



## Islam

Bound— # 1210 (Greek)

1) to bind, tie, fasten

Tie— #7194 (Hebrew)

1) to bind, tie

# 7 Trumpets-part 7

REVELATION 9:12, 13— **ONE WOE IS PAST; AND, BEHOLD, THERE COME TWO WOES MORE HEREAFTER. AND THE SIXTH ANGEL SOUNDED, AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM THE FOUR HORNS OF THE GOLDEN ALTAR WHICH IS BEFORE GOD.**

### THE SIXTH TRUMPET—RISE AND FALL OF OTTOMAN EMPIRE

**Horns of the altar = Holy place ministration (pre-1844).**

“And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting... “ (Leviticus 4:18).

“He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting **in front of the veil**” (Exodus 40:26).

“Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into **the first part of the tabernacle**, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went **alone once a year**, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance” (Hebrews 9:6, 7).

REVELATION 9:14— **SAYING TO THE SIXTH ANGEL WHICH HAD THE TRUMPET, LOOSE THE FOUR ANGELS WHICH ARE BOUND IN THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES.**

**Euphrates = judgments**

“So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon... Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates” (Jer 51:60, 63).

“Come up, O horses, and rage, O chariots! And let the mighty men come forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, And the Lydians who handle and bend the bow. For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, **That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries.** The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; **For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates**” (Jeremiah 46:9, 10).

### Symbols Summarized:

•**Horns of altar = Holy place ministration (pre-1844).**

•**Bound = to bind, tie, fasten**

•**Euphrates = judgments**

REVELATION 9:15—**AND THE FOUR ANGELS WERE LOOSED, WHICH WERE PREPARED FOR AN HOUR, AND A DAY, AND A MONTH, AND A YEAR, FOR TO SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN.**



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“The first woe was to continue from the rise of Mohammedanism until the end of the five months. Then the first woe was to end, and the second to begin. And when the sixth angel sounded, it was commanded to take off the restraints which had been imposed on the nation, by which they were restricted to the work of tormenting men, and their commission was enlarged so as to permit them to slay the third part of men. This command came from the four horns of the golden altar” (1897 UrS, DAR 507).

**The Four Angels**—These were the four principal sultans of which the Ottoman empire was composed, located in the country watered by the great river Euphrates. These sultans were situated at Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Bagdad. Previously they had been restrained; but God commanded, and they were loosed. (1897 UrS, DAR 508)

**In the year 1449**, John Palaeologus, the Greek emperor, died, but left no children to inherit his throne, and Constantine, his brother, succeeded to it. But he would not venture to ascend the throne without the consent of Amurath, the Turkish sultan. **He therefore sent ambassadors to ask his consent, and obtained it before he presumed to call himself sovereign.** (1897 UrS, DAR 508.2)

Let this historical fact be carefully examined in connection with the prediction given above. **This was not a violent assault made on the Greeks, by which their empire was overthrown and their independence taken away, but simply a voluntary surrender of that independence into the hands of the Turks. The authority and supremacy of the Turkish power was acknowledged when Constantine virtually said, “I cannot reign unless you permit.”** (1897 UrS, DAR 508.3)

**The four angels were loosed for an hour, a day, a month, and a year, a to slay the third part of men.** This period, during which Ottoman supremacy was to exist, amounts to three hundred ninety- one years and fifteen days. Thus: A prophetic year is three hundred and sixty prophetic days, or three hundred and sixty literal years; a prophetic month, thirty prophetic days, is thirty literal years; one prophetic day is one literal year; and an hour, or the twenty-fourth part of a prophetic day, would be a twenty-fourth part of a literal year, or fifteen days; the whole amounting to three hundred and ninety- one years and fifteen days. (1897 UrS, DAR 508.4)

**1 prophetic year = 360 literal years**

**1 prophetic month = 30 literal years**

**1 prophetic day = 1 literal year**

**1 prophetic hour = 1/24 of a literal year, or fifteen days**

**Total = 390 years and 15 days**

“I have appointed thee each day for a year” (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34).



“But although the four angels were thus loosed by the voluntary submission of the Greeks, yet another doom awaited the seat of empire. Amurath, the sultan to whom the submission of Constantine XIII was made, and by whose permission he reigned in Constantinople, soon after died, and was succeeded in the empire, in 1451, by Mohammed II, who set his heart on securing Constantinople as the seat of his empire” (1897 UrS, DAR 509).

