

## The 2520 "Mirror"

The 2520 year prophecy, also known as the "Curse of Moses", the "Seven Times", the "Scattering", the "Indignation", and the "Times of the Gentiles", was first intimated that it was about to go into effect in the days of Isaiah and Ahaz in the southern kingdom of Judah (Isa. 7:1-9).

Syria and the northern kingdom of Israel had joined together to lay siege upon Jerusalem in a civil war, and God told Isaiah to go and meet Ahaz and tell him that Samaria and Syria would fail to gain the victory. Isaiah prophesied that within sixty-five years (three-score and five years) Ephraim would be broken and be not a people. This was in the days of Pekah and Rezin (742 B.C.). Then as a warning Isaiah said, "If you will not believe, you will not be established." Did Ahaz believe? We read in 2 Chronicles 28:19-25 that he did not.

"For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD. . . And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers."

So how did Isaiah's 65-year prophecy come to be fulfilled?

Isaiah 8:5 The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,  
 6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;  
 7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:  
 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

Israel-Samaria was taken captive and scattered by the Assyrians in 723 B.C., 19 years after Isaiah prophesied the fall of Syria and Samaria. Ahaz should have believed Isaiah, but because he didn't Judah was taken in 677 B.C. exactly 65 years after Isaiah's prophecy. So we can see that both starting points of the two 2520s were proclaimed by God through His faithful prophet Isaiah.

Because of their rebellion, Samaria-Israel was destroyed by Assyria (the "rod of Mine anger" Isa.10:5) in 723 BC (2 Ki.17:6); and Manasseh, king of Judah went captive to Babylon in 677 BC (2 Chron. 33:11).

2520 years (of God's "indignation") later these two dates finish in 1798 and 1844, respectively, 46 years apart (which are also the plural "desolations" of Dan.9:26).

Jesus said He is the "first and the last" (Rev. 1:11). It is interesting to note that as the beginning of the first 2520 was brought to the knowledge of God's people during a civil war, 19 years before it went into effect, so knowledge of the 2520 was lost to God's people 19 years after the last 2520 ended, again, during a civil war, as is evidenced by its absence from James White's 1863 Chart, in a "mirror" effect.

