

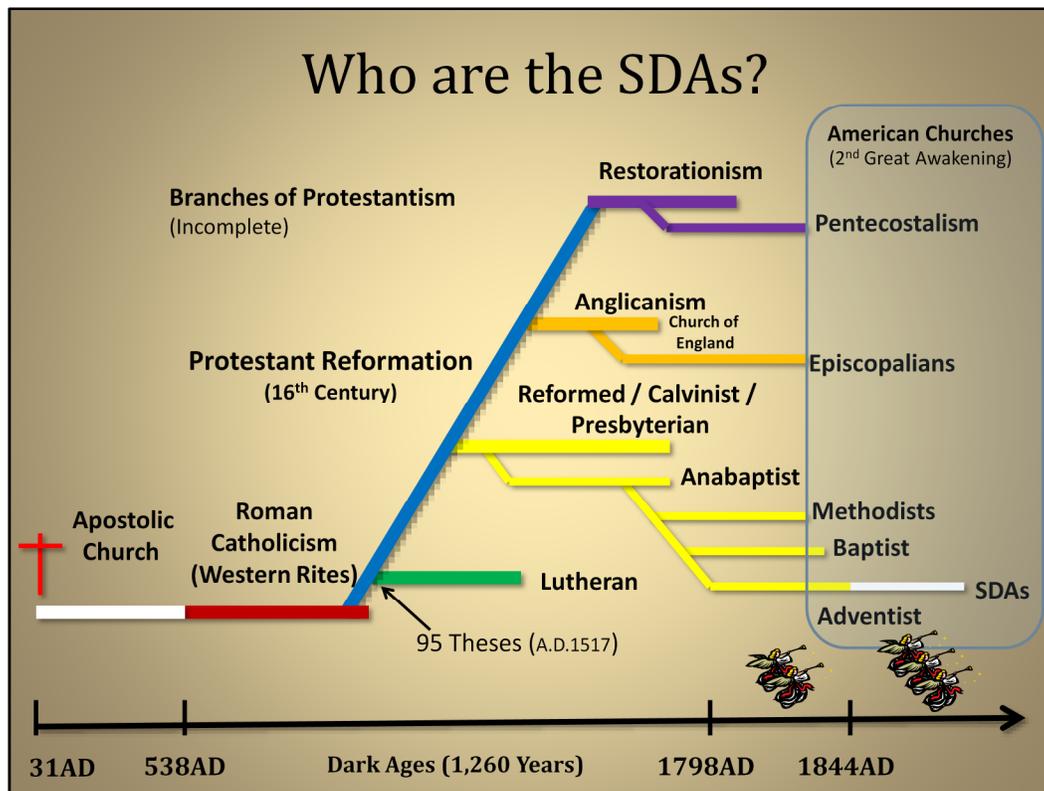
Who are the Seventh-day Adventists?

Who are the SDAs? (What's in a Name?)

Seventh-day: We are followers of Jesus Christ who are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9)! We honor God as both mankind's Creator and Redeemer by upholding the seventh-day as a day of *Rest* (*Exodus 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15*). The word Sabbath means Rest. Therefore, we cease from our labors after six-days and worship on the seventh-day, just as God ceased from His labors after six days and rested

Adventist: The word *Advent* means: an arrival of a notable person or event; therefore, we are anticipating and making preparation for ourselves and others, the arrival of Jesus Christ at His Second Coming

Reason for this sermon is that **we as a people often suffer from Spiritual Amnesia and even Psychosis**, where we lose sight of our identity! For the guests among us we'd like you to know a few things that makes Seventh-day Adventists distinct



SDAs are an **outgrowth of the Second Great Awakening** occurring after May 19, 1780 with the visible fulfillment of prophecies spoken by Jesus and Joel (Matthew 24:29; Joel 2:30, 31)

Protestant Reformation Movement - Movement to Protest and Reform the "**Popular**" church, but **NOT the ONLY church**, during an era of Spiritual Darkness that lasted 1,260 years. The "**Popular**" church was the **Church of Rome**, the other church was called the **Church in the Wilderness** (Revelation 12:6, 13-16). The Reformation came from the influences of the Church of the Wilderness and by God raising-up men of principle, character and conviction to **Protest and call for Reform** the corruptions within the Catholic Church. Martin Luther, a Catholic Monk was one such reformer who in A.D.1517 posted 95 Theses (95 specific corruptions within the Church of Rome system, including Salvation by Works, and Indulgencies [monetary payment for the remission of sins]) upon the church in Wittenberg calling for reform. Because the Catholic Church refused to reform, these men who were moved by conscience saw no room for compromise but left the Church of Rome, upholding those truths which God had revealed

Lutherans – followers of Martin Luther

Anabaptists (Menonites, Amish, Hutterites) - believed in Rebaptism

Methodists - (John Wesley) – believed in the methodical study of the Bible, not men's traditions

Baptists - Baptism by immersion only, not sprinkling; No infant Baptism

Seventh-day Baptists - Baptists who honored and kept the 7th-day Sabbath; the Seventh-day Adventists learned about the Sabbath from the Seventh-day Baptists

Adventists - Entrusted with an understanding of Bible prophecy to proclaim a specific message. A Movement made up of Protestants from all other denominations who were **called-out** by a prophetic message to be separate from spiritual confusion (*Babylon*- from "Babel")

Seventh-day Adventists - came directly from the Adventist Movement from 1798-1844, and were given understanding of the errors made during the Advent Movement that were prophetically chronicled in the Bible. This group would fulfill God's warning "Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11) with a specific message, embodied in the Three Angel's Message of Revelation 14.



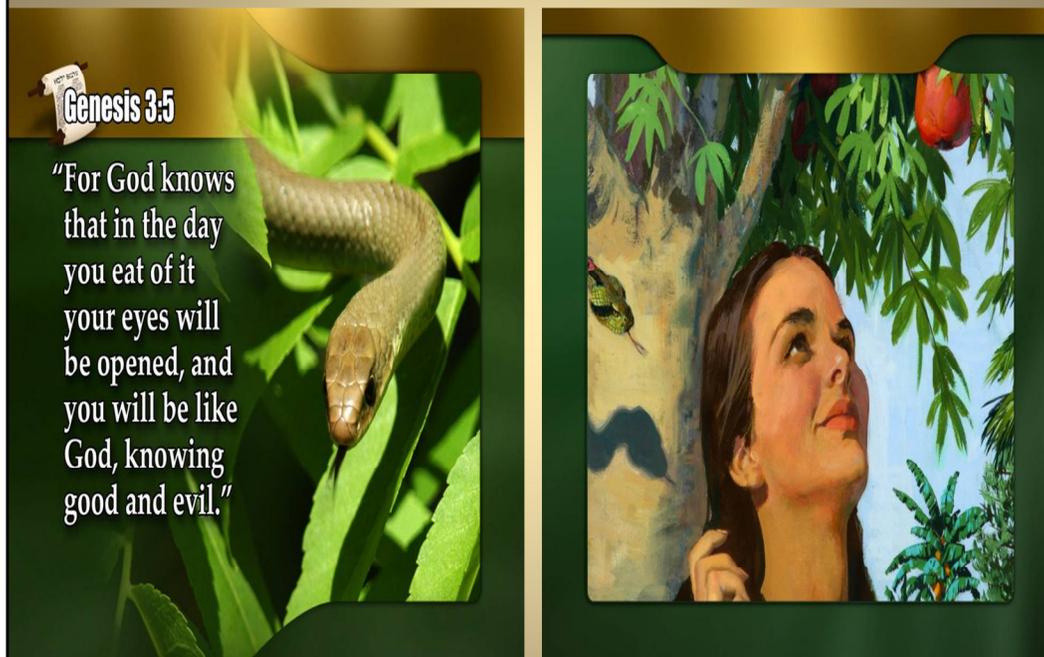
Though it would appear to be a **relatively recently formed organization**, to understand What is a Seventh-day Adventist we must understand that its Roots/History date back to the **Garden of Eden**

Creation took place in 6 literal days and then God:

- Rested on the 7th-day [He who neither sleeps, slumbers nor grows weary (Isa 40:28; Psa 121:4)]
- Blessed the 7th-day
- Sanctified the 7th-day [set-aside for holy use; a 24hour period]

There were no Jews, Baptists, Methods, Blacks, Whites, Asians, just humanity embodied in Adam and Eve - Sabbath was instituted for all of mankind, not just the Jews

The Serpent Deceived Eve



ADAM & EVE kept the Sabbath but became Adventists only after the Fall

They were people of the Everlasting Covenant/Gospel

Everlasting Covenant is a Prophetic Message

Prophecy is a spiritual gift from God, revealing things past, present, and future based on the Word of God (Revelation 1:19; Ecclesiastes 1:9, 3:15; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 22-25; Isaiah 8:20)

The Everlasting Covenant (The Everlasting Gospel)

“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: “(Genesis 3:14 KJV)

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

(Genesis 3:15 KJV emphasis added)

God is speaking to the serpent in the hearing of Adam & Eve

Analyzing the Everlasting Covenant

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“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do [them].” Ezekiel 36:26, 27

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.” 1 John 3:1

“Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.” John 7:6, 7

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you... He that hateth me hateth my Father also.” John 15:18, 23

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“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the **great dragon** was cast out, that **old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:7-9



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For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.” Revelation 12:1,2

“...I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.” Revelation 21:9



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“Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” John 8:44

“Now the sons of Eli [were] sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.” 1 Samuel 2:12

“But [the sons] of Belial [shall be] all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:” 2 Samuel 23:6



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“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:3