“He accordingly made preparations for besieging and taking the city. The siege commenced on the 6th of April, 1453, and ended in the capture of the city, and the death of the last of the Constantines, on the 16th day of May following. And the eastern city of the Caesars became the seat of the Ottoman empire” (1897 UrS, DAR 509).

“The arms and mode of warfare which were used in the siege in which Constantinople was to be overthrown and held in subjection were, as we shall see, distinctly noticed by the Revelator” (1897 UrS, DAR 509).

**“This supremacy of the Mohammendans over the Greeks was to continue, as already noticed, three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days. Commencing when the one hundred and fifty years ended, July 27, 1449, the period would end Aug. 11, 1840. Judging from the manner of the commencement of the Ottoman supremacy, that it was by a voluntary acknowledgment on the part of the Greek emperor that he reigned only by permission of the Turkish sultan, we should naturally conclude that the fall or departure of the Ottoman independence would be brought about in the same way; that at the end of the specified period, that is, on the 11th August, 1840, the sultan would voluntarily surrender his independence into the hands of the Christian powers, just as he had, three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days before, received it from the hands of the Christian emperor, Constantine XIII”** (1897 UrS, DAR 514).

“This conclusion was reached, and this application of the prophecy was made by Elder J. Litch in 1838, two years before the predicted event was to occur. It was then purely a matter of calculation on the prophetic periods of Scripture. Now, however, the time has passed by, and it is proper to inquire what the result has been - whether such events did transpire according to the previous calculation. The matter sums itself up in the following inquiry:-

“When Did Mohammedan Independence in Constantinople Depart? - For several years previous to 1840, the sultan had been embroiled in war with Mehemet Ali, pasha of Egypt. In 1838 the trouble between the sultan and his Egyptian vassal was for the time being restrained by the influence of the foreign ambassadors. In 1839, however, hostilities were again commenced, and were prosecuted until, in a general battle between the armies of the sultan and Mehemet, the sultan’s army was entirely cut up and destroyed, and his fleet taken by Mehemet and carried into Egypt. So completely had the sultan’s fleet been reduced, that, when the war again commenced in August, he had only two first-rates and three frigates as the sad remains of the once powerful Turkish fleet. This fleet Mehemet positively refused to give up and return to the sultan, and declared



that if the powers attempted to take it from him, he would burn it. **In this posture affairs stood, when, in 1840, England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia interposed, and determined on a settlement of the difficulty; for it was evident that, if let alone, Mehemet would soon become master of the sultan's throne**" (1897 UrS, DAR 515).

"The sultan accepted this intervention of the great powers, and thus made a voluntary surrender of the question into their hands. A conference of these powers was held in London, the Sheik Effendi Bey Likgis being present as Ottoman plenipotentiary. An agreement was drawn up to be presented to the pasha of Egypt, whereby the sultan was to offer him the hereditary government of Egypt, and all that part of Syria extending from the Gulf of Suez to the Lake of Tiberias, together with the province of Acre, for life; he on his part to evacuate all other parts of the sultan's dominions then occupied by him, and to return the Ottoman fleet. In case he refused this offer from the sultan, the four powers were to take the matter into their own hands, and use such other means to bring him to terms as they should see fit" (1897 UrS, DAR 515).

"It is apparent that just as soon as this ultimatum should be put by the sultan into the hands of Mehemet Ali, the matter would be forever beyond the control of the former, and the disposal of his affairs would, from that moment, be in the hands of foreign powers. The sultan despatched Rifat Bey on a government steamer to Alexandria, to communicate the ultimatum to the pasha. It was put into his hands, and by him taken in charge, on the eleventh day of August, 1840! **On the same day, a note was addressed by the sultan to the ambassadors of the four powers, inquiring what plan was to be adopted in case the pasha should refuse to comply with the terms of the ultimatum, to which they made answer that provision had been made, and there was no necessity of his alarming himself about any contingency that might arise.** This day the period of three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days, allotted to the continuance of the Ottoman power, ended; and where was the sultan's independence? - GONE! Who had the supremacy of the Ottoman empire in their hands? - The four great powers; and that empire has existed ever since only by the sufferance of these Christian powers. Thus was the prophecy fulfilled to the very letter" (1897 UrS, DAR 516).

