

THE GOLDEN THREAD OF PROPHECY

“Those who take only a surface view of the Scriptures will, with their superficial knowledge, which they think is very deep, talk of the contradictions of the Bible, and question the authority of the Scriptures. But those whose hearts are in harmony with truth and duty will search the Scriptures with a heart prepared to receive divine impressions. The illuminated soul sees a spiritual unity, one grand golden thread running through the whole, but it requires patience, thought, and prayer to trace out the precious golden thread.” 7BC 945

Lesson #02: Students of Prophecy

Prophetic Study

What we are presenting in this course, leads to the conclusion that the Latter Rain is now falling, and Adventists are required to recognize that it is falling. There will be two groups in Adventism, those that will not recognize it, and those that will recognize it. We will use some simple studies of Bible Prophecy to show this.

2 Chronicles 20:20. “Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.”

Isaiah 7:9. “If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.”

Students of Prophecy

“Whatever may be man’s intellectual advancement, let him not for a moment think that there is no need of thorough and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light. As a people we are called individually to be students of prophecy.” Testimonies, volume 5, 708.

Logic thus dictates that if we are not students of prophecy, we are in disobedience. If we are in disobedience to the Lord, it means we have no spiritual discernment. If we have no spiritual discernment, we do not have an ethical or moral authority to pass judgment on a prophetic study. Before we have the moral and ethical authority to pass judgment on a prophetic study, we MUST be students of prophecy because if we are not, we are in disobedience.

The Ground of our Faith

“The Word of God, just as it reads, is the ground of our faith. That Word is the sure word of prophecy, and it demands implicit faith from all who claim to believe it. It is authoritative, containing in itself the proof of its divine origin.” Signs of the Times, June 2, 1898.

If we are not studying God’s Word, and if we don’t understand that God speaks to us here at the end of the world through His prophetic word, and this is the foundation of our faith, then we can listen to a presentation on prophecy and be just as critical as we want, because we don’t think these things are important to us.

The foundation of our faith is **God's Prophetic Word** and the 144,000 are going to be people that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth and they follow the Lamb by following His word, and His Word is a prophetic word. There are many quotes to show that prophecy is the foundation of our faith.

The Foundation of our Faith

"Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists." Evangelism, 196.

Hebrews 12:2. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

"Beginning at Moses, the very Alpha of Bible history, Christ expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Had He first made Himself known to them, their hearts would have been satisfied. In the fullness of their joy they would have hungered for nothing more.

"But it was necessary for them to understand the witness borne to Him by the types and prophecies of the Old Testament. Upon these their faith must be established. Christ performed no miracle to convince them, but it was His first work to explain the Scriptures. They had looked upon His death as the destruction of all their hopes. Now He showed from the prophets that this was the very strongest evidence for their faith." The Desire of Ages, 796.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus had to establish their faith on the Prophetic Word.

Never Changes

Hebrews 13:8. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

James 1:17. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Malachi 3:6. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

Because Christ never changes, He establishes our faith today also upon His prophetic Word.

Prophecy is the Voice of Christ

"It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time. The Saviour is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. It is the light from the prophetic past that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Christ are a proof of His divinity; but a stronger proof that He is the world's Redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New." The Desire of Ages, 799.

As we present the prophetic word here at the end of time we have many who will stumble and say that we are not preaching Christ enough. Always remember that it is Christ Who is speaking through the prophetic word. Some may not have fulfilled their responsibility as a student of prophecy to be able to recognize His voice clearly, but it is Christ speaking to us in the prophetic word.

The Testimony of Two

John 8:17. "It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true."

2 Corinthians 13:1. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

At the mouth of two witnesses

Deuteronomy 17:6. "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death."

Deuteronomy 19:15. "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established."

Established by God

Genesis 41:32. "And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass."

A statute of judgment

Numbers 35:29-30. "So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die."

Hebrews 10:28. "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses."

1 Timothy 5:19. "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."

Every word may be established

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Matthew 18:16.

My witness is not true

"If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true." John 5:31-32.

Every Fact and Principle

"Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion." Education, 123.

