



## Cyrus - 1989

“Daniel’s prayer had been offered “in the first year of Darius” ( verse 1), the Median monarch whose general, Cyrus, had wrested from Babylonia the scepter of universal rule. The reign of Darius was honored of God. To him was sent the angel Gabriel, “to confirm and to strengthen him.” Daniel 11:1. **Upon his death, within about two years of the fall of Babylon, Cyrus succeeded to the throne, and the beginning of his reign marked the completion of the seventy years since the first company of Hebrews had been taken by Nebuchadnezzar from their Judean home to Babylon.**

The deliverance of Daniel from the den of lions had been used of God to create a favorable impression upon the mind of Cyrus the Great. The sterling qualities of the man of God as a statesman of farseeing ability led the Persian ruler to show him marked respect and to honor his judgment. **And now, just at the time God had said He would cause His temple at Jerusalem to be rebuilt, He moved upon Cyrus as His agent to discern the prophecies concerning himself, with which Daniel was so familiar, and to grant the Jewish people their liberty.**” - {Prophets and Kings, pg.556.4, 557.1}

“Today the church of God is free to carry forward to completion the divine plan for the salvation of a lost race. For many centuries God’s people suffered a restriction of their liberties. The preaching of the gospel in its purity was prohibited, and the severest of penalties were visited upon those who dared disobey the mandates of men. As a consequence, the Lord’s great moral vineyard was almost wholly unoccupied. The people were deprived of the light of God’s word. The darkness of error and superstition threatened to blot out a knowledge of true religion. **God’s church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.**” - {Prophets and Kings, pg. 714.1}

“The “man of sin,” which is also styled “the mystery of iniquity,” “the son of perdition,” and “that wicked,” **represents the papacy**, which, as foretold in prophecy, was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 years. **This period ended in 1798.** The coming of Christ could not take place before that time. Paul covers with his caution the whole of the Christian dispensation down to the year 1798. It is this side of that time that the message of Christ’s second coming is to be proclaimed. No such message has ever been given in past ages. Paul, as we have seen, did not preach it; he pointed his brethren into the then far-distant future for the coming of the Lord. The Reformers did not proclaim it. Martin Luther placed the judgment about three hundred years in the future from his day. **But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has increased, and many have proclaimed the solemn message of the judgment near.**” - {Great Controversy, pg.356.2}

- Ascent of Cyrus to the throne marks end of 70 years captivity (ToE).
- 70 year captivity parallels 1260 which ended in 1798 (ToE).
- Cyrus experienced an Increase of Knowledge paralleling the opening of the book of Daniel in 1798.

## Cambyses – loK

“All that heaven could do in behalf of the people of God was done. The victory was finally gained; **the forces of the enemy were held in check all the days of Cyrus, and all the days of his son Cambyses**, who reigned about seven and a half years. This was a time of wonderful opportunity for the Jews. The highest agencies of heaven were working on the

hearts of kings, and it was for the people of God to labor with the utmost activity to carry out the decree of Cyrus. They should have spared no effort to restore the temple and its services, and to reestablish themselves in their Judean homes. But in the day of God's power many proved unwilling...**During the reign of Cambyses the work on the temple progressed slowly.**" - {Prophets and Kings, pg.571.2-572.2}

- Cyrus and Cambyses are tied together by inspiration as ToE and IoK are tied together.
- During the reign of Cambyses the work progressed slowly.
  - Similarly, when Miller had an increase of knowledge on the prophecies from 1816- 1818, the work for that time was moving at a slow pace.
  - Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the work of this movement progressed slowly, notwithstanding the increase of knowledge on Daniel 11:40-45 which was understood in 1992.

### **False Smerdis – Formalisation of the Message**

During the reign of Cambyses the work on the temple progressed slowly. And during the reign of the false Smerdis (called Artaxerxes in Ezra 4:7) the Samaritans induced the unscrupulous impostor to issue a decree forbidding the Jews to rebuild their temple and city. {PK 572.2}

Ezekiel 37:7, 8; Matthew 3:1-12; David's first anointing.

