

On the verge of the reign of terror by coarse men coming to power.
Two types of Scattering.

The Change from Scatter to Broken.

12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to *scatter* the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. KJV

12:7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time.[b] When the power of the holy people has been finally *broken*, all these things will be completed." NIV

Note: Will the power of the Holy people ever be broken? This rendering of the verse is supposed to confirm a second reign for the papacy. Yet note the following explanations.

God's Scattering His People by Persecution.

This prophetic period of twelve hundred and sixty years began in 538; the law of God was changed, and the Sabbath of the decalogue was trampled under foot of men. Both the law of God and the saints of God were bound for "a time, times, and a half" by the power which exalteth itself above Jehovah, as described in Dan. 7:25. ***The persecution tended only to scatter the power of the holy people; and at the time of the end both the law of God and the people were restored.*** The "time, times, and a Margin half" ended in 1798. Since that time the Word of God has been freely circulated among the people. The prophecies have been studied, the judgment message of Revelation 14 has been proclaimed, and in 1844, at the close of the twenty-three hundred days, light shone from the sanctuary above, revealing the true Sabbath of the Lord. {1901 SNH, SDP 263.2}

Note: It matters not why Sunday is exalted and made a civil law, in the name of the Jesus or the pope, the 4th commandment is trampled underfoot.

Or, we may, without particularly altering the sense, refer the pronoun he to the one mentioned in the oath of verse 7, as "Him that liveth forever;" that is, God, since he employed the agency of earthly powers in chastising and disciplining his

people, and in that sense may be said *himself to scatter their power*. By his prophet he said concerning the kingdom of Israel, 'I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, . . . until He come whose right it is.' Eze.21:27. And again, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke21:24. Of like import is the prophecy of Dan.8:13: "How long the vision . . . to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?" Who gives them to this condition?—God. Why?—To discipline; to "purify and make white" his people. How long?—Till the sanctuary is cleansed. {1897 UrS, DAR 311.1}

Note: Jews were scattered to reach all hearers. Eze. 21:27; So to Christians Matt 28:19; 26:31. Because we want support by our fellow beings, dose that mean if we are scattered by God we would lose trust in Him. "38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, *shall be able to separate us from* the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8.

God Scattering the truth.

Dan. 12:5-7. At the end of 1260 years, 1798, *the power of the holy people (the Bible) would be scattered*. British Bible Society organized 1804; American 1816. {1919 SNH, BHB 127.6}

"*Ascended up to heaven.*"—To understand this expression, see Dan. 4:22: "Thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven." Here we see that the expression signifies great exaltation. Have the Scriptures attained to such a state of exaltation as here indicated, since France made war upon them?—They have. Shortly after, the British Bible Society was organized (1804); then followed the American Bible Society (1817); and these, with their almost innumerable auxiliaries, are *scattering* the Bible everywhere. Since that period, the Bible has been translated into nearly two hundred different languages that it was never in before; and the improvements in paper-making and printing within the last seventy-five years have given an impetus to the work of *scattering* Bible which is without a parallel. {1897 UrS, DAR 536.2}

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The Reign of Terror had established itself in France. Whoever was suspected of hostility toward the tyranny, was immediately hurried to the scaffold; to be lukewarm was no protection. Margin Old age and youth alike suffered. Wild license was given to divorce and to profligacy. "*There were seen, even in the hall of the convention, throngs of coarse and fierce men, and coarser and fiercer women*

with their songs and wild outcries and gestures." "Crowds escorted the batch of victims carried on carts each day to the place of execution, and insulted them with their brutal shouts." Men of other nations looked on in utter astonishment. The worship of reason was abolished, and the convention passed a resolution acknowledging the existence of God, but *denouncing Christianity* as a base superstition. Thus the Reign of Terror went on. "The deaths from want," says one historian, "much exceeded a million. France was on the brink of a great famine on the Asiatic scale." But men grew weary of bloodshed, and "great fear fell upon them which saw" these things. The God of heaven called a halt. Nations of the earth had seen the consequences of rejecting the Word of Jehovah; they had had before them, in the Reign of Terror, a most terrible example of the rejection of the principles of the Reformation. The Spirit of God was again recognized as residing in the "two witnesses," and *before all nations the Scriptures have since been exalted.* Those nations, which adhered most closely to the truths developed in the withdrawal from Roman tyranny, have *taken the lead* in the work of education, in invention, in judiciary matters, and in all lines of progress. Copies of the Word of God have been multiplied until the ^{Margin} poorest are without excuse, if they remain unsupplied. Before the terrors in France, little attention was given to foreign missions; but in 1804 the British Bible Society was organized. Thirteen years later, the American Bible Society came into existence, and millions of copies of the Word have been printed. Its translation into hundreds of different languages has placed ignorance of the Scriptures entirely out of the question. {1905 SNH, SSP 201.2}

Webster: Coarse: 1. of ordinary or inferior quality or value 3. crude or unrefined in taste, manners, or language.

Fierce:

1 a : violently hostile or aggressive in temperament

b : given to fighting or killing : **pugnacious**

2 a : marked by unrestrained zeal or vehemence

b : extremely vexatious, disappointing, or intense

3. furiously active or determined

4. wild or menacing in appearance

Ps. 12:8 The wicked walk on *every side*, when the vilest men are *exalted*.

Pro. 29:12 If a ruler hearken to lies, *all his servants* are wicked.

Pro. 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.* 16 The prince that wanteth understanding, *is also a great oppressor*: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

Note: Not a politician, no experience, etc.

Ecc. 4:13 Better is a poor and a wise child ***than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.*** 10:5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, ***as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:*** 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. . . 16 Woe to thee, O land, ***when thy king is a child,*** and thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Blessed art thou, O land, ***when thy king is the son of nobles,*** and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

Judges 9:14 Then said all the trees ***unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.*** 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and ***put your trust in my shadow:*** and ***if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour*** the cedars of Lebanon.

Note: No Loyalty to this ruling bramble, not supporting everything it says, not defending at the cost of your conscience results in, the cedars being attacked, publicly shamed, belittled, “ten times harder,” worse is coming.

It would be far more consistent for nations to abolish their statutes, and permit the people to do as they please, than for the Ruler of the universe to annul His law, and leave the world without a standard to condemn the guilty or justify the obedient. ***Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power.*** It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth. { GC 584.2}