

REMNANT PROPHECY SEMINAR

The “Seven Times” 2520 Year Period: A

The Covenant; the Scattering and the Gathering: The period of the ‘Seven Times’ or 2520, as given by Moses in Leviticus 26, is one of the most amazing Time-Prophecies in the Bible. The Daily (508, 538 AD), the 1260, the 1290, the 1335, even the 2300 are all found in this prophetic timeline.

“...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:...that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers.....” Deuteronomy 30:19, 20.

For all to whom this subject is new, we are going to look at the 2520 historically and through the scriptures. We’re going to show all the points from the Bible so you will have a Biblical base and can tie it all together and make it as simple and comprehensible as possible.

Few in our time have heard of this prophecy, it has dropped from our understanding, but it was a very integral part of the Prophecy Chart of 1843, and also found in the 1950 chart. William Miller actually indicated it was the first prophecy relating to time, that he came across in his careful exploration of the Bible in the early 1800s. When you understand the 2520, all the lines of time prophecy, can be found within it.

Neither we, nor the pioneers, have seen in the Bible anything longer than the 2520. Although some challenge its right to be counted as a Time-Prophecy’, it is certainly intriguing enough to warrant a serious investigation. As we search out how much information the Bible gives us of this Seven Times, it is remarkable how often it is subtly woven into well-known stories in ways that few notice.

We’ll begin with the covenant.

“In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, . . . And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and [how] I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These [are] the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.” Exodus 19:1-6.

The Bible says when God brought the children of Israel together, He laid out before them that *if* they would keep the Covenant, they would be a peculiar treasure unto Him and they would be a kingdom of priests and an holy nation.



Now the basis of the covenant is very clear, and at the end of time, when the 144,000 are made up and the Latter Rain falls, before the seven last plagues, the New Covenant will be established. The basis of the covenant has always been the same.

“And he (Moses) was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.” Exodus 34:28.

The basis of the Covenant is the Ten Commandment Law. Looking forward in time we see that when God brings a peculiar people unto Himself, He’s going to remove all sin out of their hearts. He’s going to purify them by the blood of Christ and take away every trace of sin and iniquity. When every trace of sin is gone, that means keeping the Law of God perfectly through the Power of Christ; He does that in His people. The covenant has been the same, it has always been based on the Law.

Now when God gave the covenant to His people, something special transpired when he gave them the law, notice what happened:

“At the very foot of Sinai, Satan began to execute his plans for overthrowing the law of God, thus carrying forward the same work he had begun in heaven. During the forty days while Moses was in the mount with God, Satan was busy exciting doubt, apostasy, and rebellion. While God was writing down His law, to be committed to His covenant people, the Israelites. .” Patriarchs and Prophets 335.

The Israelites were God’s covenant people, they were God’s ‘denominated’ (chosen) people.

“Soon after the encampment at Sinai, Moses was called up into the mountain to meet with God. Alone he climbed the steep and rugged path, and drew near to the cloud that marked the place of Jehovah's presence. Israel was now to be taken into a close and peculiar relation to the Most High--to be incorporated as a church and a nation under the government of God.” Patriarchs and Prophets 303.

The covenant brought them into a peculiar relationship with God. They were incorporated as a church and a nation there. They were to be the covenant people, different from all the people of the world, based on the commandments.

It is seen very clearly, all through the Word of God that the covenant was broken. Moses was given some warnings that he gave to the children of Israel.

Blessings and Curses of the Covenant: Based on this covenant, there were blessings or curses. If the covenant was kept, they would be blest in all these different things. This very text in Leviticus 26 was what was used in the 1843 chart to prove the ‘Seven Times’. They understood the covenant relationship that God had with His people. Both the blessings and the curses were based on the commandments.

First the blessings are pronounced:

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto

the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 “And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 “And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.” Leviticus 26:3-13.

But if they broke the covenant, notice what would happen; the curses are stated in verses

14 “But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 “And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 “And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 “And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of [my] covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. “And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied. And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. “And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 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. And I will make your cities

waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. "And 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. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 "And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 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."

Leviticus 26:14-39.

Over and over the curses mention Seven Times. This Seven Times is mentioned in the Bible in very intricate ways. We know that the Bible was ordained of God, the stories there, the history there, is the history God has laid out for us here at the end of the world.

Seven Times Chastisement for Willful Disobedience:

Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28:

26:14 "But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; **15** And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments...."

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

26:21 "And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins."

26:24 "Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins."

26:28 "Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins."

Conditions for re-instatement of favor with God laid out plainly in verses 40-43:

- a. v. 40—confess iniquities.
- b. v. 40—confess iniquities of fathers.
- c. v. 41—humbling of hearts.
- d. v. 41, 43—acceptance of punishment—(note this).

A Biblical Time is 360 Days or One Biblical Year.

