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The Significance of Islam for the Remnant Church

Present Truth



There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. {Early Writings 63.1}

But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. {Early Writings 63.2}

Adventist Historical Premise



1843 Chart

The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the platform on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages. It has been guiding me ever since it was given.

{General Conference Bulletin April 6, 1903, par 35}



1850 Chart

"I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed." {EW 74.1}

"I saw that God was in the publication of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible, and if this chart is designed for God's people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much." {13MR 359.1}

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William Miller

“God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. **Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one,** to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people.” {Early Writings 229}

“Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive.

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WILLIAM MILLER'S RULES OF INTERPRETATION

In studying the Bible, I have found the following rules to be of great service to myself, and now give them to the public by special request. Every rule should be well studied, in connection with the Scriptures themselves, if the Bible student would be at all benefited by them.

1. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible. Matthew 5:18
2. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study. 2 Timothy 3:15, 16, 17
3. Nothing revealed in the Scripture can or will be hid from those who seek in faith, not wavering. Deuteronomy 29:29; Matthew 10:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Philippians 3:15; Isaiah 44:11; Matthew 21:22; John 14:13, 14, 15, 21; James 1:5, 6; 1 John 5:13, 14, 15
4. To understand doctrine, bring all the Scriptures together on the subject you wish to know; then let every word have its proper influence, and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in an error. Isaiah 28:7, 29: 25, 26; Proverbs 19:27; Luke 24:27, 44, 45; Romans 16:26; James 5:19, 20; 1 Peter 1:19, 20
5. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound it to me, and he should guess at its meaning, or desire to have it so on account of his uncertain creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, dissent, credit, or wisdom is my rule, not the Bible. Psalms 119:7-11; 119:97, 105; Matthew 23:8-10; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Ezekiel 34:18, 19; Luke 11:52; Malachi 2:7, 8
6. God has revealed things to come, by visions, in figures and parables, and in this way the same things are often times revealed again and again, by different means, or in different figures and parables. If you wish to understand them, you must combine them all in one. Psalms 85:10; Hosea 12:10; Habakkuk 2:2; Acts 2:17; 1 Corinthians 10:6; Hebrews 9:5, 24; Psalms 79:2; Matthew 6:13, 34; Genesis 41:5, 22; Daniel 2, 7, 8; Acts 10:5, 16
7. Visions are always mentioned as such. 2 Corinthians 12:1
8. Figures always have a figurative meaning, and are used much in prophecy to represent future things, times and events; such as mountains, meaning governments, beasts, meaning kingdoms, waters, meaning people, lamps, meaning Word of God, day, meaning year. Daniel 2:35, 48; 7:8, 17; Revelation 17:1, 15; Psalms 119:105; Ezekiel 4:6
9. Parables are used as comparison to illustrate subjects, and must be explained in the same way as figures, by the subject and Bible. Mark 4:13
10. Figures sometimes have two or more different significations; so day is used in a figurative sense to represent three different periods of time.
 - Indefinite.
 - Definite, a day for a year.
 - Day for a thousand years.If you put on the right construction it will harmonize with the Bible and make good sense, otherwise it will not. Ecclesiastes 7:24; Ezekiel 4:6, 2 Peter 3:8
11. How to know when a word is used figuratively. If it makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, then it must be understood literally. From Figuratively. Revelation 12:2, 17, 21

William Miller's 14 Rules of Bible Interpretation

"Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted. In the little book entitled "Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology," Father Miller gives the following simple but intelligent and important rules for Bible study and interpretation:"-- {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 23}

Rule #14: The most important rule of all is, that you must have faith. It must be a faith that requires a sacrifice, and, if tried, would give up the dearest object on earth, the world and all its desires, character, living, occupation, friends, home, comforts and worldly honors. If any of these should hinder our believing any part of Gods word, it would show our faith to be vain. Nor can we ever believe so long as one of these motives lies lurking in our hearts. We must believe that God will never forfeit His word. And **we can have confidence that He that takes notice of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our head, will guard the translation of His own word, and throw a barrier around it, and prevent those who sincerely trust in God, and put implicit confidence in His word, from erring far from the truth, though they may not understand Hebrew or Greek.**

Biblical Research Institute's (BRI) Perspective on the 5th & 6th Trumpet



If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3

One in 8 modern Adventist theologians of the BRI agree with the pioneer position and understanding of both the 5th and 6th trumpets. Correctly interpreting the 6th Trumpet was among the most important revelations of the Advent Movement, **empowering the movement on 8/11/1840!*

**"A Wonderful Impetus" -The Great Controversy, 334.4, 335.1*

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ISSUES ON THE TRUMPETS

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Sixth	Attack of the Hittites against Israel.	God's judgment on pagan Rome.	God's judgment on pagan Rome.	God's judgment on pagan Rome.	God's judgment on pagan Rome.	Reign of end-time Babylon.	Attack of the Hittites against Israel.
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Eleventh	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.	Reign of God's kingdom.