**"From the first publication of the calculation of this matter in 1838, before referred to, the time set for the fulfillment of the prophecy - Aug. 11, 1840 - was watched by thousands with intense interest. And the exact accomplishment of the event predicted, showing, as it did, the right application of the prophecy, gave a mighty impetus to the great Advent movement then beginning to attract the attention of the world"** (1897 UrS, DAR 516).

**REVELATION 9:16—AND THE NUMBER OF THE ARMY OF THE HORSEMEN WERE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND THOUSAND: AND I HEARD THE NUMBER OF THEM.**

"Innumerable hordes of horses, and them that sat on them! Gibbon thus describes the first invasion of the Roman territories by the Turks: 'The myriads of Turkish horse overspread a frontier of six hundred miles, from Taurus to Erzerum; and the blood of 130,000 Christians was a grateful sacrifice to the Arabian prophet.' Whether the language is



designed to convey the idea of any definite number or not, the reader must judge. **Some suppose 200,000 twice told is meant, and, following some historians, they find that number of Turkish warriors in the siege of Constantinople. Some think 200,000,000 to mean all the Turkish warriors during the three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days of their triumph over the Greeks. Nothing can be affirmed on the point. And it is nothing at all essential**" (1897 UrS, DAR 509).

REVELATION 9:17—**AND THUS I SAW THE HORSES IN THE VISION, AND THEM THAT SAT ON THEM, HAVING BREASTPLATES OF FIRE, AND OF JACINTH, AND BRIMSTONE: AND THE HEADS OF THE HORSES WERE AS THE HEADS OF LIONS; AND OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS ISSUED FIRE AND SMOKE AND BRIMSTONE.**

"The first part of this description may have reference to the appearance of these horsemen. Fire, representing a color, stands for red, "as red as fire" being a frequent term of expression; jacinth, or hyacinth, for blue; and brimstone, for yellow. **And these colors greatly predominated in the dress of these warriors; so that the description, according to this view, would be accurately met in the Turkish uniform, which was composed largely of red, or scarlet, blue, and yellow.** The heads of the horses were in appearance as the heads of lions to denote their their strength, courage, and fierceness; while the last part of the verse undoubtedly has reference to the use of gunpowder and firearms for purposes of war, which were then but recently introduced. **As the Turks discharged their firearms on horseback, it would appear to the distant beholder that the fire, smoke, and brimstone issued out of the horses' mouths, as illustrated by the accompanying plate**" (1897 UrS, DAR 510).

"Respecting the use of firearms by the Turks in their campaign against Constantinople, Elliott (*Horae Apocalypticæ*, Vol. I, pp. 482-484) thus speaks:

**"It was to 'the fire and the smoke and the sulphur,' to the artillery and firearms of Mahomet, that the killing of the third part of men, i.e., the capture of Constantinople, and by consequence the destruction of the Greek empire, was owing.** Eleven hundred years and more had now elapsed since her foundation by Constantine. In the course of them, Goths, Huns, Avars, Persians, Bulgarians, Saracens, Russians, and indeed the Ottoman Turks themselves, had made their hostile assaults, or laid siege against it. But the fortifications were impregnable by them. Constantinople survived, and with it the Greek empire. Hence the anxiety of the Sultan Mahomet to find that which would remove the obstacle. 'Canst thou cast a cannon,' was his question to the founder of cannon that deserted to him, 'of the size sufficient to batter down the wall of Constantinople?' Then the foundry was established at Adrianople, the cannon cast, the artillery prepared, and the siege began" (1897 UrS, DAR 510).

"It well deserves remark, how Gibbon, always the unconscious commentator on the Apocalyptic prophecy, puts this new instrumentality of war into the foreground of his picture, in his eloquent and striking narrative of the final catastrophe of the Greek empire. In preparation for it, he gives the history of the recent invention of gunpowder, 'that mixture of saltpeter, sulphur, and charcoal,' tells of its earlier use by the Sultan Amurath,



