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The Significance of Islam for the Last Day Church of God

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}

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 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 28:9-13

The methodology for studying the Bible which produced the 1843 and 1850 charts is called **Proof Texting**. It is God's endorsed and sanctioned means of studying the Bible by which He has promised to convey understanding of His Word and knowledge. The charts are in essence a symbol of the methodology itself, and therefore present a life or death test, warning all to adhere to their written counsel and the means by which they were derived. Those who reject the message and means by which God purposes to convey knowledge and understanding will *"fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."*

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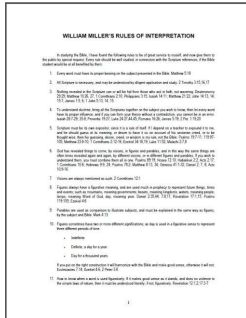
William Miller

"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.

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}

Adventist Historical Premise



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*

Taken from: MINISTRY the International Journal for Pastors, January 2012; Entitled: [Issues in the Interpretation of the Seven Trumpets of Revelation](#) by: Angel Manuel Rodriguez

Trumpet	U. Smith	E. Thiele	R. Naden	C. M. Maxwell	W. Shea	J. Paulien/ H. LaRondelle/ R. Stefanovic	A. Treiyr
Fifth	Rise of Islam. (5 months period; 1299 + 150 = 1449.)	Rise and progress of Islam. (5 months period; 1299 + 150 = 1449.)	Satan's attack on the Reformation by the Counter-Reformation. (5 months = 150 years; 1535-1685.)	Rise and progress of Islam. (5 months = 150 years; first Muslim attack on Constantinople in 674 to the last in 823 (only 149 years).)	Crusades during the Middle Ages. (5 months = 150 years; 1099-1249; from the capture of Jerusalem to the beginning of the last crusade.)	Reign of secular-athism. (5 months = God's judgments are comprehensive but limited; cf. Gen. 7:24; 8:3.)	Rise of Islam against apostate Christianity. (5 months = 150 years; 632-782; first Islamic expansionist wave.)
Sixth	Ottoman Empire. (1 day, 1 month, 1 year = 391 years; 1449-1840.)	Ottoman Empire. (391 years; 1449-1840.)	Time of final crisis; from 18th century to close of probation.	Ottoman Empire. (391 years; 1453, fall of Byzantine Empire to 1844.)	Ottoman Empire. (391 years; 1453-1844, when the edict of toleration was issued.)	Rise of end-time Babylon. The final crisis described in 7:1-3 and Rev. 13-16. (1 hour, 1 day, 1 month, refers to a divine appointed moment of time.)	Ottoman Empire. (391 years; 1453-1844, when the edict of toleration was issued.)

The second column (U. Smith) represents the thoughts of Uriah Smith, author of the book Daniel and The Revelation. Uriah Smith was an early member of the Adventist faith and strongly upheld the pioneer's teachings and perspectives. His perspectives are in agreement with pioneer writings.

Inspiration's Perspective is Consistent With Adventist Pioneers:

In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: **"Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken.** And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."—Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, August 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and **from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended.**

We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced... **Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people.** Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They talk science, and the enemy comes in and gives them an abundance of science; but it is not the science of salvation. It is not the science of humility, of consecration, or of the sanctification of the Spirit. **We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,—the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.** {RH May 25, 1905, par. 21-23 }

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

His wonderful prophecies, as recorded by him in chapters 7 to 12 of the book bearing his name, **were not fully understood even by the prophet himself**; but before his life labors closed, he was given the blessed assurance that "at the end of the days"—in the closing period of this world's history—he would again be permitted to stand in his lot and place. {Prophets and Kings 547.1}

The third angel's message must go over the land, and awaken the people, and call their attention to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Another angel unites his voice with the third angel, and the earth is lighted with its glory. **The light increases, and it shines out to all the nations of the earth.** It is to go forth as a light that burneth. It will be attended with great power, until its golden beams have fallen upon every tongue, every people, and every nation upon the face of the whole earth. {Review and Herald August 18, 1885, par. 14 }

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}

Personal Obligations I:

"No matter by whom light is sent, we should open our hearts to receive it with the meekness of Christ." Gospel Workers, 300-303

"Let us beware that we do not refuse the light God sends, because it does not come in a way to please us...If there are any who do not see and accept the light themselves, let them not stand in the way of others." Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, 728

"The Lord sends light to us **to prove what manner of spirit we are of.**" Gospel Workers, 297- 304

"Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it." Testimonies to Ministers, 507

"If a brother is teaching...truth...take [your] stand at his side...We are all under obligation to God to under stand what He sends us." Testimonies to Ministers, 110

"Even if all our leading men should refuse light and truth, that door will still remain open." Testimonies to Ministers, 107

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}

Personal Obligations II:

"But we see that **the God of heaven sometimes commissions men to teach that which is regarded as contrary to the established doctrines...** The Holy Spirit will from time to time, reveal the truth through its own chosen agencies; and no man, not even a priest or ruler has a right to say, You shall not give publicity to your opinions, because I do not believe them." Testimonies to Ministers, 70