There are principles that in the past we may have just passed right over, but inspiration tells us there is not one fact that does not have a bearing, and as a student of prophecy we are supposed to come to understand what that is.

"The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted." Testimonies to Ministers, 112.

There are at least two ways that truth is conveyed; by the delineation of events that are set forth in the prophecy itself, the prediction; but also in the circumstances that take place as the prophet is receiving

the revelation, either in a dream or a vision. That is what is being said here, the Holy Spirit has so shaped matters in the *giving and in the events portrayed*.

In Revelation 10:10 we see John, the Prophet, taking the little book and eating it and it is sweet in his mouth and bitter in his stomach. This is not the prophecy; these are the circumstances involved with the proclamation of the prophecy. What is being illustrated there?

The seven thunders is a truth that is unsealed for God's people at the end of the world, just as the book of Daniel was unsealed for the Millerites. The seven thunders tell us that the Millerite history is perfectly repeated in the development of the 144,000. In Revelation 10:10, because the seven thunders of verse 4 are sealed up, there are truths about verse 10 that we have not seen until we arrived here at the end of the world, and now these truths are being unsealed.

Revelation 22:10 says 'seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book because the time is at hand. He that is unjust let him be unjust still.' This shows us that just before human probation closes, the prophecy that has been sealed up in the book of Revelation, and there is only one—the seven thunders—is unsealed. Sister White tells us what the seven thunders are, it is the history of the Millerite time period from 1840-1844. And it is the history when the 144,000 are developed. So here we are at the end of the world, just before probation is closed up and suddenly you can see that a truth that we have understood for 150 years has a broader meaning.

Revelation 10:10 "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter."

But in verse 8, Revelation 10:8 "And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth."

Ellen White says that 'angel' is Christ and the 'little book' is the book of Daniel.

Revelation 10:9 "And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey."

The Millerites did not know they were going into a bitter disappointment. They did not know they were going to be confronted with a disappointment. John is here representing more than the Millerites, he is representing a group of people that understand this experience of the Millerites in advance. That is the 144,000. We go through the identical experience as the Millerites.

So we see that the Holy Spirit has so shaped matters both in the giving of the prophecy and the events portrayed, this is a principle we refer to from time to time in understanding prophecy.

Their Prophesying is in Force for Us

"Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. '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. 'Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.' 1 Peter 1:12. . . .

"The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days." Selected Messages, book 3, 338-339.

“These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as present truth, but their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days.” Selected Messages, book 3, 419-420.

1 Corinthians 14:32-33. “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

All the prophets are telling the same story, they are not in confusion with one another and each of the ancient prophets was speaking about the end of the world. All these things in God’s word are an illustration of the end of the world. The more we develop faith that can believe and understand that, the clearer God’s word becomes here at the end of the world.

The Point of Reference

“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end.” Acts of the Apostles, 585.

Revelation is the point of reference for end time events. We have the responsibility of bringing prophetic line upon prophetic line, here a little and there a little, but the point of reference for end time Bible Prophecy is the book of Revelation, which also includes the book of Daniel as they are the same book.

Daniel and the Revelation

“Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. . . . We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know.” Testimonies to Ministers, 116.

The Same Subjects

“It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel. The object is to bring these books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects.” Testimonies to Ministers, 117.

If someone is teaching you a truth about the book of Daniel and there is no corresponding point of reference in the book of Revelation, that is a warning flag right there. They are the same book, they relate to the same subjects.

The Waymarks

Waymarks: marks along the way.

“The great waymarks of truth, showing us our bearings in prophetic history, are to be carefully guarded, lest they be torn down, and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light.” Selected Messages, book 2, 101–102.

What are the great waymarks? They are the historical events that took place from 1840-1844. Today, they need to be resurrected, not carefully hidden. The modern theologians in Adventism are ethically and intellectually dishonest to teach something different than the pioneers, if they will not *acknowledge* that they are teaching something different than the pioneers, and then go on and then tell *why* the pioneers were incorrect. They don’t do that. They just teach protestant prophecy and protestant doctrines as if it *is* the good old Advent message, and it is not. Those are the great waymarks that we are to carefully guard.