©2011, another view that tends to corroborate the placement of the prophetic periods and their fulfillment in the year 1844 and the removal of the faithful of prophetic record widespread interest. Two years before, Joseph Smith, one of the leading preachers producing the records of the Restoration, published an account of his vision of prophetic fulfillment of the Ottoman Empire. According to his

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The Paths of the Just... (Prov 4:18)



"But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18

- Prophets of the past spoke more for our time than for their own
- Prophetic light and revelations are progressive, continuing until the coming of Jesus Christ
- Prophets at times lacked understanding/clarity of the matter in which they spoke
- We should anticipate and welcome an increase of knowledge, "New Light", as we near Jesus' return

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Corinthians 10:11

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what [shall be] the end of these [things]?" Daniel 12:8

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5

"Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

What is “New Light”?



The written testimonies are not to give **new light**, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man’s duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God’s word, yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the testimonies simplified the great truths already given.... The testimonies are not to belittle the word of God, but to exalt it, and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all. – {CCh 25.4}

Satan hopes to involve the remnant people of God in the general ruin that is coming upon the earth. As the coming of Christ draws nigh, he will be more determined and decisive in his efforts to overthrow them. Men and women will arise professing to have some new light or some new revelation whose tendency is to unsettle faith in the old landmarks. Their doctrines will not bear the test of God’s word, yet souls will be deceived. – {CCh 344.4}

What is “New Light”?



We must not think, “Well, we have all the truth, we understand the main pillars of our faith, and we may rest on this knowledge.” The truth is an advancing truth, and we must walk in the increasing light. – {CW 33.2}

It is a fact that we have the truth, and we must hold with tenacity to the positions that cannot be shaken; but we must not look with suspicion upon any **new light** which God may send, and say, Really, we cannot see that we need any more light than the old truth which we have hitherto received, and in which we are settled. While we hold to this position, the testimony of the True Witness applies to our cases its rebuke, “And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” Those who feel rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, are in a condition of blindness as to their true condition before God, and they know it not.— The Review and Herald, August 7, 1894. – {CW 33.1}

When a brother receives **new light** upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position, and every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the inspired word. “The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.” 2 Timothy 2:24, 25. – {CET 203.3}

Additional Rules of Bible Interpretation



"...that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

Matthew 18:16

Triple Application of Prophecy: $1 + 2 = 3$

Prophetic truths are at times revealed in triplet sets, where the *characteristics* of the first two occurrences of a truth or an event shed light upon the fulfillment of the third event, or mathematically: event 1 + event 2 = event 3. The *Triple Application of Prophecy principle, upon the "testimony of two witnesses", is seen in the following triplet sets:*

Prophecy	Instance 1	Instance 2	Instance 3
3 Elijahs	Elijah	John the Baptist	William Miller/ 144K
3 Angels' Messages	1 st Angel	2 nd Angel	3 rd Angel
3 Romes	Pagan	Papal	Modern
Pair of "Sanctuary Cleansings"	Time of Christ	Millerite History	Our History {2SM 118; 9T 228}
3 Woes	1 st Woe	2 nd Woe	3 rd Woe

Additional Rules of Bible Interpretation



Rule of First Mention

Often in conveying a prophetic truth, the details of the truth are most clearly and comprehensively found in the first account mentioned. Subsequent references apply additional details/color to the established premise made in the first mentioned.

Islam's First Mention

"And he will be a wild man; his hand [will be] against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis 16:12

Untamed

War-like

Hateful & Hated

Inciting Conflict

Insular

Communal Among his Own

Weighs Insult over Injury

Prophetic Perspectives



Internal Perspective: God's Dealings with His Church

7 Churches: A prophetic history of the Church of Christ from His ascension until His return as King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ is shown as walking among His churches with perfect knowledge of their needs, shortcomings and their works. Jesus gives counsel, admonition and a promise to each church as they heed His warnings. All 7 churches typify Christian history, but the last 3 churches are contemporaneous

7 Seals: An unsealing of Christian Church history by Jesus from His ascension until the sealing of His people, concluding with His Second Coming to judge the nations

7 Thunders: "The **special light** given to John that was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God, **most wonderful and advanced truths** would be proclaimed." {1MR 28, pg 99.3}

External Perspective: God's Dealings with Those Who War Against His Church

7 Trumpets & Woes: A prophetic history of God's judgments upon the power of Rome, both Pagan and Papal and their allies

7 Plagues: A prophetic account of God's judgments upon *Spiritual Babylon* (Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet) and those gathered in by her

What is Mohammedism (Islam)?