and also, as before said, of Mahomet's foundry of larger cannon at Adrianople; then, in the progress of the seige itself, describes how 'the volleys of lances and arrows were accompanied with the smoke, the sound, and the fire of the musketry and cannon;' how 'the long order of the Turkish artillery was pointed against the walls, fourteen batteries thundering at once on the most accessible places;' how 'the fortifications which had stood for ages against hostile violence were dismantled on all sides by the Ottoman cannon, many breaches opened, and near the gate of St. Romanus, four towers leveled with the ground:' how, as 'from the lines, the galleys, and the bridge, the Ottoman artillery thundered on all sides, the camp and city, the Greeks and the Turks, were involved in a cloud of smoke, which could only be dispelled by the final deliverance or destruction of the Roman empire:" how 'the double walls were reduced by the cannon to a heap of ruins:' and how the Turks at length 'rising through the breaches,' 'Constantinople was subdued, her empire subverted, and her religion trampled in the dust by the Moslem conquerors.' I say it well deserves observation how markedly and strikingly Gibbon attributes the capture of the city, and so the destruction of the empire, to the Ottoman artillery. For what is it but a comment on the words of our prophecy? 'By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the sulphur, which issued out of their mouths.'" (1897 UrS, DAR 512).

**REVELATION 9:18, 19—BY THESE THREE WAS THE THIRD PART OF MEN KILLED, BY THE FIRE, AND BY THE SMOKE, AND BY THE BRIMSTONE, WHICH ISSUED OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS. FOR THEIR POWER IS IN THEIR MOUTH, AND IN THEIR TAILS: FOR THEIR TAILS WERE LIKE UNTO SERPENTS, AND HAD HEADS, AND WITH THEM THEY DO HURT.**

**"These verses express the deadly effect of the new mode of warfare introduced. It was by means of these agents, - gunpowder, firearms, and cannon, - that Constantinople was finally overcome, and given into the hands of the Turks"** (1897 UrS, DAR 514).

"In addition to the fire, smoke, and brimstone, which apparently issued out of their mouths, it is said that their power was also in their tails. **It is a remarkable fact that the horse's tail is a well-known Turkish standard, a symbol of office and authority.** The meaning of the expression appears to be that their tails were the symbol, or emblem of their authority. The image before the mind of John would seem to have been that he saw the horses belching out fire and smoke, and, what was equally strange, he saw that their power of spreading desolation was connected with the tails of the horses. Any one looking on a body of cavalry with such banners, or ensigns, would be struck with this unusual or remarkable appearance, and would speak of their banners as concentrating and directing their power" (1897 UrS, DAR 514).

**REVELATION 9:20—AND THE REST OF THE MEN WHICH WERE NOT KILLED BY THESE PLAGUES YET REPENTED NOT OF THE WORKS OF THEIR HANDS, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT WORSHIP DEVILS, AND IDOLS OF GOLD, AND SILVER, AND BRASS, AND STONE, AND OF WOOD: WHICH NEITHER CAN SEE, NOR HEAR, NOR WALK: NEITHER**



**REPENTED THEY OF THEIR MURDERS, NOR OF THEIR SORCERIES, NOR OF THEIR FORNICATION, NOR OF THEIR THEFTS.**

“God designs that men shall make a note of his judgments, and receive the lessons he thereby designs to convey. But how slow are they to learn! and how blind to the indications of providence! The events that transpired under the sixth trumpet constituted the second woe; yet these judgments led to no improvement in the manners and morals of men. Those who escaped them learned nothing by their manifestation in the earth. **The worship of devils(demons, dead men deified) and of idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, may find a fulfillment in the saint worship and image worship of the Roman Catholic Church; while of murders, sorceries, (pretended miracles through the agency of departed saints), fornications, and thefts in countries where the Roman religion has prevailed, there has been no lack**” (1897 UrS, DAR 517).

**“The hordes of Saracens and Turks were let loose as a scourge and punishment upon apostate Christendom. Men suffered the punishment, but learned there from no lesson.** (1897 UrS, DAR 517).

**SUMMARY—The first woe led into the second woe and the rise of the Muslim power against idol worship. In these two woes destructive judgments were allowed for 5 prophetic months (150 years) and then 391 years 15 days upon those who were deceived through wickedness. Yet these judgments did not lead the Roman church to repent of its worship of images. Idol worship and other sins continue in the church to this day.**

**Present Truth—History Repeated—Today God still allows judgments to come upon those who profess to worship Him to arouse them to their apostasy. As in history past many refuse to recognize God’s call to repentance and continue to follow false ideas and idol worship instead of following the teachings of the Bible.**

HISTORICAL NOTES—

“In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. **Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire.** According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown “in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;” and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: “Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.”--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840” (The Great Controversy, p. 334).