"**In the church, man power is gaining the ascendancy.** Those who have been chosen to occupy positions of trust think it their prerogative to rule." Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, 270

"**When brethren manifest the spirit of the dragon,** to make war upon those who believe that God has communicated light and comfort to them through the Testimonies, it is time for the brethren and sisters to assert their liberty and perfect freedom of conscience." Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, 245, 246

"The **great danger with our people** has been that of **depending upon men, and making flesh their arm.** Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men, and accept the decisions they make; **and thus many will reject the very messages God sends His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them...The Lord will raise up men who will give the people the message for this time.**" Testimonies to Ministers, 106, 107

"I have been shown the case of Brother P. He had been standing for some time resisting the truth. **His sin was not that he did not receive that which he sincerely believed to be error, but that he did not investigate diligently and gain a knowledge of what he was opposing.** He took it for granted that Sabbathkeeping Adventists, as a body, were in error. **This view was in harmony with his feelings, and he did not see the necessity of finding out for himself by diligently searching the Scriptures with earnest prayer.** Had he pursued this course he might now have been far in advance of his present position. **He has been too slow to receive evidence and too neglectful in searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so.** Paul did not consider those worthy of commendation who resisted his teachings as long as they could until compelled by overwhelming evidence to decide in favor of the doctrine which he taught and which he had received of God.

Paul and Silas labored in the synagogue of the Jews at Thessalonica with some success; but the unbelieving Jews were greatly dissatisfied, and created a disturbance, and made a great uproar against them. These devoted apostles were obliged to leave Thessalonica under the cover of night and go to Berea. where they were gladly welcomed. They speak in commendation of the Bereans thus: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed." {Accountability for Light Received, 2T Chpt 81 pg 695, 696}

This principle we in our day are firmly to maintain. The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God's witnesses during the centuries that have passed since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands. The responsibility for this great gift rests with those whom God has blessed with a knowledge of His word. We are to receive this word as supreme authority. We are to recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment, and teach obedience to it as a sacred duty, within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must obey God rather than men. God's word must be recognized as above all human legislation. A "Thus saith the Lord" is not to be set aside for a "Thus saith the church" or a "Thus saith the state." The crown of Christ is to be lifted above the diadems of earthly potentates. { Acts of the Apostles 68.2}

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

<i>Untamed</i>	<i>War-like</i>	<i>Hateful & Hated</i>
<i>Inciting Conflict</i>	<i>Insular</i>	<i>Communal Among his Own</i>
	<i>Weighs Insult over Injury</i>	

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

Sons of Keturah and Ishmael: Genesis 25:1-6

Islam darkens knowledge of Christ: Malachi 4:2 - when the sun is darkened the moon arises. The crescent moon and star are symbols appearing on the flags of many modern nations claiming Islam as its religion

Bellwether: bell-weth-er: an indicator or predictor of something.
"college campuses are often the bellwether of change"
synonyms: harbinger, herald, indicator, predictor

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

Children of the East – sons of Ishmael and of Abraham’s second wife, Keturah who were sent east to live apart from the descendants of Isaac. The Arabs claim Ishmael as their forefather

Children of Kedar – Kedar was one of the sons of Ishmael and is again associated with Islam and the Arabs

The East Wind – the East Wind is that which carries/brings [economic] destruction and collapse to a nation

Wild (Arabian) Horse/Ass – the characteristics and temperament of the wild ass depicts the nature of Ishmael and his descendants. Of the role of Islam in last day events, the Spirit of Prophecy writes: “¹Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path. Shall we sleep on the very verge of the eternal world? Shall we be dull and cold and dead? ²Oh, that we might have in our churches the Spirit and breath of God breathed into His people, that they might stand upon their feet and live.” { 20MR 216.6, 7 }

1. Reference to Revelation 7 – when the sealing of God’s people is taking place
2. Reference to Ezekiel 37, when the people are revived to be a mighty army for the LORD

Locusts – locusts were a scourge that darken the skies and destroy the economic strength of a nation

