches, and those who now claim to be converted will feel in their own hearts the transforming power of the grace of Christ. Then Satan will be aroused, and will excite the bitterest persecution against God's people. But those not of our faith, who have not rejected light, will recognize the spirit of Christ in his true followers, and will take their stand with the people of God. 1888 765

Heathen will come to the Remnant to find Salvation

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance... and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. Joel 2:32

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: Isaiah 37:31

...all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. 2Chron 34:9

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.... Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Isaiah 55:3, 5

Sabbath – The Test for All Nations

In the day of Harvest -- those who do not keep the Sabbath receive the Plagues

Zechariah 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall	Flee to mountains
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come, and all the saints with thee.	
14:14 ...the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.	One World government
14:12, 15 And this shall be the <u>plague</u> wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.... And so shall be the <u>plague</u> of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this <u>plague</u> .	Plagues
14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even <u>go up from year to year to worship</u> the King, the LORD of hosts, and to <u>keep the feast of tabernacles</u> .	Feast of Tabernacles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of harvest • A Sabbath
14:17-19 And it shall be, that <u>whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth</u> unto Jerusalem <u>to worship</u> the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall <u>be no rain</u> . And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be <u>the plague</u> , wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the <u>punishment</u> of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.	Sabbath is a Test for All Nations In the day of harvest those who do not keep the Sabbath will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not receive the Rain • will get the Plagues
14:20-21 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.	Remnant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are Holy

2nd Time of Trouble – Trouble from Enemies

Though I walk in the **midst of trouble**, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. Psalms 138:7

A Prayer when he (David) was in the cave. I cried unto the LORD... I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him **my trouble**. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, ...the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man... refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge... I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name... Psalms 142:1-7

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications... For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works... Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. ...in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk... Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. ...for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. Psalms 143:1-11

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where [there is] no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, [being] mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty... for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. ...the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. When I wept, [and chastened] my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. They that sit in the gate speak against me... Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me... Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. ...hide not thy face from thy servant; for **I am in trouble**: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies. Psalms 69:1-18

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the **day of my trouble** I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.... O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul... O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me... Psalms 86:6-7, 14, 16

Have mercy upon me, O LORD... Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.... I am weary with my groaning; all the night... I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. Psalms 6:2,4 6-7

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: [O] bring thou me out of my distresses. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. Psalms 25:15-22

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart

shall not fear... For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me... therefore will I ...sing praises unto the LORD.... When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.... Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. Psalms 27:1-12

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust... deliver me in thy righteousness. ...be thou my strong rock... to save me.... Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me... Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble... For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing... I was a reproach among all mine enemies... I have heard the slander of many: ...they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. ...deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Psalms 31:1-15

Remnant are Protected

Flee

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Psalms 143:9

And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. Joshua 2:16

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isaiah 43:2

Hide till the indignation is past

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. Isaiah 26:20-21

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger. Zephaniah 2:3

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Psalms 27:5

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Psalms 31:20

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. Isaiah 2:10

But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret [place], and hide thyself: 20:5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. 1 Samuel 19:2; 20:5

Death Decree

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Psalms 54:1-3

The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. Psalms 37:32

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul. Psalms 56:6

The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, [and] to slay such as be of upright conversation. Psalms 37:12-14

Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? Psalms 64:2-5

Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me.... Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Psalms 140:4-5, 8

Midnight Deliverance

Death Decree

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. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. DD 45

The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests 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. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. DD 45

Darkness covers the earth

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. DD 46

The Rainbow of God's Covenant

Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. DD 46

God's people see Jesus sitting on Throne in heaven

...a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. ...and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 17:24. DD 46

Midnight Deliverance

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. ... Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. EW 285

Voice of God says "It is Done"

In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17. DD 46

Dead are raised

The graves were opened, 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. EW 285

Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those

that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient. DD 47

Sheet of Fire -- Just before the coming of Christ

Thick clouds still cover the sky; yet the sun now and then breaks through, appearing like the avenging eye of Jehovah. Fierce lightnings leap from the heavens, enveloping the earth in a sheet of flame. DD 47

In the day of the Lord, just before the coming of Christ, God will send lightnings from Heaven in His wrath, which will unite with fire in the earth. The mountains will burn like a furnace, and will pour forth terrible streams of lava, destroying gardens and fields, villages and cities; and as they pour their melted ore, rocks and heated mud into the rivers, will cause them to boil like a pot, and send forth massive rocks and scatter their broken fragments upon the land with indescribable violence. Whole rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed, and there will be dreadful eruptions and earthquakes everywhere. God will plague the wicked inhabitants of the earth until they are destroyed from off it. Mar 283

Voice of God speaks the Everlasting Covenant

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... the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. EW 285-286

The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with His glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. And when the blessing is pronounced on those who have honored God by keeping His Sabbath holy, there is a mighty shout of victory. DD 49

God's voice declares doom of the wicked

Above the terrific roar of thunder, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false teachers. Those who a little before were so reckless, so boastful and defiant, so exultant in their cruelty to God's commandment-keeping people, are now overwhelmed with consternation and shuddering in fear. Their wails are heard above the sound of the elements. Demons acknowledge the deity of Christ and tremble before His power, while men are supplicating for mercy and groveling in abject terror.... DD 47

Through a rift in the clouds there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. DD 48

Saints are Glorified

At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God in keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and over his image. EW 285

The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Mar 279

Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Psalm 46:1-3. DD 48

Those who a short time before would have destroyed God's faithful children from the earth, now witnessed the glory of God which rested upon them. And amid all their terror they heard the voices of the saints in joyful strains, saying, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us." EW 286

Table of Stone

Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet: "The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." Psalm 50:6. ... The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. DD 48

Voice of God shakes the heavens and earth -- Earthquake & Cup of Wrath

...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. EW 285

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Verses 17, 18. The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath." Great hailstones, everyone "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. Verses 19, 21. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. DD 46

The day of wrath to the enemies of God is the day of final deliverance to His church. Mar 279

Captives set free

When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. Mar 279

Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. DD 46

Great white cloud

Soon appeared the great white cloud, upon which sat the Son of man. When it first appeared in the distance, this cloud looked very small. The angel said that it was the sign of the Son of man. As it drew nearer the earth, we could behold the excellent glory and majesty of Jesus as He rode

forth to conquer. A retinue of holy angels, with bright, glittering crowns upon their heads, escorted Him on His way. EW 286

Before His crucifixion the Saviour explained to His disciples that He was to be put to death and to rise again... But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance... and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if He had not forewarned them. So **in the prophecies the future is opened before us** as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, **are clearly presented**. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. GC 594