The Prophecy of the 2520 Years, or "7 Times"

Israel rebelled against God until finally the "curse of Moses" went into effect (Dan. 9:11; Lev. 26:28). The "curse" is "7 times" or 7 x 360 days per year = 2520 days/years of curse.

King Nebuchadnezzar was out in the field for "7 times" under God's "indignation". For ancient Israel the "7 times" is also called "the times of the Gentiles," the "treading down" of God's people and the "scattering time." In Early Writings, p.74, as Ellen White explains the "scattering" and "gathering" times, she also endorses the 1843 Chart and the SDA pioneer understanding of Daniel's "daily" as first paganism in general, then papal Rome in particular, oppressing God's people for 2520 years.

The time of curse began at two separate times (46 years apart), first for the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria), and second for the southern kingdom of Judah. This is clearly explained in a series of Review and Herald articles by Hiram Edson (January 3, 1856 - #14).
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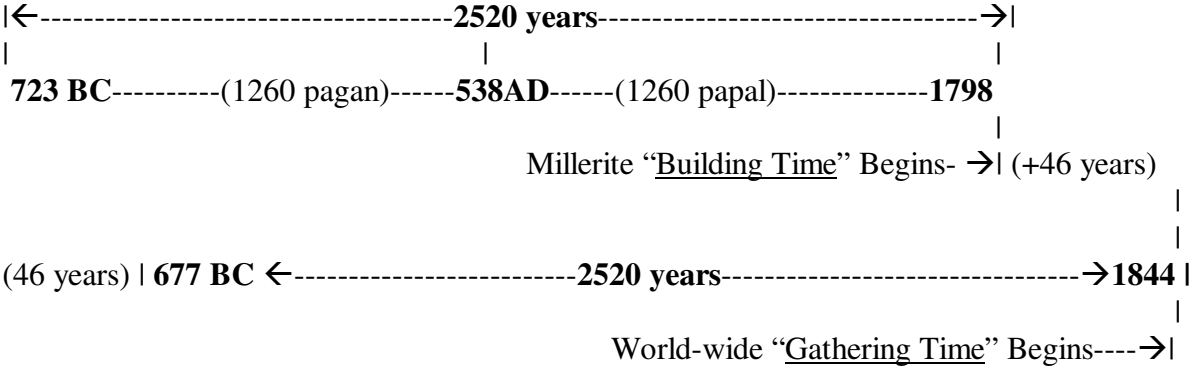
Because of their rebellion, Samaria/Israel was destroyed by Assyria (the "rod of Mine anger" Isa.10:5) in 723 BC (2 Ki.17:6); and Manasseh, king of Judah went captive to Babylon in 677 BC (2 Chron. 33:11).

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).

In 1798 this "treading down" of God's people (also known as "the times of the Gentiles" and the "scattering time") ended at the pope's capture by Napoleon Bonaparte's atheistic France.

In 1844 God "set his hand the second time" to gather His people (the "gathering time" in EW 74), into the "glorious land," the United States. (Here is the Dan. 11:45 connection according to Edson's articles), and God "married" them to Himself again (as He first did at Mt. Sinai when He gave His people the Decalogue), by re-giving them His Sabbath, and giving them "His own name" our denominational name, "Seventh-day Adventists."

The 46 year gap corresponds to the 46 days (a day for a year; Num.14:34; Eze. 4:6) when Moses was up on Mt. Sinai receiving the plans for the wilderness tabernacle; and also to when the Jews told Jesus that it took 46 years to build the temple in Jerusalem. So, God was "building the Temple" of His Remnant Church from 1798 to 1844. Literal Israel (old covenant) was replaced by the true Spiritual Israel, the world-wide new-covenant Sabbath-keeping Church. (Also a new prophet was provided.)

The time-line is charted below and could be called by any of the following terms:

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