

## Habakkuk's Two Tables #33

PART FOUR: DANIEL

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S AND MILLER'S DREAM

#### AN ALLEGORY

"1st. 'Seven times,' in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, was fulfilled in seven years. Nebuchadnezzar, for his pride and arrogancy 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 arrogancy**, 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; for one half of 7 times, that is, 3 times and a half, is called, in Revelation 12:6, 1260 days, (fulfilled in so many years.))" *Miller's Works*, volume 2, 261.

**ALLEGORY:** A figurative sentence or discourse, in which the principal subject is described by another subject resembling it in its properties and circumstances. The principal subject is thus kept out of view, and we are left to collect the intentions of the writer or speaker, by the resemblance of the secondary to the primary subject. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

**"Study Nebuchadnezzar's dream as recorded in the fourth chapter of Daniel.**

The king saw a lofty tree planted in the earth. . . .

"Let men become lifted up in pride, and the Lord will not sustain them and keep them from falling. **Let a church become proud and boastful, not depending on God, not exalting His power, and that church will surely be left by the Lord, to be brought down to the ground.** Let a people glory in wealth, intellect, knowledge, or in anything but Christ, and they will soon be brought to confusion." *Testimonies*, volume 8, 126–127.

Daniel 4:1–5

I thought it good to show **the signs and wonders** that the high God hath wrought toward me. Daniel 4:2.

**"To the last ruler of Babylon, as in type to its first,** had come the sentence of the divine Watcher: 'O king, . . . to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.' Daniel 4:31." *Prophets and Kings*, 533.

**TYPE: A sign;** a symbol; a figure of something to come; as, Abraham's sacrifice and the paschal lamb, were types of Christ. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*.

**Sign: H852**—a *portent*:— sign.

#### ASK THEE A SIGN

##### VIRGIN BIRTH (TIME OF THE END)

Isaiah 7:10–16; Matthew 1:21–23

##### THE EASTERN STAR (ISLAM)

Matthew 2; Luke 21:7, 30

##### THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (THE SUNDAY LAW)

Matthew 24:15

##### SHEPHERDS (STARS)

Luke 2:12

##### SIMEON (A REJECTED SIGN)

Luke 2:34

##### JONAH (THREE DAYS AND FORTY-SIX YEARS)

Matthew 16:1–4; John 2:18–20

##### THE BREAD OF HEAVEN (REVELATION 10:8–10)

John 6:30

#### SIXTY-FIVE YEARS (742BC)

Isaiah 7:4–7

For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and **within threescore and five years** shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established. Isaiah 7:8–10.

#### ISAIAH AND HIS CHILDREN

Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. Isaiah 8:18.

#### 723BC

Moreover the Lord said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria. Isaiah 8:1–4.

**MAHERSHALALHASHBAZ: H4122**—*hasting* (as he (the enemy) to the) *booty*, *swift* (to the) *prey*.

## 677BC

Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. Isaiah 7:3.

### **SHEARJASHUB: H7610**—*a remnant will return.*

If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established. Isaiah 7:10.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20.

“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.’

“Isaiah 8:20. ‘To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this work, it is because there is no light in them.’

“Two texts are here set before God’s people: two conditions for success. The law spoken by Jehovah himself, and the spirit of prophecy, are the two sources of wisdom to guide His people in every experience. Deuteronomy 4:6. ‘This is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, who shall say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

“The law of God and the Spirit of Prophecy go hand in hand to guide and counsel the church, and whenever the church has recognized this by obeying His law, the spirit of prophecy has been sent to guide her in the way of truth.

“Revelation 12:17. ‘And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ This prophecy points out clearly that the remnant church will acknowledge God in His law and will have the prophetic gift. Obedience to the law of God, and the spirit of prophecy has always distinguished the true people of God, and **the test is usually given on present manifestations.**

“In Jeremiah’s day the people had no question about the message of Moses, Elijah, or Elisha, but they did question and put aside the message sent of God to Jeremiah until its force and power was wasted and there was no remedy but for God to carry them away into captivity.

“Likewise in the days of Christ the people had learned that Jeremiah’s message was true, and they persuaded themselves to believe that if they had lived in the days of their fathers they would have accepted his message, but at the same time they were rejecting Christ’s message, of whom all the prophets had written.

“As the third angel’s message arose in the world, which is to reveal the law of God to the church in its fullness and power, the prophetic gift was also immediately restored. This gift has acted a very prominent part in the development and carrying forward of this message.

“As differences of opinion have arisen in reference to interpretations of Scriptures and methods of labor, calculated to unsettle the faith of believers in the message and lead to disunion in the work, the spirit of prophecy has always thrown light on the situation. It has always brought union of thought and harmony of action to the body of believers. In every crisis that has arisen in the development of the message and the growth of the work, those who have stood firmly by the law of God and the light of the Spirit of prophecy have triumphed and the work has prospered in their hands.” *Loma Linda Messages*, 33–34.

#### LITERAL AND SPIRITUAL FOOD

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and **scatter his fruit**: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches. Daniel 4:13–14.

#### SCATTERED FOUNDATIONAL FRUIT

**Fruit: H4**—fruit.—From an unused root (meaning to *be tender*); *green*, that is a young *ear* of grain; hence the name of the month *Abib* or Nisan:—Abib, ear, green ears of corn.