1. A day for a year.

“After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even], forty years and ye shall know my breach of promise.” Numbers 14:34.

“And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have appointed thee each day for a year.” Ezekiel 4:6.

The ‘Seven Times’, 2520 years was the punishment.

Nebuchadnezzar Punished Seven Times: 2520 Literal Days.

Nebuchadnezzar dwelling amongst the beasts for seven literal years (2520 days), and his return to glory, is an allegory of God’s people who will be gathered back to Him after the seven times of being scattered. The pioneers and Miller saw this as representing the 2520 years that was against Israel.



“The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word [was] in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, [saying], O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling

[shall be] with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” Daniel 4:30-32.

Nebuchadnezzar’s pride was punished by being driven to dwell with the Beasts until Seven Times would pass and he would know that the Most High ruleth. For not keeping in mind the fact of Who was in control, Nebuchadnezzar would be punished for 2520 literal days, seven years. The principle here is he was driven to be with the Beasts of the field.

Notice the quotation from Miller’s works volume 2, pg. 261:

"Seven times," in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, was fulfilled in seven years. Nebuchadnezzar, for his pride and arrogance against God, was driven among the beasts of the field, and was made to eat grass as oxen, until seven times passed over him, and until he learned that the Most High ruled in the kingdoms of men, and gave it to whomsoever he would. This being a matter of history, and as an allegory or sample to the people of God for their pride and arrogance, in refusing to be reformed by God, and claiming the power and will to do these things themselves,—they, too, like Nebuchadnezzar, must be driven among the beasts of the field, (meaning the kingdoms of the world,) until they learn the sovereignty of God, and that he dispenses his favors to whomsoever he will. That, being a matter of history, and a sample only, was fulfilled in seven years; but this, being a prophecy, will only be fulfilled in seven prophetic times, which will be 7 times 360 years, which will make 2520 years;"

Miller saw this story as an allegory for God's people, who for their pride and arrogance would be dwelling amongst 'the beasts of the field', the kingdoms of the world—scattered! Seven Times 360 is 2520.

The Dividing of Israel:

There are Two Periods of Seven Times or 2520 Days Punishment.

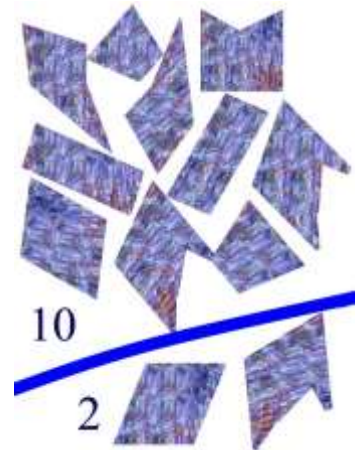
Israel, God's covenant people, chosen people, was divided into two parts, two nations, a Northern and a Southern kingdom.

Because of the Sins of Solomon, Israel would be divided into Two Kingdoms, the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

“And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: [but] I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; [but] will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.” 1 Kings 11:9-13.

God Promises Jeroboam Ten Tribes, which Became the Northern Kingdom.

“And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two [were] alone in the field: And Ahijah caught the new garment that [was] on him, and rent it [in] twelve pieces: And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:” 1 Kings 11:29-31.



So the dividing of the kingdom was ten tribes and two.

“(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my

name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.” 1 Kings 11:32-37,

Now it is interesting, the promise was that because of the sins of Solomon, Israel would be divided. The southern tribes were two tribes, Judah and Benjamin. The Northern tribes were the other ten. Here God promises Jeroboam:

“And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do [that is] right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.” 1 Kings 11:38, 39.

Now at Mount Sinai, they were as a single people when they became the covenant people; 12 tribes of Israel; one kingdom. Here we see that because of the sins of Solomon, the tribes were to be divided, split into North and South. Then the very same covenant being given to Jeroboam shows us that the covenant also was split into two. The Northern tribes had the covenant and promises and curses, the Southern tribes had the covenant and promises and curses.

This makes it clear to us that anyone who turns to God with all his heart and in His power, keeps the commandments and statues, making the Word of God the foundation of his life, will be considered by God as part of the covenant people, the ‘chosen ones’.

Therefore, if the Northern tribes broke the covenant, the 2520 would be inflicted on them; if the Southern tribes broke the covenant, the 2520 would be inflicted on them, and so it’s not just one line, but two lines; one for the North and one for the South.

Now this particular train of thought was not a pioneer understanding. Miller saw both the 2520s but primarily taught about the BC 677 one that ended in 1843 (1844.) Later Hiram Edson wrote up about the BC 723 Seven Times time-line for the Northern kingdom that ended in 1798. Both are important and there were in fact, two Seven-Times Timelines that combine as one overall prophetic time-line; one representing the Scattering, the other the Gathering.

Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, becomes King of the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin.

“But [as for] the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.” 1 Kings 12:17.

To be Continued: Part B.