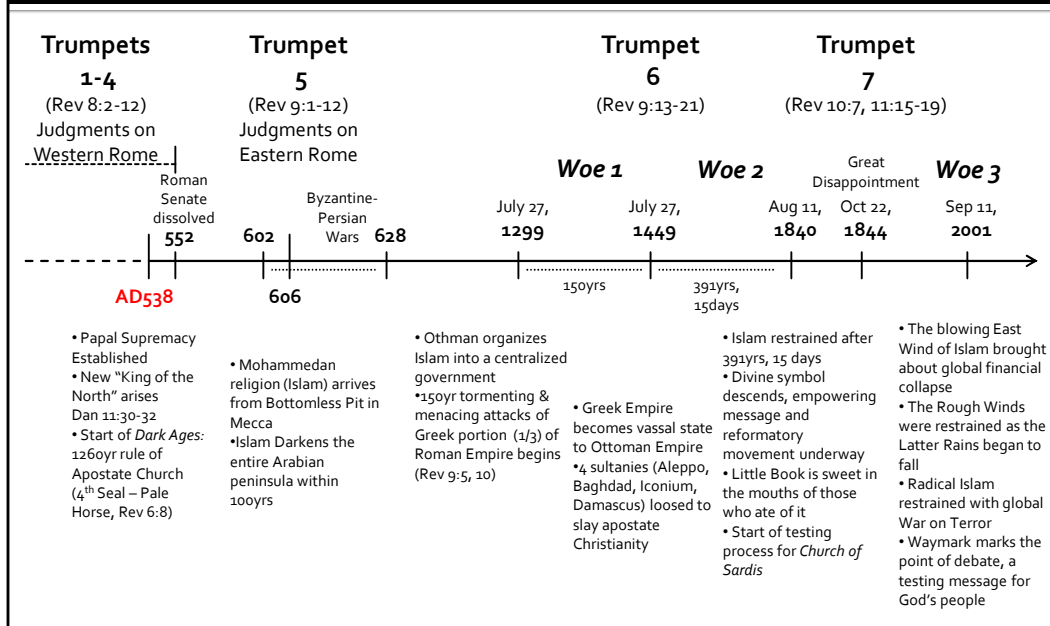
Woe, Woe, Woe – the three Woes of The Revelation all depict a work of Islam in the chain of prophetic history. Islam is said to “hurt”, “kill”, “destroy” those who are of or support the apostate church system, the papacy

“Alas, Alas” – the term is synonymous with the term Woe and appears three times in the Revelation chapter 18, paralleling the 3 Woes respectively. The statement is given in lamentation of the destructions to befall the papacy in the 7 last plagues with God’s judgments upon her

Smoke from the Bottomless Pit – the Revelation describes the rise and spread of Islam as smoke from the bottomless pit which darkens the skies. Emanating from a place of perdition, Islam is a manifestation of satanic origin and is designed to darken a knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ

Distress of Nations/Angering of the Nations – the work of Islam is to cause the distress of nations and ultimately to provoke/catalyze the nations to anger so that they issue an unrighteous decree, a Sunday Law, attempting to legislate morality

Prophetic Rise of Islam



May 16, 1453AD Fall of Constantinople and rise of Ottoman Empire. Gun powder was widely used in the assault of Constantinople, denoting the fire and brimstone that seemingly came from the mouths of the horses (Rev 9:17)

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

Year	Event
7/27/1299	Start of Woe #1
7/27/1449	End of Woe #1
7/27/1449	Start of Woe #2
8/11/1840	End of Woe #2



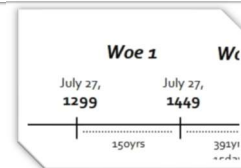
- **Woe #2** (7/27/1449-8/11/1840) – 391yrs, 15days of slaying

- 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}



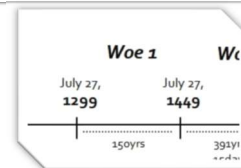
"And their power was to torment men five months." : "Men were weary of life, when life was spared only for a renewal of woe, and when all that they accounted sacred was violated, and all that they held dear constantly endangered; and **when the savage Saracens domineered over them, or left them only 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 Mahomedism, 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}

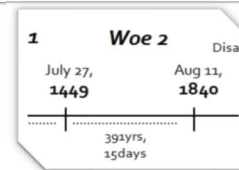
Not only was their attack speedy and vigorous, but 'the nice sensibility of honor, which weighs the insult rather than the injury, shed its deadly venom on the quarrels of the Arabs; **an indecent action, a contemptuous word, can be expiated only by the blood of the offender; and such is their patient 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}



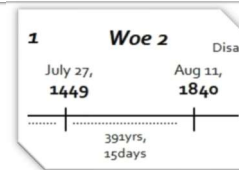
The sounding of this trumpet as we have frequently been shown, ended in August, 1840. According to history these four messengers were four principal tribes or hords of people living near or by the river Euphrates, viz: **Arabs, Turks, Tartars, and Saraceans who under the sounding of the sixth trumpet 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 outrivald 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}