**“At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations.** The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended” (The Great Controversy, p. 335; 1911 edition).

Notes—



## The Millerite Movement

Angel—#32 (Greek)

1) a messenger, envoy, **one who is sent**, an angel, a messenger from God.

## 7 Trumpets-part 8

REVELATION 10:1—I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

### Mighty angel = Christ

And in the midst of the seven lampstands **One like the Son of Man**, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. **His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow**, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace**, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and **His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength** (Revelation 1:13-16).

I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, **a certain man clothed in linen**, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! His body was like beryl, **his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color**, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. (Daniel 10:5, 6).

Revelation 10:2—**He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.**

### Little book open = Daniel

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. And he said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end.**’” (Daniel 12:4, 9).

“But go your way till the end; and you shall rest, and **shall stand in your allotted place** at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12:13 RSV).

Revelation 10:3—**And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.’**

Revelation 10:5, 6— And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the



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things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **time no longer**.

“Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. And one said to **the man clothed in linen**, who was above the waters of the river, ‘How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?’ Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was **above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever**, that it shall be for **a time, times, and half a time**; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.” (Daniel 12:5-7).

Daniel 10:5, 6 = Jesus appears to Daniel glorified  
Revelation 10:1 = Jesus appears to John glorified

Daniel 12:4, 9 = Book of Daniel “sealed” or closed  
Revelation 10:2 = Book of Daniel unsealed or “open”

Daniel 12:6 = Jesus stands on “waters of the river”  
Revelation 10:2 = Jesus stands on “sea” and “earth”

Daniel 12:7 = Jesus lifts up hands “unto heaven”  
Revelation 10:5 = Jesus lifts up “hand to heaven”

Daniel 12:7 = Jesus “sware by him that liveth for ever”  
Revelation 10:6 = Jesus “sware by him that liveth for ever”

Daniel 12:7, 11, 12 = Jesus says there shall be “time”  
Revelation 10:6 = Jesus says “that there shall be time no longer”

Revelation 10:7—“But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”

“The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**” (Colossians 1:26-28).

Revelation 10:8, 9—“**Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, ‘Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.’ So I went to the angel and**



said to him, ‘Give me the little book.’ And he said to me, ‘Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.’”

“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16).

“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4).

Revelation 10:10, 11— **“And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, ‘Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.’”**

**SUMMARY—In Revelation Chapter 10 the little prophetic book of Daniel is unsealed. Based on the prophetic message of Daniel a world-wide awakening occurs teaching the soon coming of Jesus to the earth in 1844. Those who embrace this message are bitterly disappointed when Jesus does not return. A small number who endure through the disappointment continue to proclaim the prophetic messages of the Bible to all the world.**

**Present Truth—whenever people choose to live by the Word of God they taste the sweet joy of God’s love. They also experience bitter disappointments in this world as they make Christ the center of their lives.**

HISTORICAL NOTES—

**“With intense interest he studied the books of Daniel and the Revelation, employing the same principles of interpretation as in the other scriptures, and found, to his great joy, that the prophetic symbols could be understood.** He saw that the prophecies, so far as they had been fulfilled, had been fulfilled literally; that all the various figures, metaphors, parables, similitudes, etc., were either explained in their immediate connection, or the terms in which they were expressed were defined in other scriptures, and when thus explained, were to be literally understood. ‘I was thus satisfied,’ he says, ‘that the Bible is a system of revealed truths, so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.’--Bliss, page 70. Link after link of the chain of truth rewarded his efforts, as step by step he traced down the great lines of prophecy. Angels of heaven were guiding his mind and opening the Scriptures to his understanding” (The Great Controversy, p. 320).

“Like the first disciples, William Miller and his associates did not, themselves, fully comprehend the import of the message which they bore. Errors that had



been long established in the church prevented them from arriving at a correct interpretation of an important point in the prophecy. **Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered disappointment**” (The Great Controversy, p. 351).

“In explaining Daniel 8:14, ‘Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed,’ Miller, as has been stated, adopted the generally received view that the earth is the sanctuary, and he believed that the cleansing of the sanctuary represented the purification of the earth by fire at the coming of the Lord. When, therefore, he found that the close of the 2300 days was definitely foretold, he concluded that this revealed the time of the second advent. His error resulted from accepting the popular view as to what constitutes the sanctuary” (The Great Controversy, p. 352).