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.” Galatians 3:16

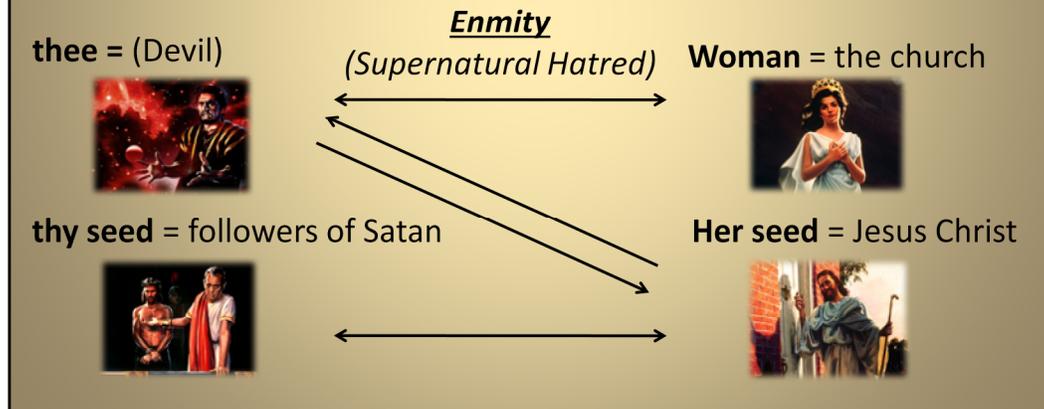
“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also [is] Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12



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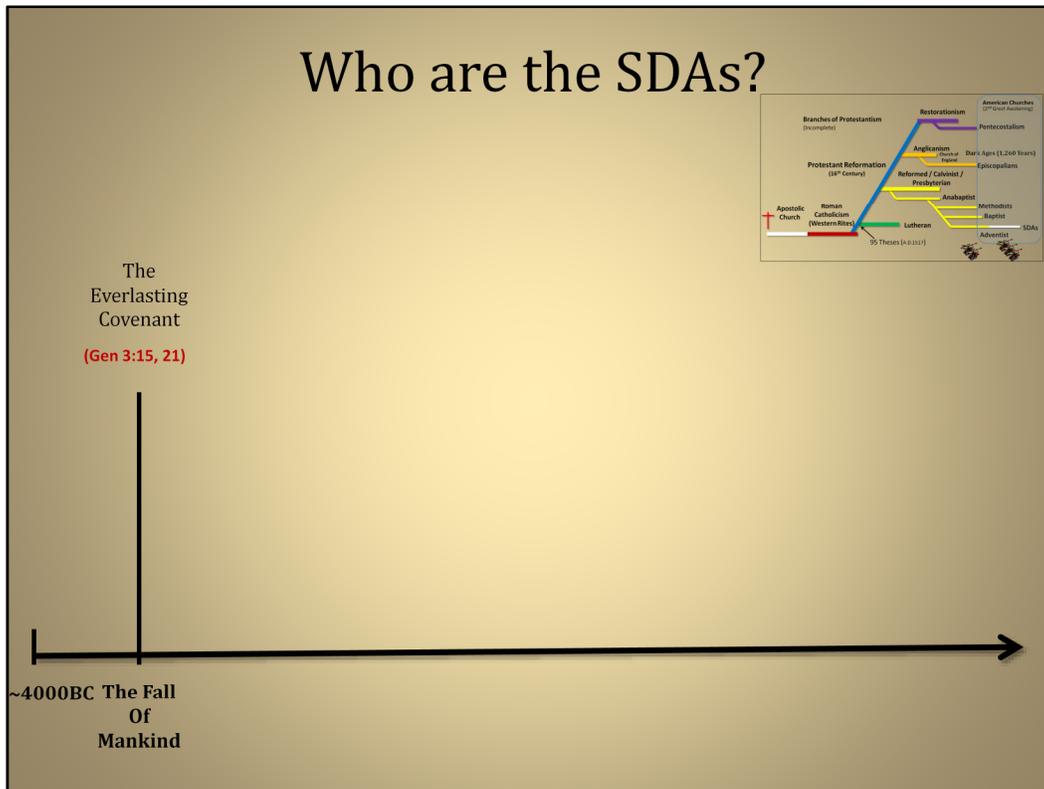
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God alone will fulfill the Everlasting Covenant by His strength, through the Son, Jesus Christ

- Jesus will instill a supernatural hatred for sin in His followers
- The devil will hate Jesus' Bride, the Church, the faithful followers of Christ
- Followers of the devil will hate Jesus, the Seed of the Woman and the Head of His Body, the Church
- Jesus will bruise (crush, destroy) the devil's head, but will endure a bruise (crushing) to His heel at the Cross

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The Everlasting Covenant was **ratified** (put into effect) through the **shedding of blood**. The tunics of skin made to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness required the sacrifice of an innocent animal (Genesis 3:21). Adam was instructed in the sacrificial system as a symbol/token of what God would do in sacrificing His Son to cover man’s nakedness [our sinful condition]. All who agreed with God’s plan and desired that its benefits be applied to their lives would perform a sacrifice of an unblemished animal as token of God’s sacrifice for humanity.

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The Everlasting Covenant
(Gen 3:15, 21)

Abel was an SDA
(Gen 4:4; Heb 11:4)

~4000BC The Fall Of Mankind

Restoration
American Churches (21st Great Awakening)
Pentecostalism

Anglicanism (Church of England)
Dar. Age (1,2-18th Century)
Episcopalian

Protestant Reformation (16th Century)
Reformed / Calvinist / Presbyterian

Anabaptist
Methodist
Baptist

Lutheran

Roman Catholicism (Western Rite)

Apostolic Church

SDA

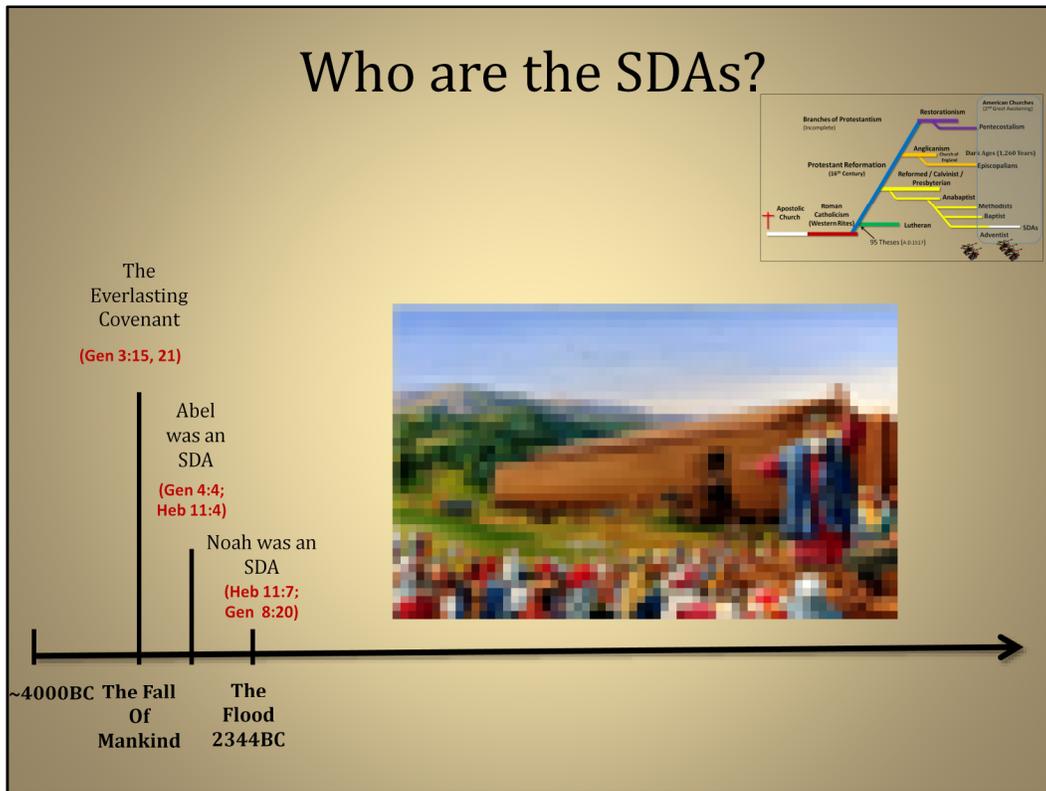
ABEL was a Seventh-day Adventist

Both Cain and Abel kept the Sabbath as they were taught by their parents. Abel like his brother Cain, was taught of the Fall of Humanity and God's Plan of Redemption, His Plan of Grace, to save mankind, restore man's lost position and eradicate sin.

Abel appreciated God's Plan and the great cost involved in fulfilling the Plan. In appreciation for God's intended sacrifice of His Son, Abel offered a lamb as a sacrifice, showing his acceptance of the Plan for himself and desire to be a partaker of its blessings.

Cain, however, scorned the great cost for his salvation and thought that he could present an offering to show his efforts to please/appease God. Cain gathered of the crops that he painstakingly harvested to present as an offering to God. Cain knew what was required of him, but chose to present an offering of his own devising. Cain, by inspiration of Satan, perverted worship of the True God and in this act, created a new religion based on his own works and merits (paganism).