This day came ye out in the month **Abib**. Exodus 13:4.

Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month **Abib**; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) Exodus 23:15.

#### BRASS AND IRON

“The Lord made a covenant with Israel that, if they would obey His commandments, **He would give them rain in due season**, the land should yield her increase, and the trees of the field should yield their fruit. He promised that their threshing should reach unto the vintage and the vintage unto the sowing time, and that they should eat their bread to the full and dwell in their land safely. He would make their enemies to perish. He would not abhor them, but would walk with them and would be their God, and they should be His people. But if they disregarded His requirements, He would deal with them **entirely contrary** to all this. **His curse** should rest upon them in place of His blessing. He would break their pride of power and would make the heavens over them as **iron** and the earth as **brass**. ‘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. And if ye walk contrary unto Me,’ ‘then will I also walk contrary unto you.’” *Testimonies*, volume 2, 661.

#### EGYPT

“He [Moses] was to present before them the wonderful manifestations of God’s power in bringing them forth from **the iron furnace**, which figure well illustrated their cruel and degrading bondage in Egypt.” *Signs of the Times*, March 10, 1881.

#### THREE AND A HALF YEARS OF DROUGHT

“Ahab knew that it was by the word of God that the heavens had become as **brass**, yet he sought to cast upon the prophet the blame for **the heavy judgments** resting on the land.” *Prophets and Kings*, 139.

#### CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON

“God had said that His people should be saved, that the yoke He would lay upon them should be light, if they submitted uncomplainingly to His plan. Their **servitude** was represented by a yoke of wood, which was easily borne; but resistance would be met with corresponding **severity**, represented by **the yoke of iron**.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 172.

#### CAPTIVITY IN SPIRITUAL BABYLON

“**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*, 714.

#### BRASS—GREECE; IRON—ROME: THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

“It is not wise to send our youth to universities where they devote their time to gaining a **knowledge of Greek and Latin**, while their heads and hearts are being filled with the sentiments of the infidel authors whom they study in order to master these languages. They gain a knowledge that is not at all necessary, or in harmony with the lessons of the great Teacher. Generally those educated in this way have much self-esteem. They think they have reached the height of higher education, and carry themselves proudly, as though they were no longer learners. They are spoiled for the service of God. The time, means, and study that many have expended in gaining a comparatively useless education should have been used in gaining an education that would make them all-round men and women, fitted for practical life. Such an education would be of the highest value to them.

“What do students carry with them when they leave our schools? Where are they going? What are they going to do? Have they the knowledge that will enable them to teach others? Have they been educated to be wise fathers and mothers? Can they stand at the head of a family as wise instructors? In their home life can they so instruct their children that theirs will be a family that God can behold with pleasure, because it is a symbol of the family in heaven? Have they received the only education that can truly be called ‘higher education’?

“What is higher education? No education can be called higher education unless it bears the similitude of heaven, unless it leads young men and young women to be Christlike, and fits them to stand at the head of their families in the place of God. If, during his school life, a young man has failed to gain a **knowledge of Greek and Latin** and **the sentiments contained in the works of infidel authors**, he has not sustained much loss. If Jesus Christ had deemed this kind of education essential, would he not have given it to his disciples, whom he was educating to do the greatest work ever committed to mortals, to represent him in the world? But, instead, he placed sacred truth in their hands, to be given to the world in its simplicity.

“There are times when Greek and Latin scholars are needed. Some must study these languages. This is well. But not all, **and not many**, should study them. Those who think that a knowledge of Greek and Latin is essential to a higher education, cannot see

afar off. Neither is a knowledge of the mysteries of that which the men of the world call science necessary for entrance into the kingdom of God. It is Satan who fills the mind with sophistry and tradition, which exclude the true higher education, and which will perish with the learner.

“Those who have received a false education do not look heavenward. They cannot see the One who is the true Light, ‘which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.’ They look upon eternal realities as phantoms, calling an atom a world, and a world an atom. Of many who have received **the so-called higher education, God declares, ‘Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting,’**—wanting in a knowledge of practical business, wanting in a knowledge of how to make the best use of time, wanting in a knowledge of how to labor for Jesus.” *Review and Herald*, August 17, 1897.

#### AT THE END OF THE DAYS

And **at the end of the days** I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth forever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? **At the same time my reason returned** unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and **my counsellors and my lords sought unto me**; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. Daniel 4:34–37.

But go thou thy way **till the end be**: for **thou shalt rest**, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Daniel 12:13.

#### THE CLOSING PERIOD OF WORLD’S HISTORY

“Honored by men with the responsibilities of state and with the secrets of kingdoms bearing universal sway, Daniel was honored by God as His ambassador, and was given many revelations of the mysteries of ages to come. His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, were not fully understood even by the prophet himself; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that ‘**at the end of the days**’—in **the closing period** of this world’s history—he would again be permitted to **stand in his lot and place.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 547.

#### 1798 & 1989

“Daniel stood in his **lot** to bear his testimony which was sealed until **the time of the end, when** the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 115.

#### THE DIRT BRUSH MAN

“Daniel has been standing in his **lot since the seal was removed** and the light of truth has been shining upon his visions. He stands in his **lot**, bearing the testimony which was to be understood at **the end of the days.**” *Sermons and Talks*, volume 1, 225–226.