- According to Ezekiel's message, in the time of the first message there is a noise (a voice) and a shaking.
- John's message was a voice crying in the wilderness and was met with opposition from the leadership of his day and age.
- David's first anointing lines up with the history of 1989-9/11 and confirms the fact that within this history there is a controversy over the first message. This is illustrated by Saul's response to David after this anointing.
- The formalised message is the first message of a reform movement, and based on the above lines controversy and opposition are attached to it.
- In the reign of False Smerdis, we see an opposition to the work committed to the Jews, and in this sense, the events of his history can illustrate the dynamics associated with the formalisation of the message—it is put together and presented within the context of controversy.
- This was the case with the message of Daniel 11:40-45.

### **Darius Hystaspes – 9/11**

Ezra 5:6

"And now, many years later, the Lord was preparing the way for these thousands who had lingered, to return. A chain of circumstances was rapidly leading to the **confirmation** of the decree of Cyrus and the issuance of a **second decree by Darius Hystaspes.**" - {Review and Herald, December 26, 1907, par. 16}

“In the seventh chapter of Ezra the decree is found. Verses 12-26. In its completest form it was issued by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, 457 B.C. But in Ezra 6:14 the house of the Lord at Jerusalem is said to have been built “according to the commandment [“decree,” margin] of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.” **These three kings, in originating, reaffirming, and completing the decree, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 years.** Taking 457 B.C., the time when the decree was completed, as the date of the commandment, every specification of the prophecy concerning the seventy weeks was seen to have been fulfilled.” - {Great Controversy, pg.326.3}

Forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty persons, enough to people quite a respectable city, returned, under the proclamation of Cyrus, to the site of Jerusalem, to rebuild the house of the Lord. And the sacred vessels which had been taken away were also restored. Ezra 5:13-15. Fifty-two years after the complete destruction of the first temple, the foundation of the second was laid by Zerubbabel. The prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, encouraged the builders. Ezra 5:1; 6:14. Hindered fifteen years through the influence of the Samaritans and others, **it was at length finished and dedicated in the sixth year of Darius Hystaspes, B.C.515, twenty-one years after its commencement.** {1898 UrS, LUJ 79.1}

- Temple finished under Darius Hystaspes paralleling the commencement of the building of the temple at 911 (Exo 40:1-2, 17).

Such were the conditions existing during the early part of the reign of Darius Hystaspes. Spiritually as well as temporally, the Israelites were in a pitiable state. So long had they murmured and doubted; so long had they chosen to make personal interests first, while viewing with apathy the Lord's temple in ruins, that many had lost sight of God's purpose in restoring them to Judea; and these were saying, "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built." Haggai 1:2. {PK 573.2}

For over a year the temple was neglected and well-nigh forsaken. The people dwelt in their homes and strove to attain temporal prosperity, but their situation was deplorable. Work as they might they did not prosper. **The very elements of nature seemed to conspire against them. Because they had let the temple lie waste, the Lord sent upon their substance a wasting drought. God had bestowed upon them the fruits of field and garden, the corn and the wine and the oil, as a token of His favor; but because they had used these bountiful gifts so selfishly, the blessings were removed.** {PK 573.1}

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Revelation 3:14-20

- The Jews were in a Laodicean condition in the time of Darius Hystaspes.
- This typifies 911 when the third angel (the Laodicean message) was empowered.

### **Xerxes the Great – Midnight**

“Meanwhile conditions in the Medo-Persian realm were rapidly changing. Darius Hystaspes, under whose reign the Jews had been shown marked favor, was succeeded by Xerxes the

Great. It was during his reign that those of the Jews who had failed of heeding the message to flee were called upon to face a terrible crisis. Having refused to take advantage of the way of escape God had provided, now they were brought face to face with death.” - {Prophets and Kings, pg.600.1}

“It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,” and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul’s need to be supplied.” - {Christ Object Lessons, pg.412.1}

- Crisis typifying Midnight occurred during the reign of Xerxes the Great (Ahasuerus).