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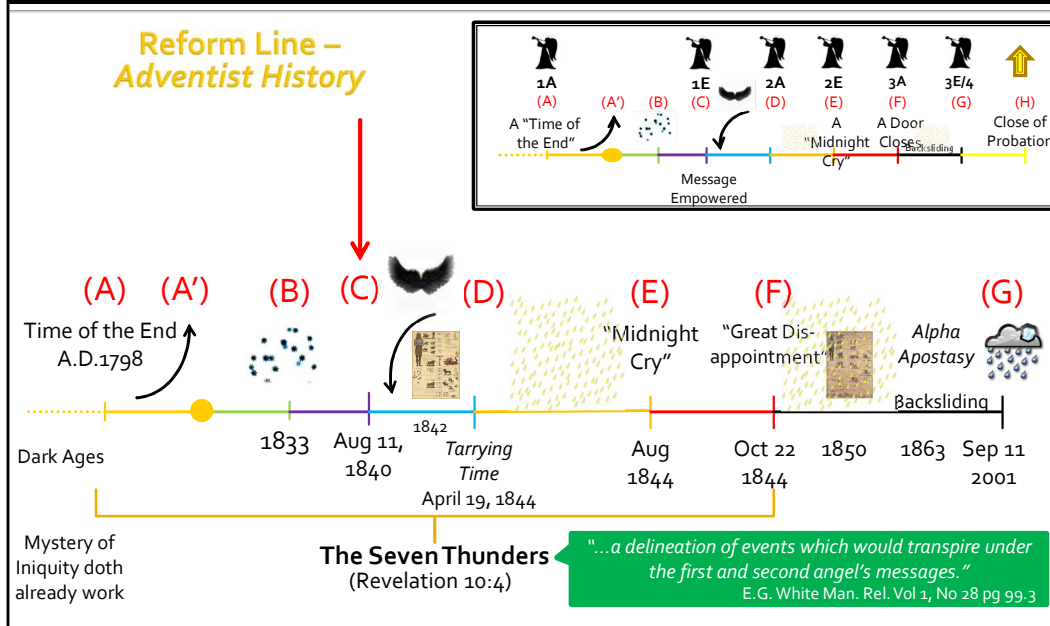
The same destructive secret had been revealed to the Moslems, by whom it was employed with the superior energy of zeal, riches and despotism. **The great cannon of Mahomet has been separately noticed; an important and visible object in the history of the times; but that enormous engine was flanked by two fellows almost of equal magnitude;** the long order of the Turkish artillery was pointed against the walls; fourteen batteries thundered at once on the most accessible places, and of one of these it is ambiguously expressed that it was mounted with one hundred and thirty guns, or that it discharged one hundred and thirty bullets. {1842 JoL, PREX2 187.1}



To save Turkey from being overthrown by Egypt, Turkey accepted the intervention of England, Russia, Austria, and Prussia. An ultimatum was drawn up by the great powers which pledged themselves to coerce Egypt, if Egypt refused to accept the terms. As long as the [Turkish] sultan held the ultimatum, he still maintained his independence; but as soon as the document was in the hands of Mehemet Ali, it was beyond the sultan's power to control the situation. The document was put into the power of Mehemet Ali, and deposed of according to his orders, Aug. 11, 1840. Since then Turkey has been "the sick man of the East." G.C. 334, 335. {1919 SNH, BHB 122.1}

"The power of Islamism is broken forever; and there is no concealing the fact even from themselves. They exist now by mere sufferance. And though there is a mighty effort made by the Christian governments to sustain them, yet at every step they sink lower and lower with fearful velocity. And though there is a great endeavor made to graft the institutions of civilized and Christian countries upon the decayed trunk, yet the very root itself is fast wasting away by the venom of its own poison. How wonderful it is, that, **when all christendom combined together to check the progress of Mohammedan power, it waxed exceedingly great in spite of every opposition; and now when all the mighty potentates of Christian Europe, who feel fully competent to settle all the quarrels, and arrange the affairs of the whole world, are leagued together for its protection and defence, down it comes, in spite of all their fostering care.**" {1868 Joseph Bates, Autobiography of Joseph Bates 259.2}

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



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**. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

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The mighty Angel [of Revelation 10] who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty Angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.—The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 7:971. { TA 243.2 }

August 11, 1840

1. Divinity flashes through humanity: The scriptures which are divine, flash through mortal men who have eaten the Little Book of Revelation 10:1-4
2. A 3-step testing process for the Protestant Churches (Church of Sardis) begins:

Antedeluvians:	Enoch	Methuselah	Noah (Closed Door)
Daniel:	Appetite	Visual Test	Character
Millerites:	Eat Little Book	1843 Chart	Midnight Cry (Closed Door)

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}

The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come. And these principles may be understood by all. No one with a spirit to appreciate its teaching can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. ***Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, "here a little, and there a little."*** **Isaiah 28:10.** { Ed 123.2}

When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another.

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



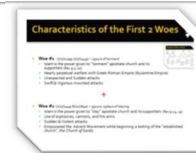
The 3rd Woe Revealed



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 }

“How comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, ‘What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.’ The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that **one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God’s power.** From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place the fearfulness of which we can not imagine. { Review and Herald July 5, 1906, par. 14 }

The third angel’s message will not be comprehended, **the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.** The work that might have been done, will be left undone by the rejecters of truth, because of their unbelief. We entreat of you who oppose the light of truth, to stand out of the way of God’s people. Let Heaven-sent light shine forth upon them in clear and steady rays. God holds you to whom this light has come, responsible for the use you make of it. Those who will not hear will be held responsible; for the truth has been brought within their reach, but they despised their opportunities and privileges. Messages bearing the divine credentials have been sent to God’s people; the glory, the majesty, the righteousness of Christ, full of goodness and truth, have been presented; the fullness of the Godhead in Jesus Christ has been set forth among us with beauty and loveliness, to charm all whose hearts were not closed with prejudice...{RH May 27, 1890, par. 6 }

Desire of Ages – Chapter 41 **The Crisis in Galilee** is based on John 6 where two classes are developed, one is drawn near to Christ while the other class follows Christ no more and receives the Mark of the Beast (John 6:66)

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"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

Receiving the Holy Spirit (in measure): The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost. {3SP 243.1}. So too, the Latter Rains, the refreshing, began to fall in measure (the small rains then the showers) in the day of the East Wind (Acts 3:19; Isaiah 27:8; 28:10-12; Deuteronomy 32:1, 2).