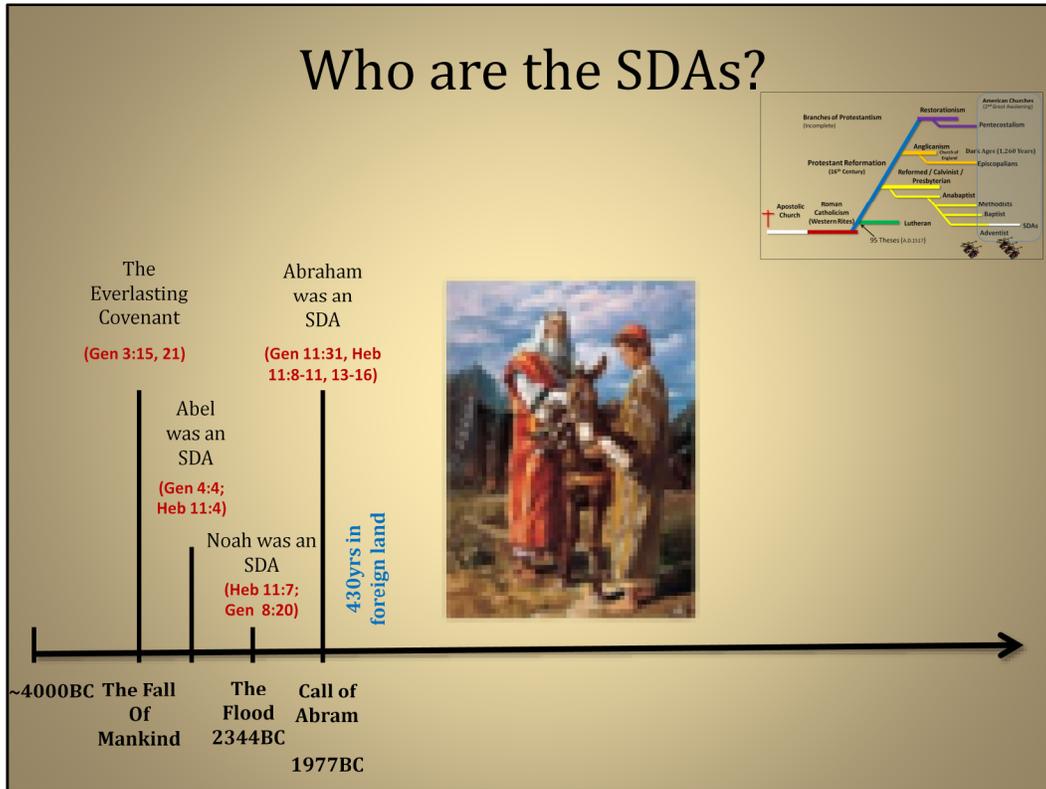
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NOAH, a minister of the gospel, bore a prophetic message to the world (“*being warned of God of things not yet seen*”) and by it, he moved with godly fear/wisdom and condemned the world (**Hebrews 11:7**) - Noah was a Seventh-day Adventist.

- Upon exiting the Ark, Noah immediately reconfirmed his acceptance of the Everlasting Covenant by sacrificing one of each of the **clean animals** from the ark

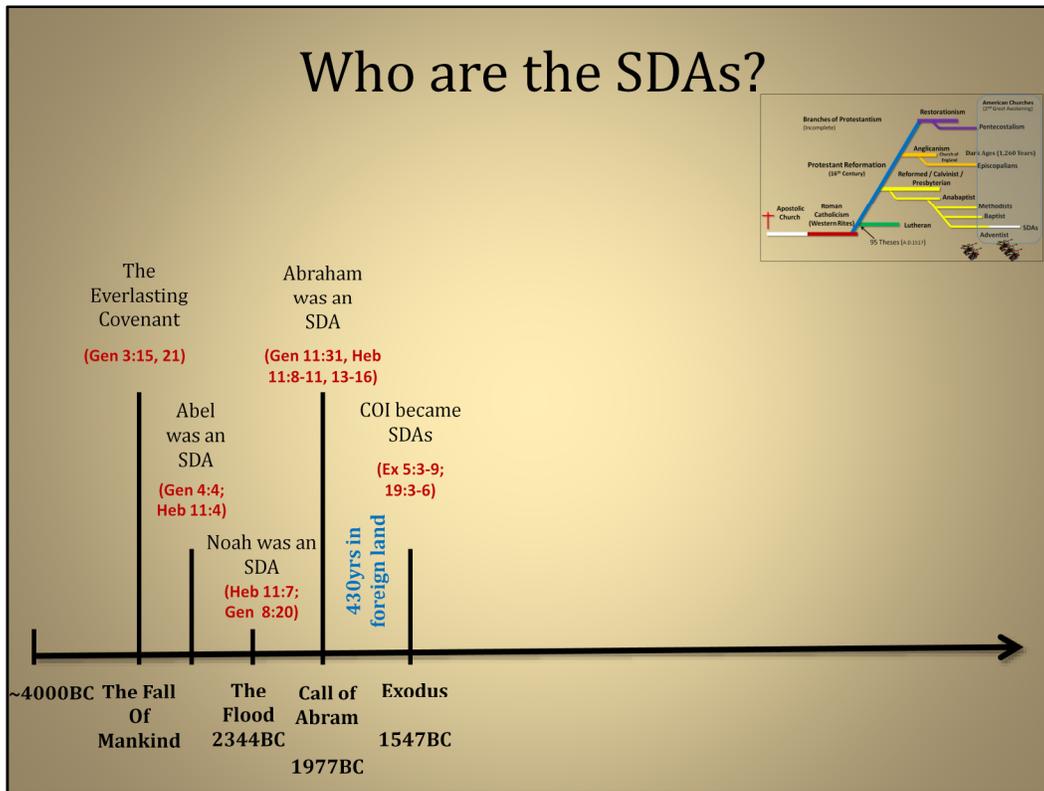
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ABRAHAM was a Seventh-day Adventist, being **called out** of the land of the Chaldeans [Babylon- confusion], he embraced the promise of God to be the forefather of Jesus Christ and waited for a city whose Builder and Maker is God (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16). Abraham was a Seventh-day Adventist

- Abraham prefigured God's great work of sacrificing His son when he offered up Isaac

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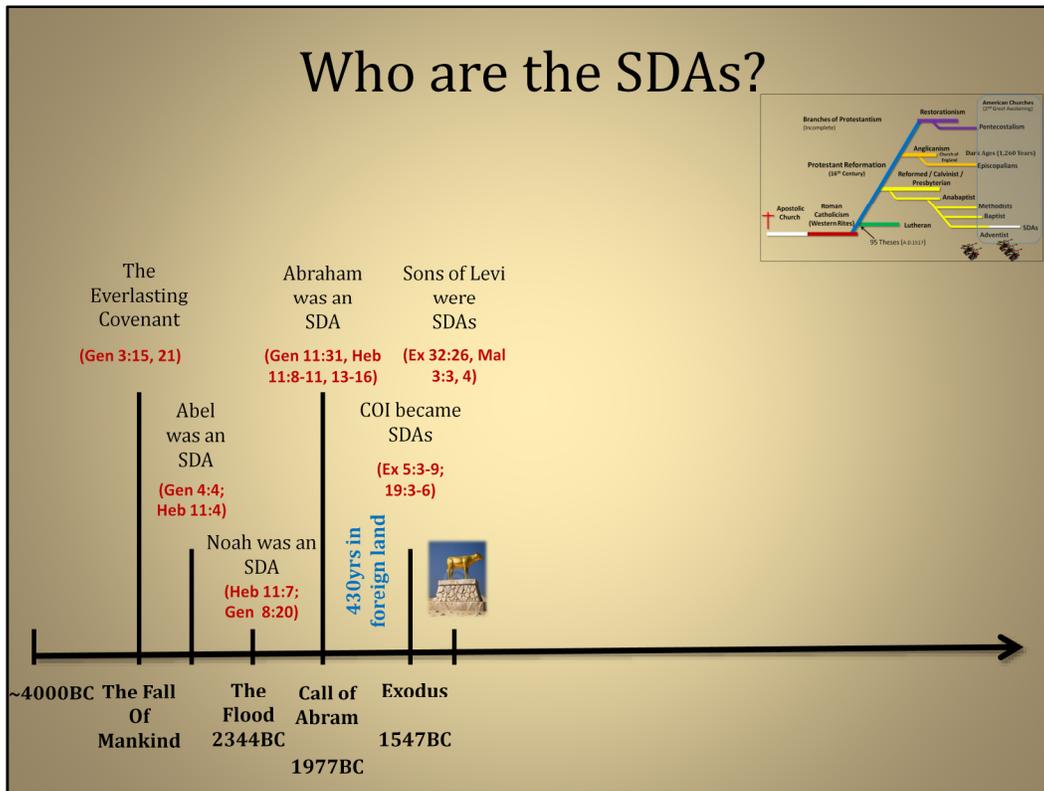


Descendents of Abraham, the **Children of Israel (COI)** would dwell in a foreign land for 430years, would become "slaves to darkness", and would lose much of their knowledge of God, His commandments, His teachings and His Prophecies. God needed to:

- Deliver them from bondage
- Call them out
- Purify them

so they would be able to fulfill their purpose and calling. In fact the first thing that God brought to their attention before their complete deliverance from bondage was to show them His commandments. God reinstated the practice of keeping the Sabbath which Pharaoh forbade because he forced the Hebrews to work 7 days a week while in Egypt (**Exodus 5:3-9**). God reinstated the sacrificial system, forbidden by the Egyptians who venerated animals, at the first Passover in Egypt so that the people were reminded of the Everlasting Covenant. The Children of Israel after years of bondage, became Seventh-day Adventists.