The events that followed in rapid succession,--the appearance of Esther before the king, the marked favor shown her, the banquets of the king and queen with Haman as the only guest, the troubled sleep of the king, the public honor shown Mordecai, and the humiliation and fall of Haman upon the discovery of his wicked plot,--all these are parts of a familiar story. God wrought marvelously for His penitent people; and a counter decree issued by the king, allowing them to fight for their lives, was rapidly communicated to every part of the realm by mounted couriers, who were "hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment." "And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them." Esther 8:14, 17. {PK 602.1}

The decree that will finally go forth against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews. Today the enemies of the true church see in the little company keeping the Sabbath commandment, a Mordecai at the gate. The reverence of God's people for His law is a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling on His Sabbath. {PK 605.2}

Satan will arouse indignation against the minority who refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will COMBINE to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals, men will STIR UP the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for Sunday laws. But those who fear God, cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield will be fought the last great conflict in the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Today, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people. {PK 605.3}

### Prediction before Midnight - Tidings out of the North

The prophet is now inspired with an earnest message to the children of Israel who are still in Babylon, the land of their captivity. At the time the decree of Cyrus was given, nearly a score of years before, only a comparatively small number, a mere "remnant," had returned to Judea. By far the greater portion had failed of discerning the opening

providence of God, as revealed in the decree of King Cyrus. They had chosen to remain behind, in a heathen land, rather than to return to Jerusalem. {RH, December 26, 1907 par. 15}

“Their [the exiles’] efforts were brought to the notice of Darius Hystaspes, who was the monarch ruling at that time; and he was impressed to issue a second decree, **fully as favorable as the one issued by Cyrus over twenty years before**. Thus did God, in mercy, provide another wonderful opportunity for the Jews in the Medo-Persian capital, and throughout the provinces, to return to the land whence they had been carried captive. **And the Lord not only wrought a change of feeling in the hearts of men in authority, so that they favored the Jews in their realm; but he also inspired Zechariah, his prophetic messenger, to plead with them most earnestly to flee from their Babylonian surroundings, and return to Jerusalem.**” - {Review and Herald, January 23, 1908, par. 6}

And now, many years later, the Lord was preparing the way for these thousands who had lingered, to return. A chain of circumstances was rapidly leading to the confirmation of the decree of Cyrus and the issuance of a second decree by Darius Hystaspes. **The Lord foresaw the troublous times that would soon follow in the reign of Xerxes--the Ahasuerus of the book of Esther. And so, in a time of special favor and opportunity, the message was given through Zechariah:** -- {RH, December 26, 1907 par. 16}

“**Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north**, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the Lord of hosts: After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me.” {RH, December 26, 1907 par. 17}

- Psalm 102:13-16

### **Ho, Ho - Out of the cities - out of the cities**

“**Out of the cities; out of the cities!**”—this is the message the Lord has been giving me. The earthquakes will come; the floods will come; and we are not to establish ourselves in the wicked cities, where the enemy is served in every way, and where God is so often forgotten. The Lord desires that we shall have clear spiritual eyesight. We must be quick to discern the peril that would attend the establishment of institutions in these wicked cities. **We must make wise plans to warn the cities, and at the same time live where we can shield our children and ourselves from the contaminating and demoralizing influences so prevalent in these places.**—Life Sketches, 409, 410(1906).” - {Country Living, pg.31.4}

### **Overflowing Scourge - Papacy**

#### **Isaiah 28:15, Revelation 6:8**

“Before the **overflowing scourge** shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry: Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible.” - {Adventist Home, pg.139.5}

### **The crisis**

“**But ere long there will be such strife and confusion in the cities, that those who wish to leave them will not be able.** We must be preparing for these issues. This is the light

that is given me.—The General Conference Bulletin, April 6, 1903.” - {Country Living, pg. 11.1}

Haggai:

The promise, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it,” was literally fulfilled. Verse 9. “The elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of **Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo**. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar [the twelfth month], which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.” Ezra 6:14, 15. {PK 596.1}

“**Zechariah**, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet,” began to prophesy “in the eighth month, in the second year of Darius”—only a few days after the Lord had assured the Israelites through **Haggai** that the glory of the house they were building would be greater than the glory of the former temple built by Solomon. Zechariah’s first message was an assurance that God’s word never fails, and a promise of blessing to those who harken unto the sure word of prophecy. {RH December 19, 1907, par. 1}

- Zechariah and Haggai laboured contemporaneously. Hence Haggai can also be located at the PBM.

Haggai 2:6-9

[6] For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; [7] And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. [8] The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. [9] 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.

- “Desire of all nations” - Christ (DA 52.3). He comes at Midnight (mareh) and fills the temple with His glory (church triumphant).
  - Hence Zechariah’s prophesying is about the establishment of the church triumphant.
  - The glory of the new house (church triumphant) will exceed the glory of the former (SDA).