Located by the Word of Inspiration

“The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” Counsels to Writers and Editors, 26-27.

Where they came into history is important to be understood.

Their Order

“The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel’s message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be.” Selected Messages, book 2, 104-105.

The history of 1840-1844 is repeated at the end of the world, so correctly lay that history out, and you are correctly illustrating the end of the world.

The Foundation

“The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. . . .There is need now to rehearse the experience of the men who acted a part in the establishment of our work at the beginning.” Manuscript Releases, volume 1, 54.

The Platform

“May God help you to receive the words that I have spoken. Let those who stand as God’s watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can see the dangers before the people,—men who can distinguish between truth and error, righteousness and unrighteousness.

“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.” Review and Herald, April 14, 1903.

Many in Adventism, quote the reference {1888 Materials pg. 518} that says the Sabbath, the sanctuary and the state of the dead, no others I can call to mind that are the *landmarks*. So some say the *foundations* of Adventism are these only. But Sister White said much more in that statement, and here says that the FOUNDATION of Adventism was laid in 1842, 1843, and 1844. Did they understand the Sabbath, Sanctuary and the State of the dead then? The **Foundations of Adventism** are the history that took place in 1840-1844.

The Dead Speak

“God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. 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. . . . 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.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 28–29.

For History will Repeat Itself

“Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of God’s people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year’s almanac. The record is to be kept in mind, for history will repeat itself.” *Publishing Ministry*, 175.

A Sacred Work

“There is a work of sacred importance for ministers and people to do. They are to study the history of the cause and people of God. They are not to forget the past dealing of God with His people. They are to revive and recount the truths that have come to seem of little value to those who do not know by personal experience of the power and brightness that accompanied them when they were first seen and understood. In all their original freshness and power these truths are to be given to the world.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 157.

The Old Paths

Jeremiah 6:16. “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. But they said, We will not walk therein.”

This history of the Millerites parallels the history of Jesus, the history of Elijah, Moses and many others. We are to raise up those foundational histories of many generations in order to establish the paths to walk in.

The restorer of paths

Isaiah 58:12. “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.”

Daniel and the Revelation, by Uriah Smith

There are certain parts in Uriah Smith’s book, ‘Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation’ that we disagree with, but it is still the very finest book ever written on the pioneer position on Daniel and Revelation.

“The grand instruction contained in Daniel and Revelation has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God’s helping hand.” Publishing Ministry, 356.

People stumble over this as many wonder how a book that contains errors can still be called God’s helping hand.

Were the Pioneers Inspired?

“A brother asked, ‘Sister White, do you think we must understand the truth for ourselves? Why can we not take the truths that others have gathered together, and believe them because they have investigated the subjects, and then we shall be free to go on without the taxing of the powers of the mind in the investigation of all these subjects? Do you not think that these men who have brought out the truth in the past were inspired of God?’

“I dare not say they were not led of God, for Christ leads into all truth; but when it comes to inspiration in the fullest sense of the word, I answer, No. I believe that God has given them a work to do, but if they are not fully consecrated to God at all times, they will weave self and their peculiar traits of character into what they are doing, and will put their mold upon the work, and fashion men in religious experience after their own pattern. It is dangerous for us to make flesh our arm. We should lean upon the arm of Infinite Power. God has been revealing this to us for years. We must have living faith in our hearts and reach out for larger knowledge and more advanced light.” Counsels to Writers and Editors, 34.

We need an intelligent, mature approach to the pioneers and Uriah Smith in order to bring the inspired testimony together in an intelligent fashion and correctly use those teachings. Otherwise, you are either going to be saying that Sister White is a false prophet, somebody tampered with her books, or some other foolishness. Her endorsement of the work of the pioneers is not saying that they were inspired.

Prophecy Defined

“There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment in their order. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.” Selected Messages, book 2, 101–102.