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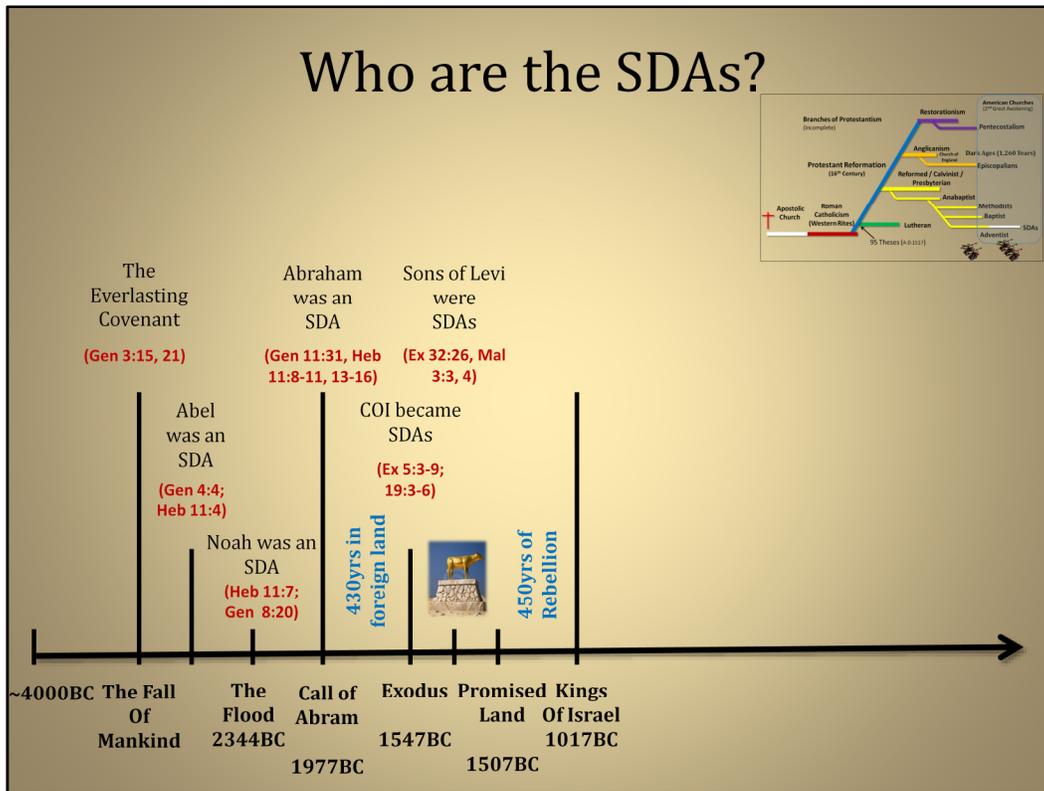


God delivered the descendents of Abraham, the **Children of Israel (COI)** and entered into covenant with them (Exodus 19:3-6). Relying on their own frail strength rather than the Omnipotence of God, the COI in response to God's covenant corporately said "*All that the Lord has said, we will do*" (v7, 8). God therefore gave them 10 explicit Commandments that they should keep in obedience to their covenant agreement. The **day of testing and trial occurred 46 days later** where God would see who would be truly faithful to Him (Exodus 32). God called Moses, Aaron and his sons, Joshua and 70 elders to the base of Mt Sinai where they waited for a word from the Lord for 6 days. On the 7th day which was a Sabbath, Moses was called to the top of the mountain by himself where he stayed 40 days with God and received the commandments, written in stone (Exodus 24:1-18). On the 40th day, God told Moses to go back to the camp because the people had apostatized, turned their backs on God. Aaron, the spiritual leader of Israel, who with Moses was used to demonstrate 10 miracles of God before Pharaoh and was later appointed High Priest over the people while Moses served as the Prophet of the Lord, lacked spiritual backbone and allowed the people to coerce him into making a golden calf (Exodus 32:1-14). An **Image to a Beast**. **Where were the Seventh-day Adventists now among this multitude?**

They were the Sons of Levi who never rebelled and worshipped the golden calf and They were among those who once rebelled, but heard the **Loud Cry** of warning and grace from the Lord to repent and separate from the rebellious ones before their destruction (Exodus 32:25-29, Revelation 18:1-4). God would kill 3000 men (not including women or children) in the rebellion

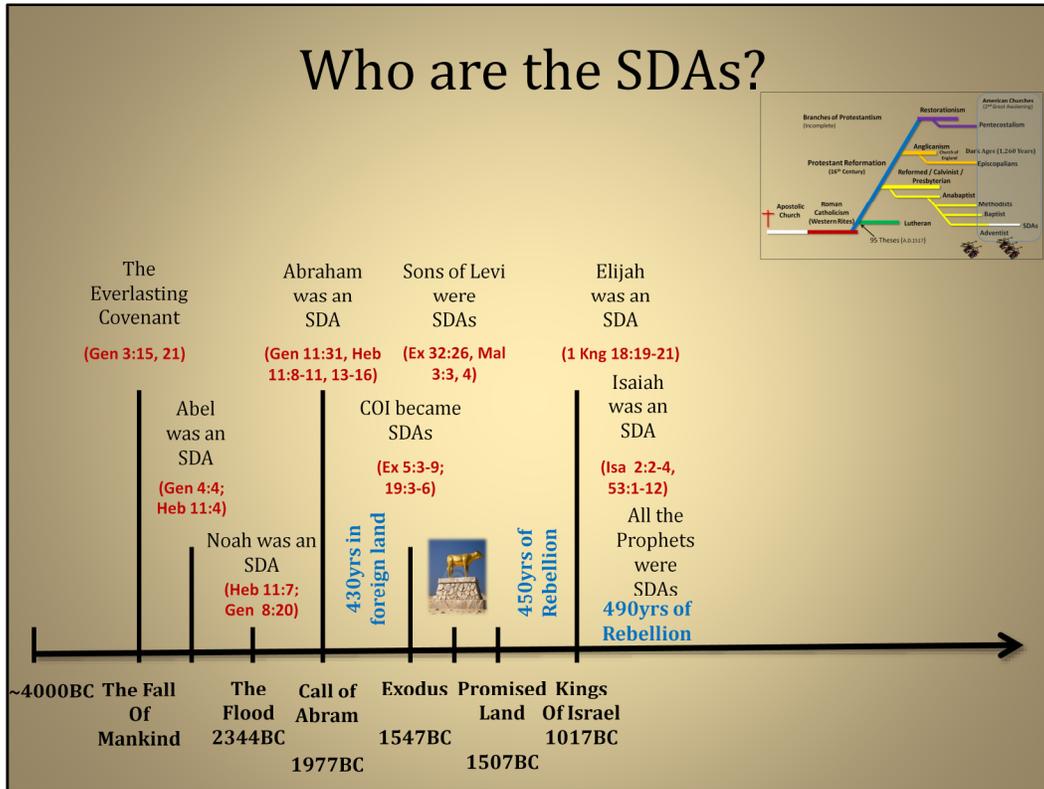
As a result of their faithfulness, the Sons of Levi would be honored of God and made to become His priests over the Nation of Israel rather than the firstborns (Malachi 3:3, 4)

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In time the Nation of Israel became an established nation in the Promised Land and would turn their backs on God, His covenants and His commandments. In their rebellion they would reject God as their Sovereign and demand a king from among men. **Where were the Seventh-day Adventists at this time?**

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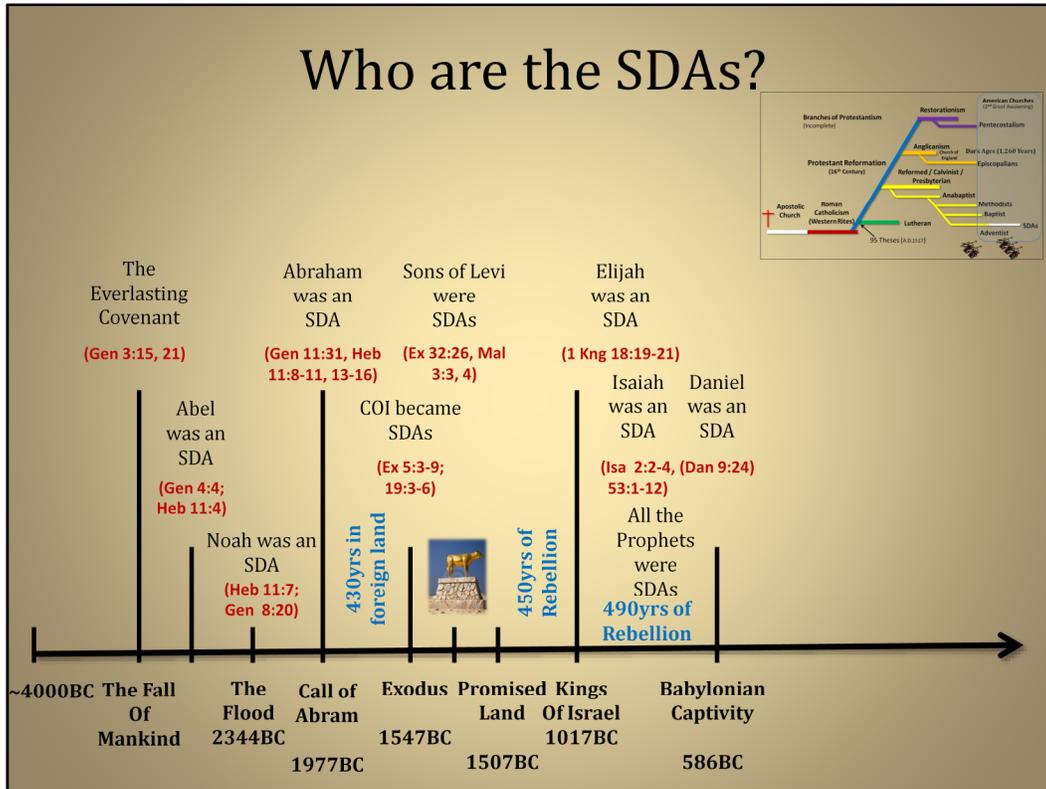
The Seventh-day Adventists were ALL the prophets, sent by God to warn the people of all their apostasy, to turn them back to God, and warn them of impending judgment if they fail to heed God's counsels.

ELIJAH was a prophet of God whose ministry and message are chronicled in 1 Kings chapter 17-19 but are highlighted in **1 Kings 18:19-21**. After the people of God were asked to acknowledge and identify who is the true God, the God of Abraham/Isaac/Jacob, Creator of Heaven and Earth or whether Baal was God the people answered not a word - they didn't know!! It is for this reason that Elijah is sent to the people: 1 Kings 18:36, 37 - to identify the true God, to declare himself as sent from God in order to turn the people's hearts back to worshipping God.