**“God designed to prove His people. His hand covered a mistake in the reckoning of the prophetic periods.** Adventists did not discover the error, nor was it discovered by the most learned of their opponents. The latter said: ‘Your reckoning of the prophetic periods is correct. Some great event is about to take place; but it is not what Mr. Miller predicts; it is the conversion of the world, and not the second advent of Christ.’ (See Appendix.) (The Great Controversy, p. 373).

“The time of expectation passed, and Christ did not appear for the deliverance of His people. **Those who with sincere faith and love had looked for their Saviour, experienced a bitter disappointment. Yet the purposes of God were being accomplished; He was testing the hearts of those who professed to be waiting for His appearing.** There were among them many who had been actuated by no higher motive than fear. Their profession of faith had not affected their hearts or their lives. When the expected event failed to take place, these persons declared that they were not disappointed; they had never believed that Christ would come. They were among the first to ridicule the sorrow of the true believers. (The Great Controversy, p. 374).

Notes—



## Atheism

Measure #3354 (Greek)

1b) metaph. **to judge according to any rule or standard, to estimate.**

# 7 Trumpets-part 9

REVELATION 11:1—Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, ‘Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.’”

### Measure = to judge

“For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: ‘That You may be justified in Your words, **And may overcome when You are judged**’” (Romans 3:3, 4).

### Temple of God = God’s testimony (law/character/love)

“And **the temple of God** was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple **the ark of His testament**” (Revelation 11:9).

“You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put **the Testimony that I will give you**. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the **ark of the Testimony**, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.” (Exodus 25: 21, 22).

### Altar = cross

“**We have an altar**, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. **Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate**” (Hebrews 13:10-13).

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is **the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19).

**Worshippers = those who profess to obey the gospel**“For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17).

Revelation 11:2-4—“**But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months**. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.”



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### **Holy City (Jerusalem) = God's church/people**

“But you have come to **Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect” (Hebrews 12:22, 23).

**42 months = 1260 literal years**

### **Two Witnesses = 2 olive trees/lampstands—OT and NT/Bible**

“**Your word is a lamp** to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

### **Sackcloth = persecution**

“And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions. And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes” (Esther 4:13, 4:3).

Revelation 11:5, 6—“**And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.**”

“For I testify to everyone who hears **the words of the prophecy of this book**: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written **in this book**; and if anyone takes away from **the words of the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Revelation 22:18, 19).

“Thus says the LORD: ‘By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood’” (Exodus 7:17).

“For our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29).

Revelation 11:7—“**When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.**”

**Beast = earthly kingdom**



“**Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings** which arise out of the earth. Thus he said: ‘**The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom** on earth’ (Daniel 7:17, 23).

**Bottomless Pit = earth in a state of darkness, chaos, needing the Spirit of God.**

**Sodom = sexual immorality**

“As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jude 7).

**Egypt = atheistic power**

“And Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? **I do not know the LORD**, nor will I let Israel go” (Exodus 5:2).

**3 ½ days = 3 ½ liter years**

Revelation 11:8—**And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

**Crucified = to turn from Christ and His word**

“If they **fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they **crucify again** for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:6).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 14).

“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**’” (Matthew 25:40).

Revelation 11:9—**Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.**

Revelation 11:10—**And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.**

Revelation 11:11-13—**”Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their**



enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

**Summary**—Jesus was crucified by the rejection of the Word of God and the falling away from the truth and the persecution of God’s people by the nation of France. Yet all the world realized the great peril in rejecting the Bible. France was devastated as by an earthquake. Thousands of the flower of the nation were lost as the Bible lay dead in her streets for 3 and a half years. After this time the Bible was reinstated in France and the Bible was raised higher and higher before the nations and the world.

**Present Truth**—Christ is crucified today by many who reject Him and the Bible. God’s people suffer as well as the nations who turn away from Bible truth, but soon God’s word will be exalted above all earthly powers.

**Historical Notes**—

God’s faithful witnesses, slain by the blasphemous power that “ascendeth out of the bottomless pit,” were not long to remain silent. “After three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.” Revelation 11:11. It was in 1793 that the decrees which abolished the Christian religion and set aside the Bible passed the French Assembly. Three years and a half later a resolution rescinding these decrees, thus granting toleration to the Scriptures, was adopted by the same body. The world stood aghast at the enormity of guilt which had resulted from a rejection of the Sacred Oracles, and men recognized the necessity of faith in God and His word as the foundation of virtue and morality. Saith the Lord: “Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel,” Isaiah 37:23. “Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is Jehovah.” Jeremiah 16:21, A.R.V. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 287.1)

Concerning the two witnesses the prophet declares further: “And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.”