- Descendants of Ishmael and the sons of Keturah, sons of Abraham
- Followers of Mohammed, founder of the religion said to have been visited by the angel Gabriel with revelations from God, ~AD606
- A Satanic false religion designed to darken the knowledge of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness
- Used as a “hireling” of God
 - A scourge to the apostate Christian religion and its civil allies
 - An aid to the Church of God in the Wilderness
 - Preserver of original Biblical manuscripts
 - A shield and distraction for Papal Roman Crusaders
- A primary provocateur in bringing about:
 - Global Economic Collapse
 - One-World Government
 - Eventual passage of a Global Sunday Law
- An identifying bellwether (*waymark*) for God’s people of His empowering a message and movement in the last days
 - Islam “carries” the message of Christ and His Righteousness

Biblical Terms Associated with Islam



- **Children of the East** - Genesis 16:12, 25:6, 37:28; Judges 6:3, 33; 1 Kings 4:30
- **Children of Kedar** - Isaiah 21:17; Jeremiah 49:28; Ezekiel 27:21
- **The East Wind** - Genesis 41:6, 7, 22, 23, 27, 32; Psalm 48:7; Exodus 10:12-15; Ezekiel 19:12; Hosea 13:15
- **Wild (Arabian) Horse/Ass** - Job 39:5-8; Jeremiah 2:24, Rev 7:1-3; Rev 9:1-11; Isaiah 32:14, 30:25, 26; 20MR 216.6, 7
- **Locusts** – Exodus 10:12-15 ; Joel 1:4, 2:2-11, 25; Revelation 9:1-10
- **Woe, Woe, Woe** - Exodus 10:12-15 ; Revelation 8:13, 9:1-21
- **“Alas, Alas”** – Revelation 18:10, 16, 19
- **Smoke from the Bottomless Pit** - Revelation 9:2
- **Distress of Nations/Angering of the Nations** – Luke 21:25; Revelation 11:18

Characteristics of the First 2 Woes



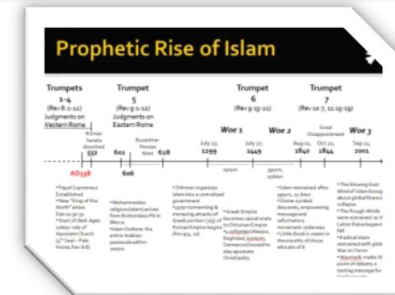
- **Woe #1** (7/27/1299-7/27/1449) – 150yrs of torment

- Islam is the power given to “torment” Rome, the apostate church and its armies (Rev 9:5, 10)
- Nearly perpetual warfare with Greek-Roman Empire (Byzantine Empire)
- Unexpected and Sudden attacks
- Swift & Vigorous mounted attacks



- **Woe #2** (7/27/1449-8/11/1840) – 391yrs, 15days of slaying

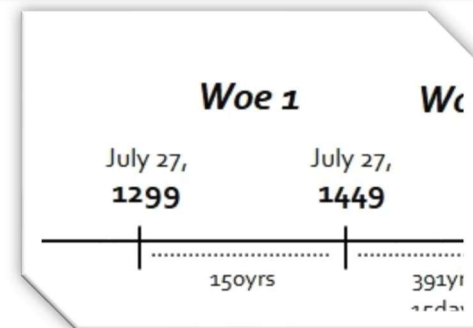
- Islam is the power given to “slay” Rome, the apostate church and its armies (Rev 9:14, 15)
- Use of explosives, cannons, and fire arms
- The events marked turning points in world history
- Sudden & Violent attacks
- A restraint is placed on warring Islam by the ruling world powers
- Marked the arrival of the divine symbol noted in Revelation 10:1-4
- Empowered the Advent Movement while beginning a testing of the “established church”, the *Church of Sardis*