Fruit of Righteousness in the Israel of God: Jesus declared that those who love Him and keep His commandments, He and His Father would make Themselves manifest unto them, but not unto the world (John 14:21, 22). It is through the indwelling Holy Spirit that Jesus and the Father make themselves manifest to (make their abode [with]) the believers. Jesus further states that the faithful who follow Him would receive the Comforter, Holy Spirit as an earnest or down-payment of their redemptions (Acts 5:32, Ephesians 1:13, 14). The Kingdom of God, that is within each believer (Luke 17:20, 21) will be manifest as the Holy Spirit completes the work of perfecting the saints, the mystery of Godliness and the mystery of God (Colossians 1:27; Revelation 10:7)

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"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. A continuation of the **Loud Cry** that has been ongoing 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

Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [which] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and **thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.** (Isaiah 6:5-7)

- Isaiah typifies those living in the time of the 3rd Woe, the 144,000, as he beholds his undone condition before the LORD's glory (Compare Daniel 10:7, 8; Revelation 1:13-17)
- Isaiah is as one standing before the LORD, the Judge of the Universe
- Isaiah's sins are purged and his iniquities are blotted out by the coal from off the altar
- Once his sins have been purged he is lifted up as an ensign to take a message to God's people

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The descent of the angel in Revelation 10 when Islam is restrained (August 11, 1840) typifies the descent of the angel in Revelation 18:1 when Islam is restrained in the present history (September 11, 2001).

The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view. The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message. The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, hasten from place to place to proclaim the warning from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the message will be given. Miracles are wrought, the sick are healed, and signs and wonders follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth are brought to take their stand. { 4SP 429.2 }

The third angel's message must go over the land, and awaken the people, and call their attention to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. **Another angel unites his voice with the third angel, and the earth is lighted with its glory. The light increases, and it shines out to all the nations of the earth. It is to go forth as a light that burneth.** It will be attended with great power, until its golden beams have fallen upon every tongue, every people, and every nation upon the face of the whole earth. Let me ask you, What you are doing to prepare for this work? Are you building for eternity? **You must remember that this angel represents the people that have this message to give to the world.** Are you among that people? Do you really believe that this work in which we are engaged is truly the third angel's message? If so, then you understand that we have a mighty work to do, and that we ought to be about it. **We must sanctify ourselves by a strict obedience to the truth, placing ourselves in right relation to God and his work.** As the truth goes forth, Satan intensifies his zeal to defeat its progress by presenting pleasing delusions. As we urge the truth, he urges his errors. He will stir up his agents, in view of the coming of the Lord, to go out and cry, "Lo! here is Christ, and lo! there is Christ." And here arises this superstition, and there arises that heresy. And tell me, what are we to do about it? I will tell you: **we can become familiar, with the Bible, and read what saith the Lord. Not only the ministers but all who love and fear God are to do the Master's work; and that is to let the light that he has given you shine before all.** Here are two companies; one of them is being bound in bundles to burn, the other is being bound by the cords of truth and love. Satan is binding his followers with the work of iniquity; **Christ is binding together his people in love and faith in the keeping of his commandments.** And this work will increase more and more, and Satan will work to divide and separate God's people one from the other. And while he is doing this kind of work, be careful that none of you are found helping him. We want to put away our cold-heartedness, and let love, tender compassion, true courtesy, and the spirit of tenderness come into our midst. Here we are in the waiting time, in the day of God's preparation. Here in this world we are to fit up for these great trials that are soon coming upon us. And yet some of us act as though we had a whole millennium before us in which to accomplish the work. But, says the text, "Watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is." And what Christ said to his disciples, I say unto you, "Take ye heed, watch and pray," that when the Master comes to reckon with his servants, you may receive from him the crown of life laid up for the overcomer, and rejoice with him in his kingdom. { RH August 18, 1885, par. 14 }

Amos 4:7 - And also I have withholden the rain from you, when [there were] yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, 507 (1897) - Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, **we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.**—, { LDE 195.4 }

Let every one who claims to believe that the Lord is soon coming, search the Scriptures as never before; for Satan is determined to try every device possible to keep souls in darkness, and blind the mind to the perils of the times in which we are living. Let every believer take up his Bible with earnest prayer, that he may be enlightened by the holy Spirit as to what is truth, that he may know more of God and of Jesus Christ whom he has sent. Search for the truth as for hidden treasures, and disappoint the enemy. **The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth. For it is the work of every one to whom the message of warning has come,** to lift up Jesus, to present him to the world as revealed in types, as shadowed in symbols, as manifested in the revelations of the prophets, as unveiled in the lessons given to his disciples and in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men. Search the Scriptures; for they are they that testify of him. { RH November 22, 1892, par. 7 }

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

Christian Experiences and Teachings of EGW, 112.3 - I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God.

Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets, and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." {CET 112.4 }

I saw that none could share the "refreshing," unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence. {CET 113.1}

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"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

Life Sketches pg 411: I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story: 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! **Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled!**' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power.

The great day of the LORD [is] near, [it is] near, and hasteth greatly, [even] the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day [is] a day of wrath, **a day of trouble and distress, a day of wateness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.** (Zephaniah 1:14-16)

On one occasion, **when in New York City**, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. **These buildings were warranted to be fireproof, and they were erected to glorify their owners and builders.** Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom these buildings belonged were not asking themselves: "How can we best glorify God?" The Lord was not in their thoughts. {9T 12.1}

I thought: "Oh, that those who are thus investing their means could see their course as God sees it! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising. They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind how they may glorify God. They have lost sight of this, the first duty of man." {9T 12.2}

As these lofty buildings went up, the owners rejoiced with ambitious pride that they had money to use in gratifying self and provoking the envy of their neighbors. Much of the money that they thus invested had been obtained through exaction, through grinding down the poor. They forgot that in heaven an account of every business transaction is kept; every unjust deal, every fraudulent act, is there recorded. The time is coming when in their fraud and insolence men will reach a point that the Lord will not permit them to pass, and they will learn that there is a limit to the forbearance of Jehovah. {9T 12.3}

The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said: "They are perfectly safe." But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines. {9T 13.1}

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] hastened 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

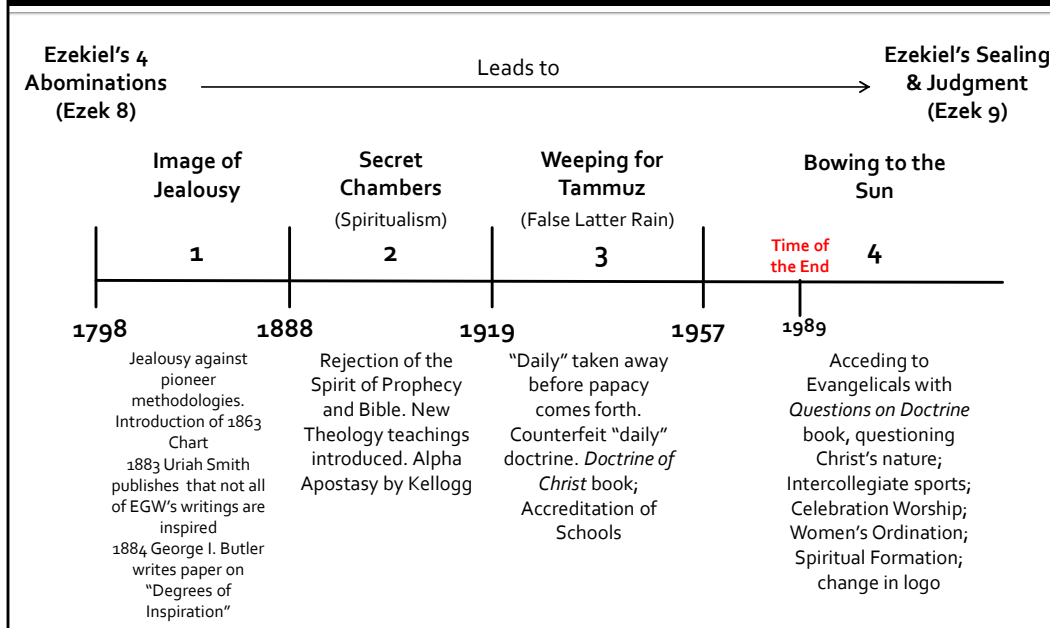
And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that ¹thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not theirs, and shall serve them; and ²they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, ³will I judge: and afterward ⁴shall they come out with great substance. And thou 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

1. John 17:16-21; Hebrews 11:9-16
2. Revelation 6:10, 11
3. National apostasy leads to national ruin {Evangelism 235.1}
4. 1 Corinthians 2:9
5. Revelation 7:4, 9, 14:1-5; Examples of 4th Generation: Joel 1:1-4, 2:25; Exodus 20:5
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7. Joel 1:1-4, 2:25-32
8. Matthew 5:5
9. Revelation 17:12-14; Psalm 83:1-8, 2:1-4, 94:20-23

Adventism's 4 Generations



The 4 progressive abominations revealed to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 8 are the cause for God's judgments inflicted upon the nation in chapter 9. Though Chapter 8 highlights the sins committed primarily among the leadership of Israel, the influence of the leadership was seen in the thoughts of the people in Ezekiel 9:9. Prior to God's judgments being poured out, paralleling the 7-last plague judgments of Revelation 16 on those who will bow to the Sunday Law, God seals (Revelation 7) those who "sigh and cry" for the abominations they witness on a daily basis.