Isaiah the prophet wrote the most Messianic prophecies, Prophecies of the life and work of Jesus than any other prophet.

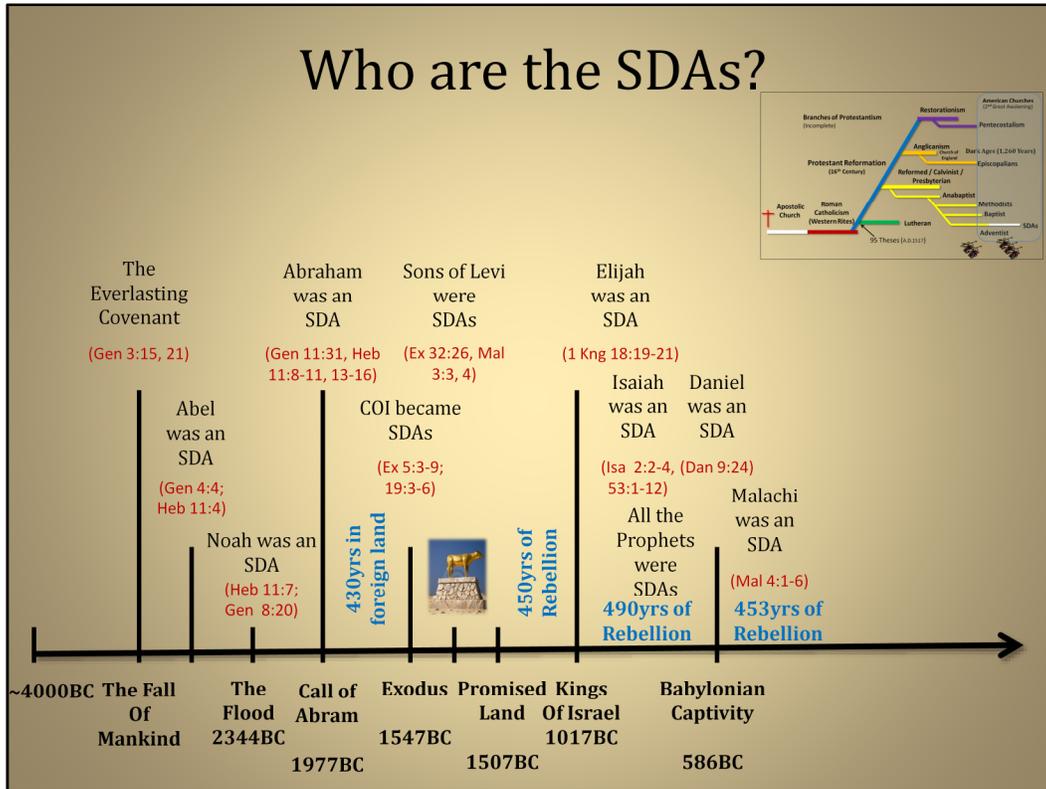
Jeremiah and Ezekiel gave warning to the people about observing all of God's precepts and commandments lest they be taken into captivity and fall out of God's favor

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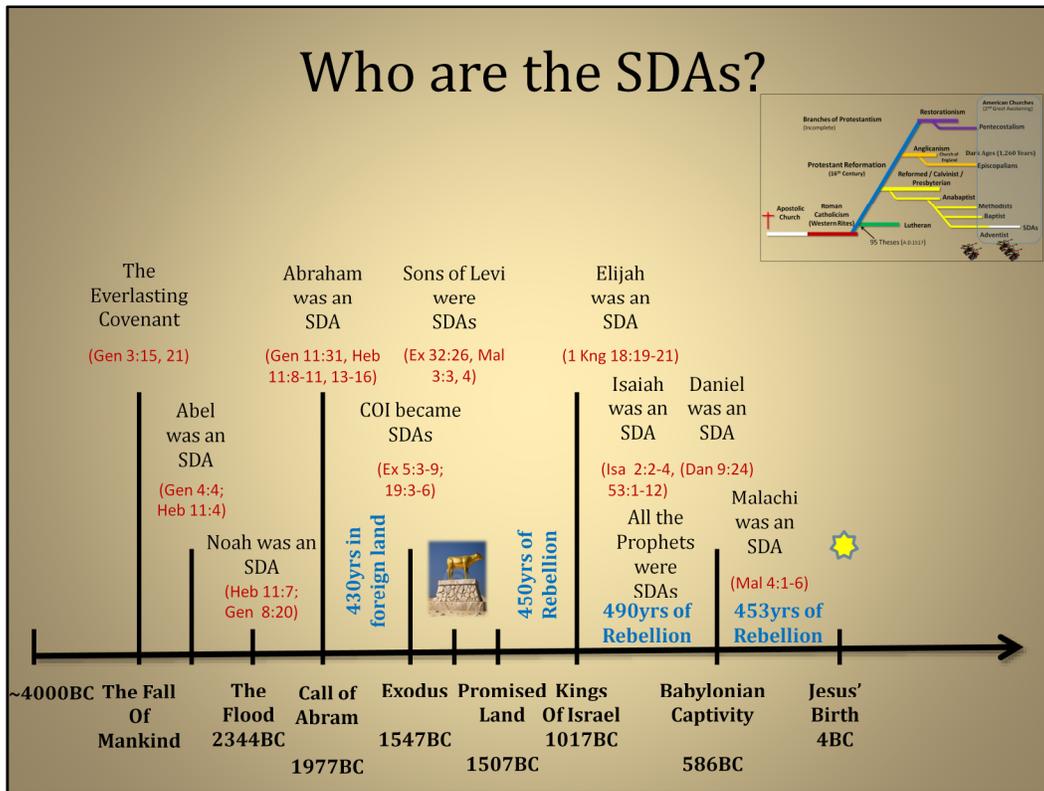
Daniel the prophet and the Three Hebrew Boys were Seventh-day Adventists during the Babylonian Captivity. Daniel provided some of the most amazing time prophecies, pointing to the exact year, month, day, and hour of Jesus' crucifixion. Daniel also gave the exact timing for Jesus' Baptism and therefore, His birth (Daniel 9:24-27). Daniel, among all the prophets of the Old Testament, is one who Jesus counsels His followers today to pay particular attention to when considering **Last Day Events** (Matthew 24:15-33).

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Malachi foretold the works of God's people, who in the Spirit of Elijah, would perform them before His First Coming [John the Baptist] and His Second Coming [the Remnant Church] (Malachi 4; 2 Kings 18:19-21)

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In the Time of Christ, Where were the Seventh-day Adventists? Consider the time of Christ where the leadership were the Pharisees, Sadducees, and other off-shoot sects. Jesus called them *Blind Guides*- Matt 23:15, 16; John 12:40, 43, 16:12

Paul declares ALL the Oracles of God had been entrusted to Israel by God (**Romans 3:1, 2**) - Unlike any others, God gave Israel counsels on diet and health, dress reform, knowledge of the Commandments, He gave them prophets to guide them, knowledge of the Plan of Redemption

Through the Prophets, God gave explicit details of Jesus' arrival and Ministry:

Through Moses, God told Israel of Another Prophet like Moses (the giver of the Law) Who would arise among them (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18 19), Who like Moses would uphold the Law and would deliver the people from Egypt (spiritually - sin and the world).

Moses was from what tribe? Levi, and therefore Jesus' ministry would begin at what age? **30 years old**

God also foretold a star would guide all who were wise to the Savior (Numbers 24:17; Matt 2:1-12)

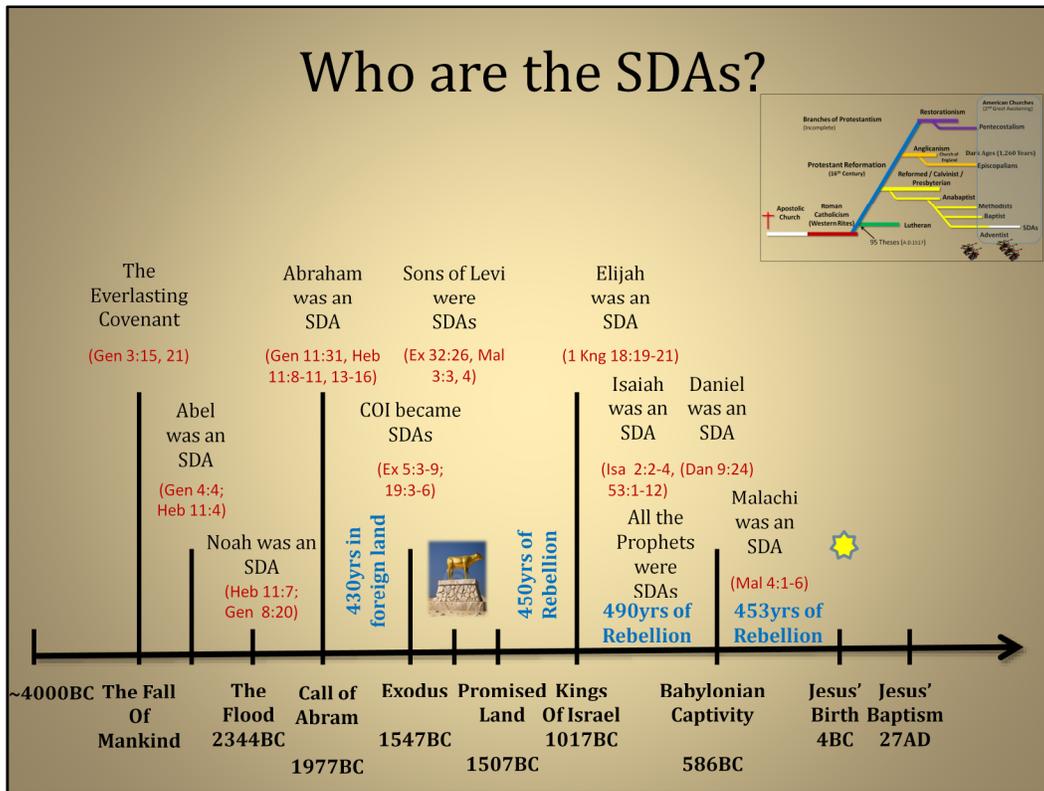
Through Daniel, God gave the exact date of Jesus' Anointing as Messiah (Jesus' baptism) and the commencement of His earthly ministry (Daniel 9:24). Counting back 30years from this date gave the exact year of Christ's arrival (birth)