1st Woe in Detail



For about 600 years the Arabs were like locusts without a king. **Near the close of the 13th century, Othman founded a government; and July 27, 1299, he entered Nicomedia, -the first attack of the Ottoman government on eastern Rome.** [Gibbon's Rome]. They were to hurt men five months, -150 years. July 27, 1299, plus 150 years, equals July 27, 1449. {1919, Steven Haskell, Bible Handbook 121.3}



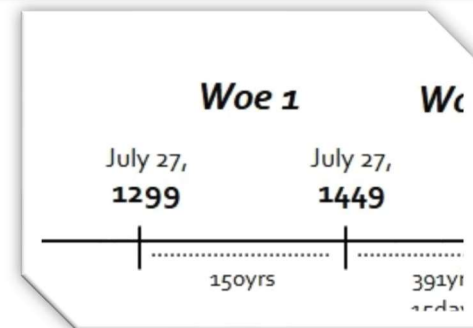
"And their power was to torment men five months." : "Men were weary of life, when life was spared only for a renewal of woe, and when all that they accounted sacred was violated, and all that they held dear constantly endangered; and **when the savage Saracens domineered over them, or left them only to a momentary repose, ever liable to be suddenly or violently interrupted, as if by the sting of a scorpion.** They who tormented men were commanded not to kill them. And death might thus have been sought even where it was not found. 'Whosoever falls in battle,' says Mahomet, 'his sins are forgiven at the day of judgment: at the day of judgment his wounds shall be resplendent as vermilion, and odoriferous as musk, and the loss of his limbs shall be supplied by the wings of angels and cherubim.' The intrepid souls of the Arabs were fired with enthusiasm: the picture of the invisible world was strongly painted on their imagination; and the **death which they always despised became an object of hope and desire.**" {1842 Josiah Litch, Prophetic Expositions vol2 174.2}

"They had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek hath his name Apollyon." : An angel signifies a messenger, or minister, either good or bad; not always a spiritual being. "The angel of the bottomless pit," or chief minister of the religion which came from thence when it was opened. That religion is Mahommedism, and **the Sultan is its chief minister. "The Sultan, or Grand Signior, as he is indifferently called, is also Supreme Caliph, or high priest, uniting in his person the highest spiritual dignity with the supreme secular authority."** 2 {1842 JoL, PREX2 179.3}

1st Woe in Detail pt 2



His name. In Hebrew, "**Abaddon,**" the destroyer; in Greek, "**Apollyon,**" one that **exterminates or destroys**. Having two different names in the two languages, it is evident that the character, rather than the name of the power, is intended to be represented. If so, in both languages he is a destroyer. Such has always been the character of the Ottoman government. {1842 Josiah Litch, Prophetic Expositions vol2 180.1}



"Their constant incursions into the Roman territory, and frequent assaults on Constantinople itself, were an unceasing torment throughout the empire, which yet they were not able effectually to subdue, notwithstanding the long period, afterwards more directly alluded to, during which they continued, by **unremitting attacks, grievously to afflict an idolatrous church, of which the pope was the head. Their charge was to torment, and then to hurt, but not to kill, or utterly destroy. The marvel was that they did not.** {1842 JoL, PREX2 174.1}

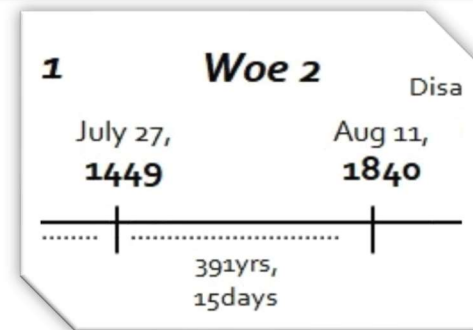
Not only was their attack speedy and vigorous, but 'the nice sensibility of honor, which weighs the insult rather than the injury, shed its deadly venom on the quarrels of the Arabs; **an indecent action, a contemptuous word, can be expiated only by the blood of the offender; and such is their patient inveteracy, that they expect whole months and years the opportunity of revenge.**" {1897 Uriah Smith, Daniel & The Revelation 500.3}

In the year 1449, John Paleologus, the Greek emperor, died, but left no children to inherit his throne, and Constantine Deacozes succeeded to it. **But he would not venture to ascend the throne without the consent of Amurath, the Turkish Sultan. He therefore sent ambassadors to ask his consent, and obtained it, before he presumed to call himself sovereign.** "This shameful proceeding seemed to presage the approaching downfall of the empire... This was not a violent assault made on the Greeks, by which their empire was overthrown and their independence taken away, but simply **a voluntary surrender of that independence into the hands of the Turks, by saying, "I cannot reign unless you permit."** {1842 JoL, PREX2 182.4}