- I. Image of Jealousy – With the rise of the Seventh-day Adventist church and the passing of time, many of the early Adventist pioneers who were led by the Spirit of God during the Advent Movement of 1840-1844 were dying off. A new generation of Adventists arose who disdained the simplicity of the chosen messengers and called into question the revealed methods and light given by God which guided the Movement. Much more impressed by the theological methods and Biblical interpretations of the day, this new generation showed contempt and a jealousy for the simple methods of Proof Texting for the more scholarly Hermeneutics and Exegesis. The introduction of the 1863 chart by James White drew greater contempt upon topics, once commonly understood and accepted by Adventist pioneers but called into question by the new generation (i.e. "the daily", the 2520 prophecy).

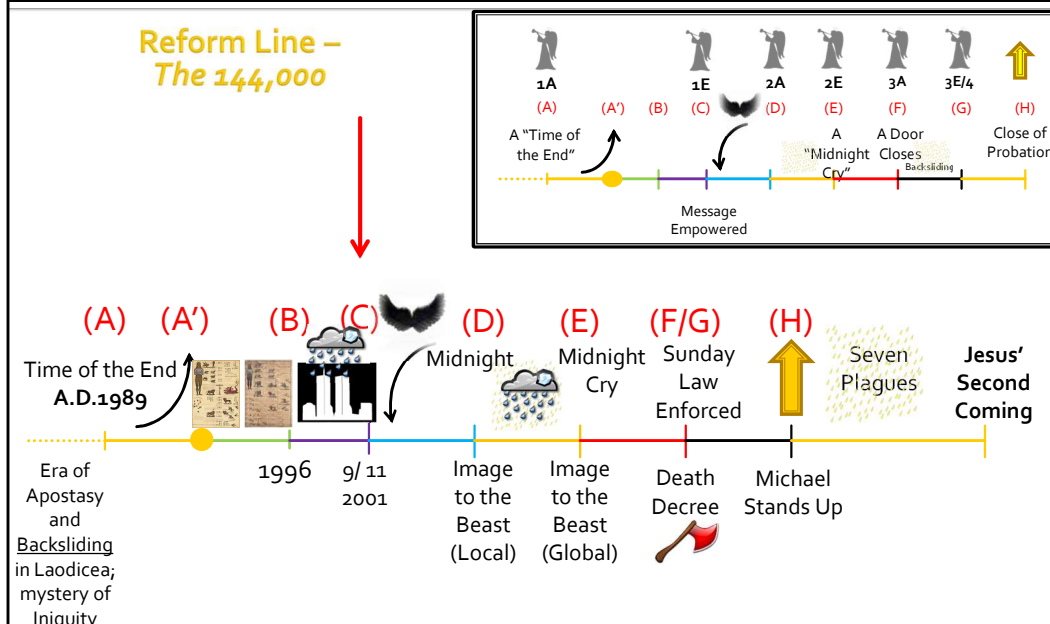
"The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men, and making flesh their arm. Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men, and accept the decisions they make; and thus many will reject the very messages God sends His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them...The Lord will raise up men who will give the people the message for this time." Testimonies to Ministers, 106, 107
 - II. "An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis [1888 General Conference Meeting] against the Lord's message through Brethren [E.J.] Waggoner and [A.T.] Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world." { 1SM 234.6}