Haggai 2:10-14

[10] In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, [11] Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, [12] If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. [13] Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. [14] Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the Lord; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

- God's people are identified as unclean.
  - SDA forms an image of the beast at Midnight.
  - Could also be speaking about the foolish priests who received the message of the second angel at 911. They are declared "unclean" when their probation is closed at Midnight.

Haggai 2:20-23

[20] And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, [21] Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; [22] And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. [23] In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.

- Prophecy about Zerubbabel being made a signet.
- Zerubbabel means "from Babylon." He is a symbol of the wise priests who heed the call to come out of Babylon at 911.
  - The wise priests become a signet or are sealed at Midnight when they become the church triumphant.
  - The church triumphant is established at a time when God is bringing judgements upon the nations.

### Artabanus - Midnight Cry

According to Aristotle , **Artabanus was responsible for the death of Crown Prince Darius.** He then became afraid that Xerxes would seek revenge and proceeded to **assassinate the King.** On the other hand, Junianus Justinus reported that Artabanus had **personal ambitions for the throne.** He first secretly murdered Xerxes and then accused Darius of parricide , resulting in his execution. The order of events remain uncertain but Xerxes and Darius certainly left the throne vacant. Artabanus' course of action is also uncertain. **Some accounts have him usurping the throne for himself.** Others consider him to have named young Artaxerxes I as King and to have acted as Regent and power behind the throne . This state of affairs would not last more than a few months. **Artaxerxes reportedly slew him with his own sword, either in battle or by surprise.** Artabanus is occasionally listed among the Kings of the Achaemenid dynasty though he was not related to them.

"Artabanus was in control of the Achaemenid state for seven months and was recognized as king by Egypt. Finally, however, he was betrayed by his fellow conspirator Megabyzus and was killed by Artaxerxes." - {<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Artabanus>}

ASSASSINATE, v.t. 1. To kill or attempt to kill, **by surprise** or secret assault; to murder **by sudden violence.** Assassin as a verb is not now used. 2. To way lay; **to take by treachery.**

Revelation 8:10, 11

"In the interpretation and application of this passage, we are brought to the third important event which resulted in the subversion of the Roman empire. And in finding a

historical fulfilment of this third trumpet, we shall be indebted to the Notes of Dr. Albert Barnes for a few extracts. In explaining this scripture, it is necessary, as this commentator says, - {1897 UrS, DAR 484.3} "That there should be some chieftain or warrior who might be compared to a blazing meteor; whose course would be singularly brilliant; **who would appear suddenly LIKE a blazing star, and then disappear like a star whose light was quenched in the waters.** That the desolating course of this meteor would be mainly on those portions of the world which abounded with springs of water and running streams; that an effect would be produced as if those streams and fountains were made bitter; that is, that many persons would perish, and that wide desolations would be caused in the vicinity of those rivers and streams, as if a bitter and baleful star should fall into the waters, and death should spread over lands adjacent to them, and watered by them." - Notes on Revelation 8. {1897 UrS, DAR 484.4}

It is here premised that this trumpet has allusion to **the desolating wars and furious invasions of Attila against the Roman power**, which he carried on at the head of his hordes of Huns. Speaking of this warrior, particularly of his personal appearance, Mr. Barnes says:- {1897 UrS, DAR 485.1} "In the manner of his appearance, he strongly resembled a brilliant meteor flashing in the sky. He came from the East gathering his Huns, and poured them down, as we shall see, **with the rapidity of a flashing meteor, suddenly on the empire.** He regarded himself also as devoted to Mars, the god of war, and was accustomed to array himself in a peculiarly brilliant manner, so that his appearance, in the language of his flatterers, was such as to dazzle the eyes of beholders." {1897 UrS, DAR 485.2}

- Artabanus was a usurper who assassinated the king.
- The characteristic of surprise or sudden violence is associated with Attila the Hun (third trumpet) who can be placed at the MC.
  - Sudden crisis (Image of the beast) brought on by Donald Trump at the MC. His actions will be precipitated by a radical Islamic attack that cripples the United States. (Balaam's foot crushed against the wall).

### Artaxerxes - Sunday Law

But it was not until several years later, **in the seventh year of Artaxerxes I, the successor of Xerxes the Great**, that any considerable number returned to Jerusalem, under Ezra. {PK 602.3}