2nd Woe in Detail



The four sultanies of Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, and Baghdad, were the central strength of the Ottoman Empire. In 1449, John Palaeologus, the Greek emperor, died; his brother, **Deacozes**, would not take the throne without the consent of **Amurath**, the Turkish sultan. Thus the power of the Turkish Empire was loosed. It was loosed for a day, a month, and a year, or for 391 years, 15 days; they were to have full power. July 27, 1449, plus 391 years, 15 days, equals Aug. 11, 1840. G.C. 334. {1919 Steven Haskell, Bible Handbook 121.4}



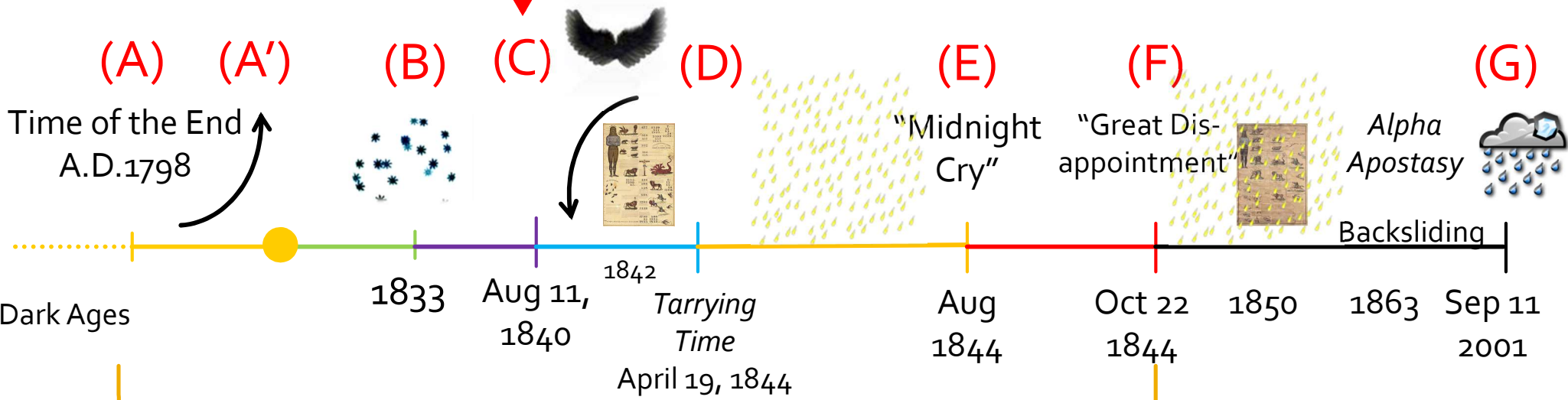
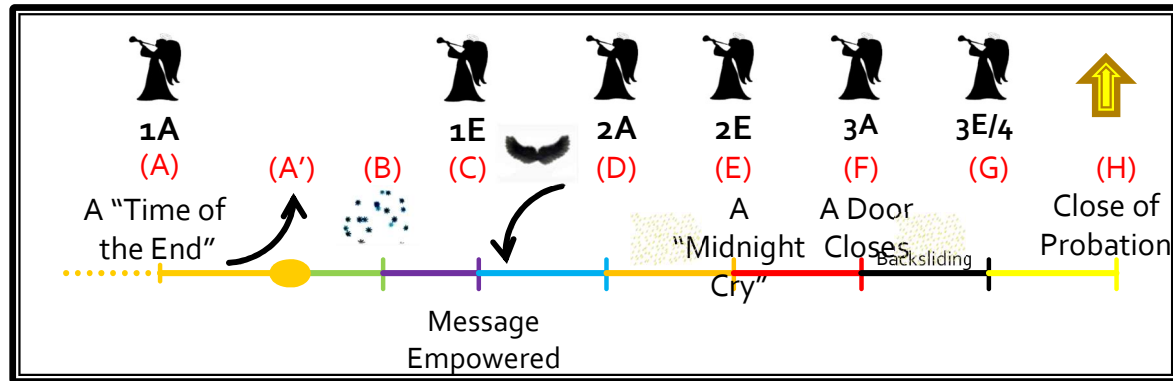
The sounding of this trumpet as we have frequently been shown, ended in August, 1840. According to history these four messengers were four principal tribes or hords of people living near or by the river Euphrates, viz: **Arabs, Turks, Tartars, and Saraceans who under the sounding of the sixth trumpet united themselves under the banners of the Mohammedan power to destroy the third part of men, or Greek division of the eastern Roman Empire.** For after Constantine his empire was divided into three parts. And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues (the arms, powder and bulls, by the hands of these four messengers.) yet **repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship the demons and idols of gold, and silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood - nor of their murders, sorceries, fornication, nor thefts.** It is recorded that the Greeks were **notoriously guilty of these their prevailing sins.** {1849 Joseph Bates, Seal of the Living God 7.3}