Through Micah, God gave the exact location of Jesus' birth (Micah 5:2)

Despite being given all the prophetic details, entrusted with all the knowledge and counsels from God, the entire Nation of Israel missed the arrival of the greatest event in their history for which they were specifically called to proclaim - Jesus' birth. **Only a few Adventists were aware! Who were they - Shepherds guarding their flocks by night (Luke 2:7-15)**

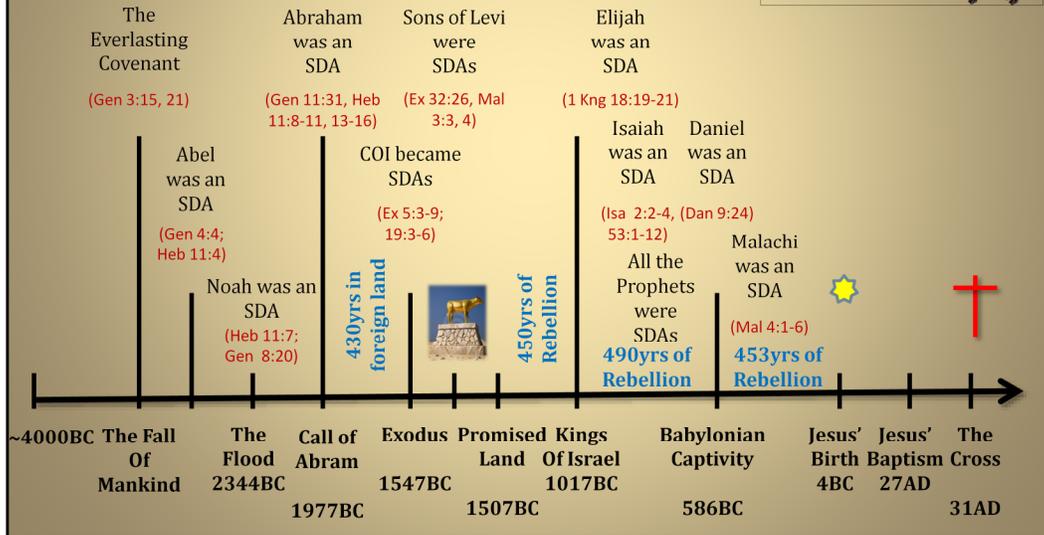
These were not idol/idle shepherds (priests/leaders) but vigilant watchmen who were contemplating the signs and messages of God for the time, giving warning to their sheep of impending danger

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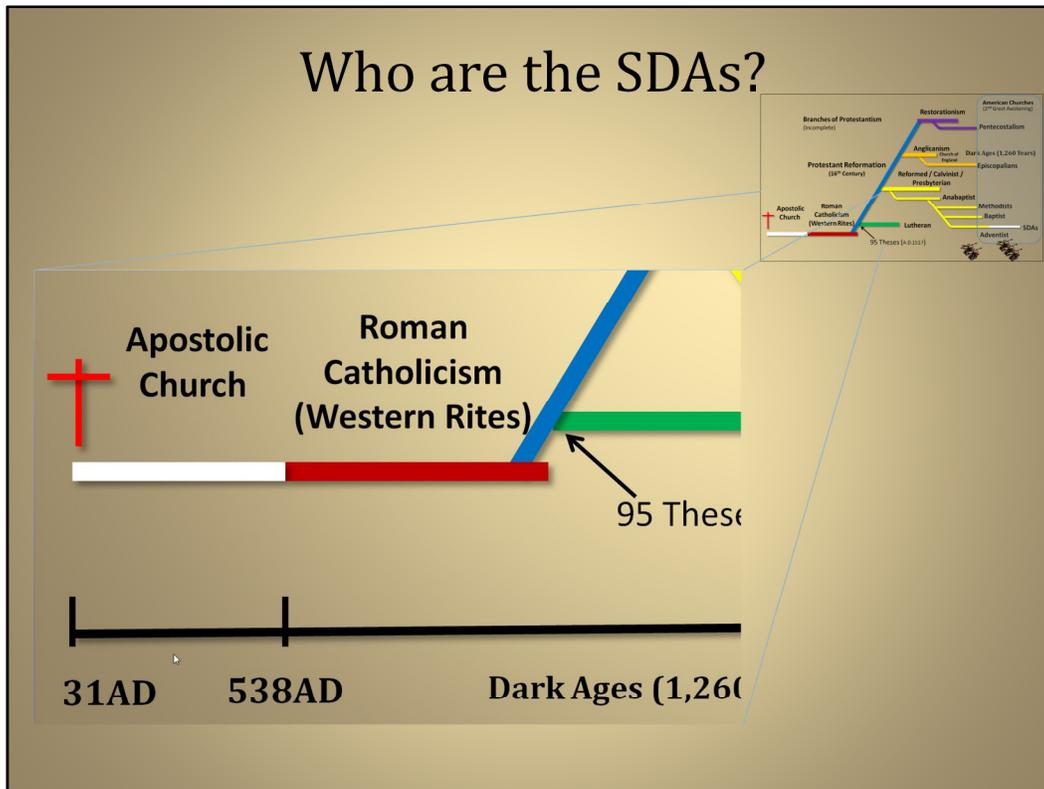


Jesus Himself was the *Greatest Seventh-day Adventist* who walked the earth, keeping the Sabbath among all other Laws, and anticipating both His glorification upon the Cross and His Second Coming (Matt 24, 25; Luke 12:50).

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The Church of the Apostles were empowered with the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel to all the world (Acts 1:5-8). However Paul and Jesus both warned: "***For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.***" Acts 20:29, 30

Compromise entered the church and unconsecrated, worldly men with influence began to introduce changes that were contrary to sound doctrine.

This eventually led to an **era of Spiritual Darkness called the Dark Ages, lasting 1,260 years** where:

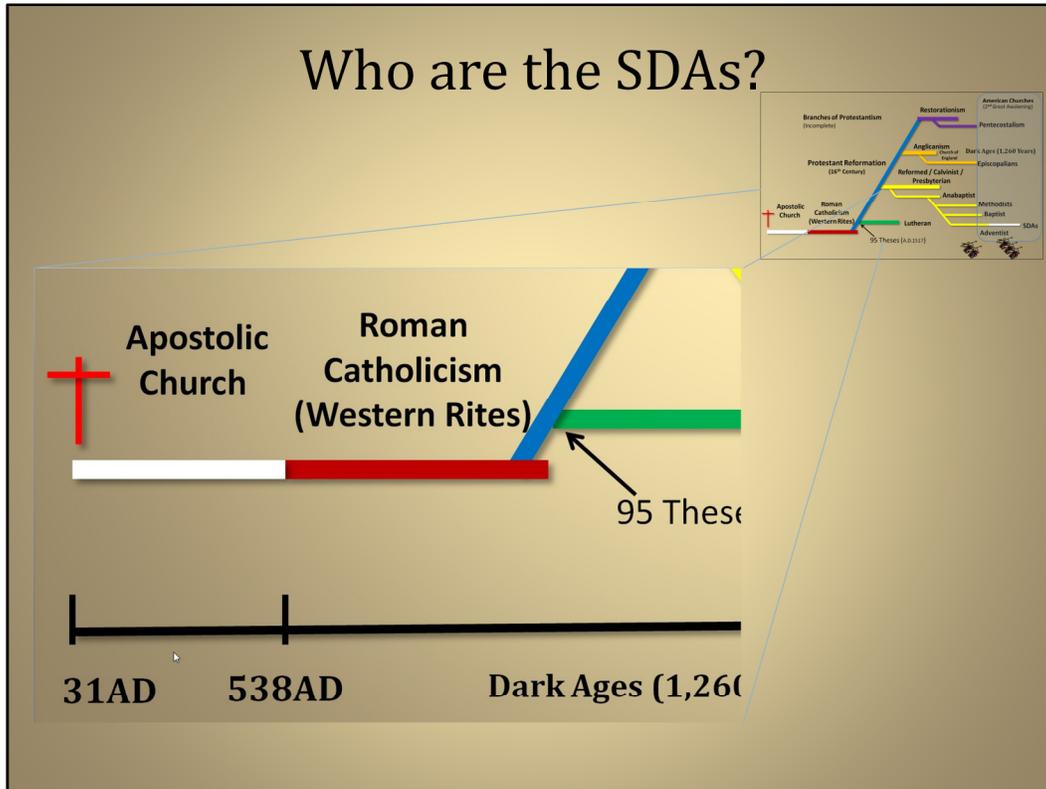
- The Bible was confiscated on penalty of death should you be found with one
- Only priests had access to Bibles and taught people according to their whim
- Men were forced to worship against their conscience
- All manner of heresies entered the church
- Counterfeit manuscripts and texts were introduced, claiming to be authentic that contradicted the Bible and promoted the doctrine of men