By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory. {DA 633.3}

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The introduction of Spiritualism in the church through the prominent and respected medical doctor, J. H. Kellogg, author of *The Living Temple*, caused a severe shaking within the body. Kellogg's notoriety and prominence as a key leader of Adventism's health programming was used by him to challenge the counsels and criticisms offered by the LORD's messenger, Sister E.G. White. Further, criticism of the veracity and inspiration of the Spirit of Prophecy by those prominent leaders within the church (Uriah Smith, Ballenger, W.W. Prescott, others) for whom messages of rebuke were written, caused many to question the prophetic gift and eventually apostatize. Ellen White wrote, "I wrote to Elder Prescott, telling him that he must be exceedingly careful not to introduce subjects in the Review that would seem to point out flaws in our past experience" (Letter by Sister White, 250, 1908, to S.N. Haskell). In the *New Theology Tractbook*, pp. 45-46 -Albion Fox Ballenger (1861-1921) and E.W. Farnsworth in 1905, described Ballenger's teachings in these words: "When Jesus 'ascended, He went immediately into the Most Holy Place, and that His ministry has been carried on there ever since." E. G. White points out the errors of Elder Ballenger in MS 62, 1905; MS 145, Letter 329, 1905 (1SM pp. 160-162); letter to W.W. Simpson, 1-30-1906; letter to John Burden, 12-11-1905.
 - III. In the pagan ritual marking the death and resurrection of the deity Tammuz, women lamented his death in the fall as the earth seemingly "dies" with the approach of winter and contrastingly, they indulged in lewd sexual ceremonies celebrating his resurrection with the return of spring. The spring time ceremonies, calling for the rains to water the earth to bring forth life, typifies a counterfeit "early and latter rain". Similarly, Adventism has promoted a counterfeit spiritual revival following its rejection of the 1888 message of Righteousness by Faith, the commencement of the latter rain. In its stead, it has embraced "New Theology" interpretations of established Adventist doctrine (i.e. the daily as Christ's ministerial work in the Sanctuary; the Nature of Christ as that of Adam's before sin; that the righteous live in sin until the coming of Christ); sought to align itself with "traditional" medical practices versus the God sanctioned methods of natural healings; sought accreditation of its universities, exposing them to requirements and teachings that are inconsistent with the faith. [1931—ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS DH—25 in the Branson Report in 1931, at the Autumn Council in Omaha, it was decided to enter upon an accrediting program for our educational institutions.]
 - IV. The final apostasy of bowing to the sun will be the result of those who reject Christ's righteousness and ultimately receive the Mark of the Beast. The progressive and precipitous falling away from godly counsels found in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy has led to compromising the faith once delivered to the saints for a degenerate religion filled with form and fashions derived from the world (apostate Protestantism). [1954-1955—EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE Doctrinal History Tractbook leading to *Questions on Doctrine* book]
- It is when the vital principles of the kingdom of God are lost sight of, that ceremonies become multitudinous and extravagant. It is when the character building is neglected, when the adornment of the soul is lacking, when the simplicity of godliness is despised, that pride and love of display demand magnificent church edifices, splendid adornings, and imposing ceremonials. But in all this God is not honored. He values His church, not for its external advantages, but for the sincere piety which distinguishes it from the world. He estimates it according to the growth of its members in the knowledge of Christ, according to their progress in spiritual experience. He looks for the principles of love and goodness. Not all the beauty of art can bear comparison with the beauty of temper and character to be revealed in those who are Christ's representatives. { PK 565.3}

Final Reform Movement



- Students of Bible prophecy recognized the significance of the fall of the former U.S.S.R. and the U.S.'s role as accomplice, mimicking the role of the "daily".
- The SDA Church's Biblical Research Institute that rejects the "daily" as paganism, resists this correlation and saw no significance in the year 1989 beyond a historic event for the modern era
- As men sought to rebuild the temple of the Lord left in disrepair by leadership apostasy, the 1843 and 1850 Prophecy Charts and their significance as the "Old Paths" [Foundations] of Adventism are found/understood (2 Kings 22:1-8; Jeremiah 6:16; Isaiah 58:12; Proverbs 4:18); as well as a knowledge of the Reform Lines of Bible Prophecy, made known through Pioneer's methods of Bible study. Seeking counsel from the prophetess (Huldah / EGW Spirit of Prophecy), her endorsement is affirmed (2 Kings 22:12-20; Habakkuk 2:1-4)

September 11, 2001

1. Divinity flashes through humanity: The scriptures which are divine, flash through mortal men who have eaten the Little Book of Revelation Daniel 11:40-45;
2. A 3-step testing process for the Protestant Churches (Church of Sardis) begins:

Antedeluvians:	Enoch	Methuselah
	Noah (Closed Door)	
Daniel: Appetite test)		Visual Test
Millerites: (Closed Door)	Eat Little Book	1843 Chart
Today:	Eat Bible/SoP	2 Charts
	Sunday Law (litmus test)	

Islam & the Remnant Church



- The return of Islam to Bible history marks a bellwether for the Remnant
 - That God has a **specific message and reformatory movement** for the time
 - **Daniel 11:40-45** as the cornerstone truths before the **close of mankind's probation**
 - Repetition of the Advent/Millerite Movement's historic Reform Line to the letter in the modern Time of the End – **Jesus reveals the End from the Beginning**
 - Bind up the breaches, **raising-up the foundational truths** of prior generations using God's prescribed method – **Proof-Texting**
 - A "distraction" for the enemies of God and His people, while He prepares them to stand in the day of great trial, the day of the Sunday Law's enforcement
 - The commencement of a **3-step testing process** for God's people before the close of their probation

■ Sin	Righteousness	Judgment
■ Purified	Made White	Tried
■ Appetite	Visual Test	Judgment
- A **turning point** both in world and church history
- A primary catalyst, among many factors (climate change, decline in morality, financial collapse) for the creation of a **one-world government** and passage of a **Sunday Law**

I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his word, awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal or bind the wheat for the heavenly garner." These things should engage the whole mind, the whole attention. Again I was shown the necessity of those who believe we are having the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are daily receiving or imbibing new error. I saw that neither young nor old should attend the assemblies of those who are in error and darkness. Said the angel, "Let the mind cease to dwell on things of no profit." { 5MR 425.3 }

The prophetic pattern of Islam being restrained and God's glory being revealed is established on the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses:

- Hagar is "restrained" [reproved] by Sarai and the Angel of the LORD appears to her (Genesis 16:6, 7)
- Islam is "restrained" and the Mighty Angel, Jesus, descends (Revelation 9:15; 10:1, 2)
- Radical Islam is "restrained" through the "war on terror" [9/11/2001] and the glorious angel descends (Revelation 18:1-3)