A new mode of warfare was at that time introduced, which has changed the nature of war itself, in regard to the form of its instruments of destruction; and sounds and sights unheard of and unknown before, were the death-knell and doom of the Roman empire. **Invention outrivaled force, and a new power was introduced, that of musketry as well as of artillery, in the art of war,** before which the old Macedonian phalanx would not have remained unbroken, nor the Roman legions stood. That which John saw 'in the vision,' is read in the history of the times." {1842 Josiah Litch, Prophetic Exposition v2 184.3}

2nd Woe in Detail pt 3 – Empowering a Message/Movement



Reform Line – Adventist History



The Seven Thunders
(Revelation 10:4)

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E.G. White Man. Rel. Vol 1, No 28 pg 99.3

Mystery of Iniquity doth already work

Dark Ages

Decoding the 3rd Woe

Proof-Texting



"For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:"

Isaiah 28:10

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls..." **Jeremiah 6:16**

Our people need to understand the oracles of God; **they need to have a systematic knowledge of the principles of revealed truth, which will fit them for what is coming upon the earth and prevent them from being carried about by every wind of doctrine.--5T 273 (1885).** {Last Day Events 66.4, 5}

The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the **present have their parallel in those of the past**, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time. {GC88 343.1}

All the revelations of the past bring added responsibilities upon the workers in these last days. The **past, present, and future are linked together**. We must learn lessons from the experiences of other ages... The great plan of redemption connects every man with his fellow-laborer. The influence of the past helps to mold the work of the present, and that in its turn **enables us to lay hold of the work line after line, upon which we may carry on the future work**. All these agencies have a close relation, not only to time, but to the endless ages of the future, reaching into eternity. {RH July 23, 1895, par. 8 }

Characteristics of the 3rd Woe



Triple Application of Prophecy

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- Woe will involve the use of explosives
- Woe's occurrence will mark a turning point in world affairs
- Woe will be waged against the armies of the apostate church power, the papacy
- A restraint will be placed upon Islam by world powers
- Woe's occurrence marks the arrival of a divine symbol in Bible history
- Woe's occurrence will empower a message and religious movement among God's people underway; testing of the Laodicean church
- Woe's occurrence will be a topic of debate among "the establishment" of God's people
 - Judgment of the Living
 - Sprinkling of the Latter Rain

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 - Nearly perpetual warfare with Greek-Roman Empire (Byzantine Empire)
 - Unexpected and sudden attacks
 - Swift & vigorous mounted attacks
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 - Use of explosives, cannons, and fire arms
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The 3rd Woe Revealed



September 11, 2001



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There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. { BEcho August 26, 1895, par. 11 }

The 3rd Woe, The Latter Rain & The Judgment of the Living 1



*"And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; **When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.**"*

Luke 21:29-32



- The generation that beholds the budding leaves of spring will be the last generation, at harvest (summer). **Adventism's 4th Generation** is here referenced
- Era should be marked by a **visible waymark**
- Fruit of righteousness will be seen in the Israel of God
- The **rains** are what cause the trees to blossom and bud, both Early and Latter Rains
- The rains come first **in measure**, then without measure
- The **rough winds** (Rev 7:1-4) are restrained in the day of the **east wind**
 - The east wind brings global economic distress
 - The message of the east wind and latter rain becomes a **topic for debate/contest** among God's people

*"He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: **Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit... In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.**"*

Isaiah 27:6, 8

The 3rd Woe, The Latter Rain & The Judgment of the Living 2



*"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, **that your sins may be blotted out**, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from **the presence of the Lord**; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:"*