Revelation 11:12. Since France made war upon God’s two witnesses, they have been honored as never before. In 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was organized. This was followed by similar organizations, with numerous branches, upon the continent of Europe. In 1816 the American Bible Society was founded. When the British Society was formed, the Bible had been printed and circulated in fifty tongues. It has since been translated into many hundreds of languages and dialects. (See Appendix.) (*The Great Controversy*, p. 287)



The infidel Voltaire once boastingly said: “I am weary of hearing people repeat that twelve men established the Christian religion. I will prove that one man may suffice to overthrow it.” Generations have passed since his death. Millions have joined in the war upon the Bible. But it is so far from being destroyed, that where there were a hundred in Voltaire’s time, there are now ten thousand, yes, a hundred thousand copies of the book of God. In the words of an early Reformer concerning the Christian church, “The Bible is an anvil that has worn out many hammers.” Saith the Lord: “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.” Isaiah 54:17. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 288.2)

“Where also our Lord was crucified.” This specification of the prophecy was also fulfilled by France. In no land had the spirit of enmity against Christ been more strikingly displayed. In no country had the truth encountered more bitter and cruel opposition. In the persecution which France had visited upon the confessors of the gospel, she had crucified Christ in the person of His disciples. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 271.1)

The same master spirit that urged on the St. Bartholomew Massacre led also in the scenes of the Revolution. **Jesus Christ was declared to be an impostor, and the rallying cry of the French infidels was, “Crush the Wretch,” meaning Christ.** Heaven-daring blasphemy and abominable wickedness went hand in hand, and the basest of men, the most abandoned monsters of cruelty and vice, were most highly exalted. **In all this, supreme homage was paid to Satan; while Christ, in His characteristics of truth, purity, and unselfish love, was crucified.** (*The Great Controversy*, p. 273.1)

“And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.” **Infidel France had silenced the reproving voice of God’s two witnesses. The word of truth lay dead in her streets, and those who hated the restrictions and requirements of God’s law were jubilant.** Men publicly defied the King of heaven. Like the sinners of old, they cried: “How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?” Psalm 73:11. (*Great Controversy*, p. 274)

**It was popery that had begun the work which atheism was completing. The policy of Rome had wrought out those conditions, social, political, and religious, that were hurrying France on to ruin. Writers, in referring to the horrors of the Revolution, say that these excesses are to be charged upon the throne and the church. (See Appendix.) In strict justice they are to be charged upon the church.**

**Rome had misrepresented the character of God and perverted His requirements, and now men rejected both the Bible and its Author. She had required a blind faith in her dogmas, under the pretended sanction of the**



**Scriptures. In the reaction, Voltaire and his associates cast aside God's word altogether and spread everywhere the poison of infidelity.**

**When error in one garb has been detected, Satan only masks it in a different disguise, and multitudes receive it as eagerly as at the first. When the people found Romanism to be a deception, and he could not through this agency lead them to transgression of God's law, he urged them to regard all religion as a cheat, and the Bible as a fable; and, casting aside the divine statutes, they gave themselves up to unbridled iniquity. (Great Controversy, p. 285).**

**From devastated provinces and ruined cities a terrible cry was heard—a cry of bitterest anguish. France was shaken as if by an earthquake. Religion, law, social order, the family, the state, and the church—all were smitten down by the impious hand that had been lifted against the law of God. (The Great Controversy, p. 286).**

### **The Third Woe—7th Trumpet**

**Revelation 11:14—“The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.”**

### **Coming quickly = second coming of Jesus Christ**

**“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown” (Revelation 3:11).**

**“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book” (Revelation 22:7).**

**“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work” (Revelation 22:12).**

**“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).**

**Revelation 11:15—“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’”**

**Revelation 11:16-19—And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations**

**were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.’ Then the temple of God was opened in**



**heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”**

**Summary/Present Truth—The second woe on the earth is the second coming of Jesus. As He returns the nations are angry. The wrath of God, (seven last plagues) are released just prior to and during His return. God’s people are taken to heaven and the 1,000 years follows during which the lost are judged and God’s servants are rewarded, each event follows in order.**

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