The Saints were Martyred for Their Faith

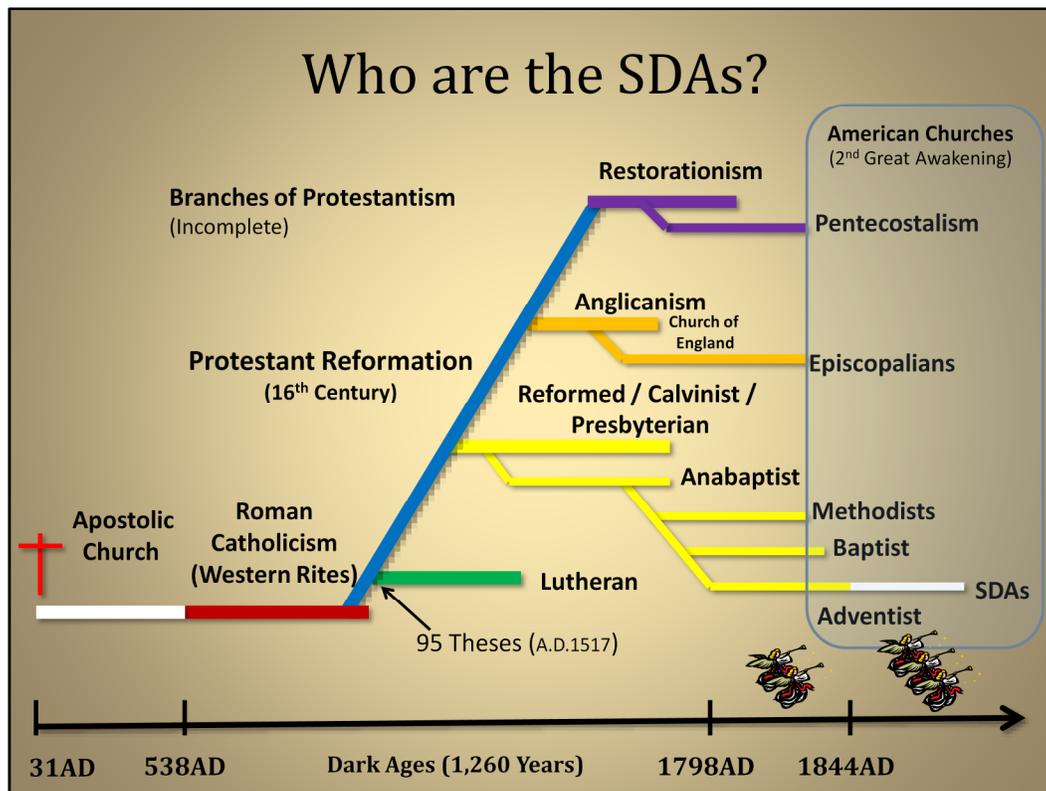


Beginning with the era of the Apostles (the martyring of James and Stephen), the Church fell under persecution. First begun by the Jews, the persecution was perfected by Pagan Rome for centuries until the True Church fell to compromise. When Christian persecution was outlawed by Constantine in 313AD and He began to endorse the Christian faith for political reasons (himself being “converted” in name only), Christianity became popular. His *Edict of Constantine* in A.D.321 called for the abandonment of 7th-day Sabbath worship as a relic of Jewish tradition and introduced Sunday as the “official” day of worship for Christians. Christianity became vogue and something that the masses sought to partake of due to the Emperor's influence. Pagans en mass joined the church in name only without a knowledge of its teachings, precepts and doctrine. Greater heresies were introduced by the Church of Rome as a compromise to appease the former worship practices of once pagans. By A.D. 393, under the Church of Rome which claimed primacy over all other churches, and which was empowered by Emperor Theodosius, persecutions resumed upon sincere Christians who sought to worship God according to conscience and the Word of Truth, the Bible.

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By A.D.538, the Church of Rome held the Kings of Europe and their subjects under its grip through a Universal (Catholic) faith and through the pledged military support of those nations. In this year, the Bible was banned from common use except by priests, and all nations under the Catholic influence issued a universal Sunday Worship Law, requiring complete adherence on penalty of death! The **Church in the Wilderness** fled to the wilderness for 1,260years to maintain religion according to their faith and conviction (Revelation 12:6, 13-16). They had access to original Bible texts and maintained the Apostolic Faith.



Huss denounced the Church of Rome and was burned at the stake A.D.1415

Jerome a follower of Huss was burned at the stake A.D.1416

Luther began a movement called the **Protestant Reformation**

Luther was a Catholic Monk who had access to the Bible and identified 95 blatant errors the church promoted that were unscriptural A.D.1517

Tindale translated the NT Bible in English and was killed (strangled then burned) for doing so A.D.1535

Shed light of truth on the Darkness caused by the Dark Ages

It is estimated 50Million+ people were killed/martyred for their faith by the Church of Rome during the Dark Ages

Protestant Reformation met its fulfillment in the 2nd Great Awakening with the rise of the Modern Protestant Movements

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Advent Movement/SDA's specifically referenced/foreshadowed in Bible Prophecy:

Revelation 10	Matthew 25:1-13	
Zechariah 4:1-6	Daniel 12:11, 12	
Habakkuk 2:1-4	Daniel 11:45	Joel 1:1-4, 2:2-11, 25
Daniel 8:14	Revelation 3:14-22	James 5:7
Revelation 7:1-4	Revelation 18:1-3	Isaiah 58:11-14
2 Peter 1:4	1 Corinthians 14:1-3	Zephaniah 2:1-3
Daniel 10:1-9	Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah 30:8-11
Malachi 3:1-4	Malachi 4:2-6	Matthew 24:45-47
Isaiah 27:6-11	Isaiah 29:9-14	Isaiah 11:10-16
2 Kings 22, 23	1 Kings 13:1-30	1 Peter 2:4-9
Revelation 9:4	Ezekiel 9	Luke 19:12-15
Ezekiel 2, 3	Zechariah 10:1	2 Peter 1:16-21



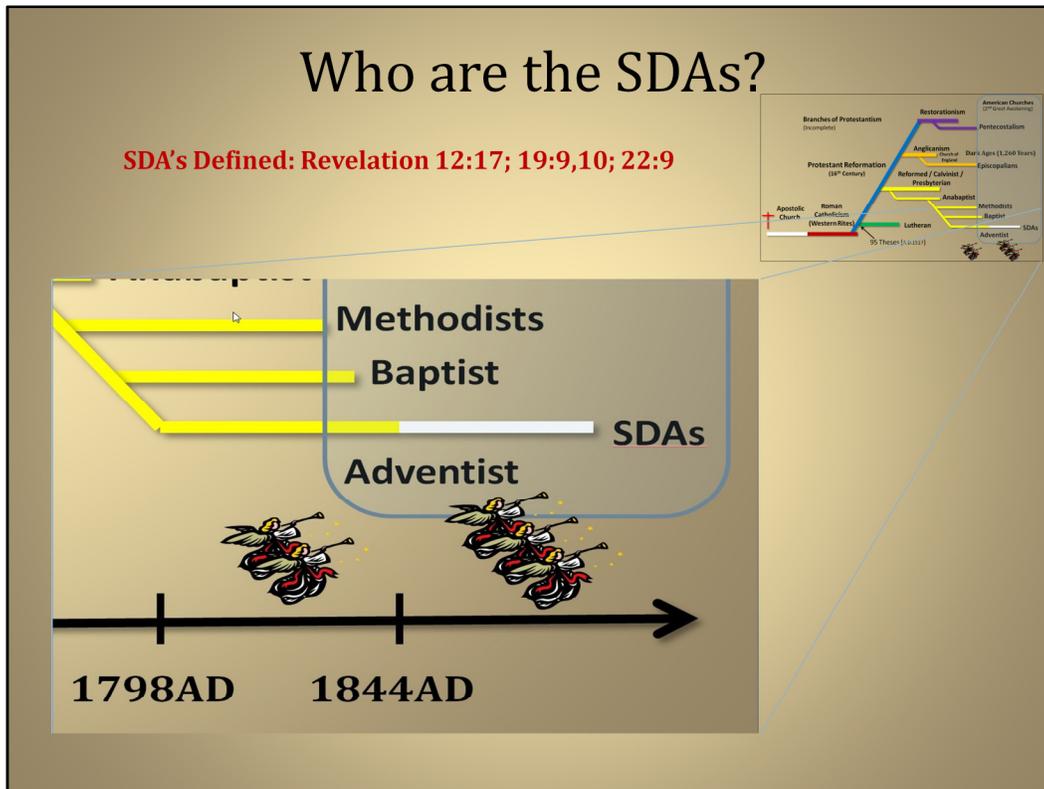
From the Protestant Reformation and the 2nd Great Awakening came a movement called the Advent Movement. The movement was raised-up by God and foretold by a host of prophets including Daniel (Daniel 12: 4) who stated “men would run to-and-fro [through the bible] and knowledge would increase”. The movement which began in the early 1820’s and extended through 1844 occurred simultaneously in North America [William Miller], South America [Manuel LaCunza], Europe [Johan Bengel, Edward Irving] and Australia. The movement occurred on the heels of the fulfillment of cosmic events in the skies and in space (Matthew 24:29, Revelation 6:12, 13), prophesied by both Jesus and the prophet Joel that raised interests in bible prophecy and end time events. The Holy Spirit directed faithful Christians of various denominations [Baptist, Methodists, Presbyterian, etc.] to seek hidden truths in the prophetic books of Daniel and the Revelation. One prominent Adventist in North America, the Baptist minister William Miller, became known for his evangelistic seminars held throughout New England. Miller’s seminars and that of other Adventist reformers were marked by a careful, meticulous study of bible prophecy found in the Old and New Testaments, but particularly the study of “End Time” events. Through diligent studies of the books of Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, these Adventist believers came to the conclusion that Christ’s Second Coming was eminent and would occur during the year 1844. The movement gained considerable nation-wide appeal in the year 1840 when Josiah Litch, another Adventist student of bible prophecy accurately predicted two years in advance, the fall of the Ottoman Empire to the day, August 11, 1840, based exclusively on time prophecy calculations found in Revelation 9. Time prophecies and the method of interpreting time prophecies (day/year principle) gained resounding interest and acclaim for the movement. Miller’s time calculation of the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14 which speaks of the cleansing of the sanctuary was also 100% accurate to the day, however, the event he thought to be “the cleansing of the sanctuary” was incorrect. Miller interpreted the earth to be the sanctuary to be cleansed with fire at Christ’s Second Coming in the prophetic timeline. The movement’s sincere followers eagerly awaited and prepared for Christ’s Second Coming by selling all of their worldly possessions and cleansing their hearts of sin for Christ’s soon return. When Christ did not return on October 22, 1844 (the historic time prophecy miscalculation now known as the “Great Disappointment”) it signaled an upset for the Millerite movement. The works of the Movement were a prophetic fulfillment of, and commencement of the work of proclaiming a specific end time message to the world, given by the first Two of Three Angels flying through heaven (Revelation 14:6-8).



Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and undaunted by the disappointment of 1844, Adventist believers who continued studying the truths uncovered by the Millerites, discovered that the event of the "Great Disappointment" of 1844 was prophetically ordained by God as seen through the writings of John the Revelator (Revelations 10:9-11). When made aware of God's explicit detail of the bitter-sweet experience of the Millerite Movement, this encouraged the Adventist believers that their faith was not in error nor in vain, and propelled them to continue studying scriptures for truth. These faithful believers, heeding Christ's admonition of Rev 10:11 to "prophecy again to many peoples", continued to study the bible and sought greater truths in bible prophecy. Through guidance of the Holy Spirit, these Adventist pioneers were led to study the principles of the Old Testament sanctuary, and therein the actual meaning of the "cleansing of the sanctuary" in Daniel 8:14 was clarified. The sanctuary once thought to refer to the earth, neither referred to the earth, nor the former sanctuary temple in Jerusalem that lied in ruins for over 1774 years, but rather to the High Priestly ministry of Christ, now in the Holiest of Holy, the true sanctuary in heaven not made with men's hands (Hebrews 4, 5, 7, 8, 9). The symbolic cleansing of the sanctuary on the typical Day of Atonement for Ancient Israel, a symbol of **Judgment**, prophetically met its anti-type and was revealed to have begun on October 22, 1844 (Daniel 8:14), rather than Christ's Second Coming as predicted by the Millerites. This knowledge then gave understanding to the message of the three angels of Revelation 14 where the gospel is to be preached to all nations tongues and people, including the message of a universal judgment as reflected in the typical Day of Atonement of Ancient Israel; and a solemn warning to flee from the teachings of the apostate church, the whore of Rome. After reading a leaflet published by the Seventh-day Baptists in February 1845, Joseph Bates, the primary founder of the Seventh-day Adventist church, was convinced of the 7th day Sabbath and began to preach the message. As more hidden truths were re-discovered through diligent bible studies, gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested through visions and dreams were given to one of the movement's pioneers, Ellen White, confirming and affirming the re-discovered truths and the progress of the movement, including: the biblical truths on the unconscious state of the dead as opposed to the common doctrine of an immortal soul; the High Priestly ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary today; the universal judgment of mankind; messages on health reform and temperance (a message radical for its time); the Three-Angels message of Revelations 14; the doctrine of righteousness by faith; dress reform and holiness; and other apostolic, foundational truths.

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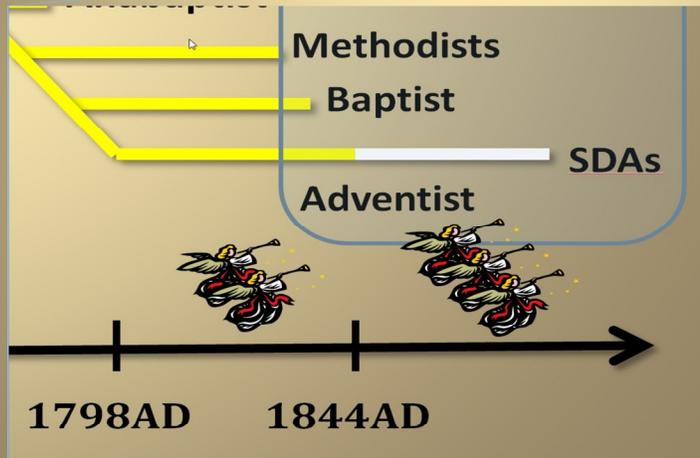
- Keep the 10 Commandments of God, including the 4th Commandment, honoring God's Sabbath Rest
- Have the Testimony of Jesus Christ – are given understanding of Bible prophecy and pay heed to the Spirit of Inspiration (the Holy Spirit) Who moved upon all of the prophets to write the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:16-21). They are called to be a royal priesthood and modern day “prophets” to a dying world, proclaiming the Gospel; turning the hearts of men back to the Father; warning the world of God's Judgment occurring TODAY in the heavenly sanctuary; warning men to flee from Babylon, the corrupt church system that wars against God and the saints, and to prepare a people to meet the Lord in peace.

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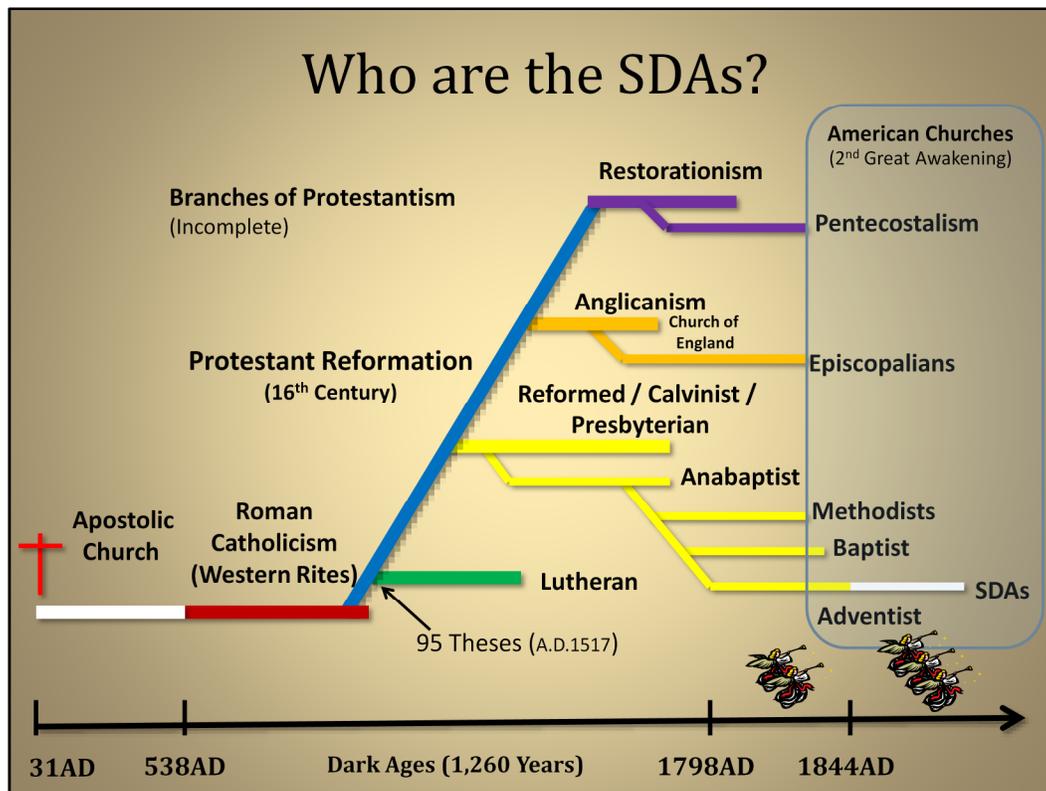
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SDA's Calling: To Proclaim -

The Three Angel's Messages: Revelation 14:6-12



The teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist movement is God's prophetic, end-time, remnant (Rev 12:17, 1 Kings 19:18), bearing a specific message to the entire world at the end of time, just prior to Christ's return. Adventism speaks of the nearness of Christ's return and the need for adherents to be "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58), reformers in diet, dress, and lifestyle, essential for meeting the Holy God. The name Seventh-day is to direct all people's minds to the key end-time issue of worship that prophetically will divide the world. The gospel message; the call to worship the one true God of Creation by obedience to the 7th day Sabbath; the message of righteousness by faith, the hallmark of the faithful throughout time; as well as preparation to meet a Holy God who has judged the earth and its inhabitants according to their works (Rev 22:12; 14:6, 7) are the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 that have inspired the movement.



As stated in the Fourth Angel's message of Revelation 18:1-5, God is calling for all Christendom and humanity to return to the pure, Bible based faith borne by The Patriarchs (Adam, Abel, Noah, Abraham, etc.), Christ and His Apostles and to forsake the traditions and formalities introduced through a counterfeit system of worship. This last day message of "Salvation by Grace through Faith" speaks words of hope to a dying world while beckoning all who profess Christ's name to forsake the traditions of man (Mark 7:7). Men are to forsake traditions for the simple faith, governed by "*what saith the Lord*". The sign of true self denial and true faith will be reflected in one's humble willingness to trust God at His Word, while believing and keeping ALL of His commandments, (John 14:15) including the seventh-day Sabbath (Ex 20: 8-11, Rev. 14:12, Rev. 12:17, Rev 19:10). The message of faith, of Christ's righteousness imputed to mankind, and of the death, burial, and new life in Christ through baptism for a one time sinner, is a message of man's complete victory over sin while yet here on earth through Christ Jesus, our Redeemer and Righteousness (Luke 18:27). The love of God for mankind; the restoration of the image of God in mankind through Christ, the 2nd Adam; righteousness imputed to those who believe unequivocally, is the gospel message that is to go to all the world, to be preached to all nations tribes, and tongues, then the end shall come (Matt 24:14).