Acts 3:19

- Peter speaks to a **living** audience, admonishing them to repent and be converted
- Sins are blotted out during the **Antitypical Day of Atonement**
- The blotting out of sins spoken is coincident with the "times of refreshing". That which refreshes the earth are the **rains**, Early and Latter
- The "times of refreshing" are coincident with the Lord's presence or appearing
- The Lord "rains righteousness" with **His presence**
- Jesus shall be sent to empower the era
- The angels of Revelation 18 like that of Revelation 10, descend to **empower a message**
- God's glory enlightening the world is synonymous with a **great work** that is to be done throughout the earth. This great work of the **Loud Cry** has already begun since 1892
- See also Isaiah 6:1-11 concerning the effect of the Latter Rain upon the righteous (144,000)
- Hezekiah begins a reformation, the **cleansing of God's temple** on the 1st Day of the 1st Month. See 2 Chronicles 29:1-17

*"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for [it is] time to seek the LORD, **till he come and rain righteousness upon you.**"*

Hosea 10:12

*"And after these things I saw **another angel come down from heaven**, having great power; and the **earth was lightened with his glory.**" Revelation 18:1*

The 3rd Woe, The Latter Rain & The Judgment of the Living 3



*"To whom he said, This [is] **the rest** [wherewith] ye may cause the weary to rest; and this [is] **the refreshing**: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."*

Isaiah 28:12, 13



- The Latter Rain comes as a **message** to be heard and embraced (eaten) by God's people. The Latter Rain began with the **1888 messages of Righteousness by Faith**, preached by Jones and Waggoner
- Victory over sin, Rest in Jesus Christ, and the Eternal Heavenly Rest are all typified by the **Sabbath rest**, and is tied to the message of the refreshing, the Early and Latter Rain, in the time of the 3rd Woe. See Hebrews 4:3-11
- God conveys His message using His prescribed method, **Proof-texting**
- God's [testing] message produces two types of worshippers (The Everlasting Gospel), those who heed and those who reject. Judgments are pronounced upon rejecters of God's message, **rest and refreshing** for those who heed
- The Latter Rain message arrives, first **in measure**- dew and small rain; then **without measure**- showers

"My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:"

Deuteronomy 32:2

The 3rd Woe, The Latter Rain & The Judgment of the Living 4



"And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers [and] streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." Isaiah 30:25, 26



- The rains (Early/Latter) cause rivers and streams of water to flow upon the mountains and high hills
- The rains flow on the day of the **great slaughter**, when the **towers fall**
- There will be an **increase of knowledge** at this time where light from the Old Testament (sun) will be sevenfold and from the New Testament (moon) as the sun (compare language of Isaiah 58:10)
- There is a **"breach"** between God and His denominated people, Seventh-day Adventism
- God will empower His reformatory movement that **restores old paths**, binds up the **breaches** in Adventism, and **raises up foundations** of many generations

*"And [they that shall be] of thee shall **build the old waste places**: thou shalt **raise up the foundations** of many **generations**; and thou shalt be called, **The repairer of the breach**, **The restorer of paths to dwell in.**"*
Isaiah 58:12

The 3rd Woe, The Latter Rain & The Judgment of the Living 5



"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, [is] mount Zion, [on] the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. They saw [it, and] so they marvelled; they were troubled, [and] hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, [and] pain, as of a woman in travail. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind." Psalm 48:1-7



The Sunday Law Crisis was imminent at 9/11/2001, but the LORD caused a distraction for His people

- The kings of the earth were observing God's people, the hidden ones, to their hurt
- The kings of the earth were in **confederacy**, poised to take action
- The crisis of Islam arose, to the king's dismay, causing **great anguish as of a woman in labor**
- The **economic strength** of the world, the "ships of Tarshish" were broken by the **east wind**
- **See Also:** Ezra 7:9; Psalm 94:20-23; 2:1-4

*"...Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. **They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.** They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from [being] a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For **they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:**" Psalm 83:1-5*

Symbolism of The 4th Generation



Rule of First Mention

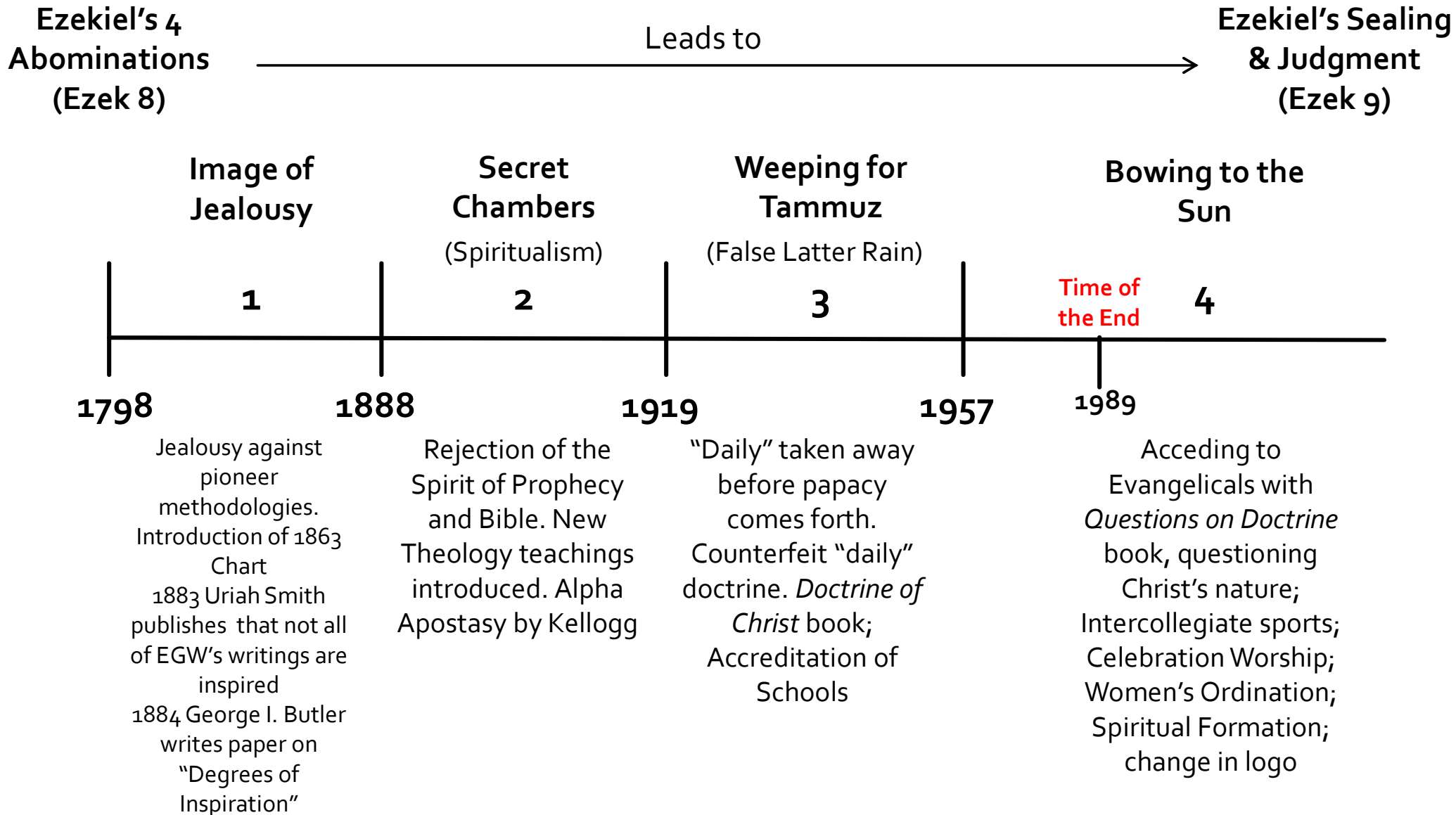
And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that ¹thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not theirs, and shall serve them; and ²they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, ³will I judge: and afterward ⁴shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in ⁵the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the ⁶iniquity of the Amorites [is] not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. ⁷In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, ⁷from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The ⁸Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Genesis 15:13-21

Prophetic Interpretation

1. The children of God are not of this world but citizens of the heavenly kingdom
2. The saints (144,000) will be persecuted and afflicted for Christ's sake
3. God will judge the nation that holds them captive [the United States the Lamb-like Beast from the earth]
4. God's people will receive great riches once delivered: a crown of life, an eternal kingdom, thrones to sit upon, immortality and eternal life, Christ's righteousness, a new heaven and earth
5. The seed of Abraham will enter the Promised Land; a remnant of the 4th Generation & those gathered by them
6. A close of probation [for the Amorites] is noted at the time of the 4th Generation
7. As the Lord is entering covenant with His people [Sealing] the message of the 4th Generation is going forth
8. The Promised Land, the territory from Egypt to Euphrates represents the territory encompassing prophetic history and therefore typifies the entire world. The world will be judged and given to the saints
9. The 10 Kings are enemies of God. They represent the 10 kings that are to give their power to the Whore to war against Christ and His people. As God enters covenant with His people, the 10 kings confederate

Adventism's 4 Generations



Final Reform Movement



Reform Line – The 144,000