Delineation is to set forth upon a line leading to the end of the world. The way we demonstrate fulfilled prophecy is by historical events. Prophecy is a figurative delineation of events. AD 70, the destruction of Jerusalem, was a fulfillment of prophecy; and if you put AD 70 on a time line and write down the destruction of Jerusalem in fulfillment of Bible Prophecy, historical events would be being set before the people, and you would see that prophecy was a figurative event pointing down to the close of this earth’s history. What is meant by figurative? We are told in Great Controversy that the destruction of Jerusalem is an illustration of the end of the world. The reason we need to understand these histories, is because they repeat.

Prophecy and History are Repeated

“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the

Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.

“In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. Those things which have been, will be repeated.” Selected Messages, book 2, 109.

Prophetic Lines

“We must have a knowledge of the Scriptures, that we may trace down the lines of prophecy, and understand the specifications given by the prophets, and by Christ and the apostles; that we may not be ignorant; but be able to see that the day is approaching, so that with increased zeal and effort, we may exhort one another to faithfulness, piety, and holiness.” Review and Herald, July 31, 1888.

When Christ, the Angel of Revelation 10 came down in 1840 with the little book of Daniel open in His hand, and empowered the Millerite movement with the unsealing of the Little Book, Sister White says that is showing the role He played in that history. Christ is identifying that there is a progressive unsealing of truth, and she says the book is fully opened in the history of October 22, 1844. So when He came down in 1840 and began to unfold these powerful truths to the Millerites, He began a purification process that prepared them and led them to the Great Disappointment.

I believe that history is repeated, and if we go back to it as a point of reference, I don't see any evidence that those people had time to vacillate about their understanding during that history. Once it starts unfolding, we can only move forward with the light, or end up where the Millerites ended up, who didn't move into the Most Holy Place by faith. They ended up lifting their prayers to Satan and he was answering them. But for you and I it is portrayed in 2 Thessalonians, we receive strong delusion. I believe that process has begun again.

The Same Line of Prophecy

“Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.” Manuscript Releases, volume 9, 7-8.

As we study the history of the 1840-1844 we can show parallels of that history at least 30 times in God's Word. It is a history we must understand; He doesn't repeat things that are of no great consequence.

Isaiah 28:9-12 “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.”

What is the 'refreshing'? It is the Latter Rain. So this is telling us how we are going to understand the Latter Rain message; precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little. But notice the next verse:

“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 Latter Rain time period, the Loud Cry message, which is the Midnight Cry message for the 144,000 at the end of time, is going to be conveyed by bringing line upon line together, and that style of teaching is going to cause a controversy. It’s going to be where many stumble in Adventism. They will not accept it.

The Refreshing

“The refreshing is coming from the presence of the Lord. Let us set our hearts in order that the truth of God may live in us; that it may purify us, ready to receive the latter rain.” Manuscript Releases, volume 8, 228.

“The refreshing or power of God comes only on those who have prepared themselves for it by doing the work which God bids them, namely, cleansing themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” Counsels on Diet and Foods, 33.

“The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are ‘the times of refreshing’ to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: ‘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.’ Acts 3:19-20.” The Great Controversy, 611-612.

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Milk or Meat

Hebrews 5:12-6:2. “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

There are many that preach only these basic doctrines, the milk of the word, and these things may be truth, but not Present Truth. At the end of the world there is a Present Truth message, and it is not milk. If we are satisfied with milk, we are going to be lost. Look closely at what God’s messengers will be teaching at the end time; they will bring forth something old, and new from the treasure house. Some have been teaching the identical thing for over 30 years, word for word. Nothing new there at all; it is

about faith and repentance, and the people love to have it so. We need Present Truth; we don't need milk at the end of the world.

Present Truth

"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is 'present truth' that the flock needs now." Early Writings, 63.

The Wise and the Wicked

Daniel 12:3, 4, 10. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. 10. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

Hosea 4:6. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

False Teachers

2 Peter 1:19-2:1. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

False ideas always come along when Present Truth is being brought out, because Satan is on the ground every time. If we don't recognize that there is going to be an argument, then we won't take seriously our responsibilities of understanding these things as faithful Bereans.

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

The Banner of the Third Angel

"Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel.

"The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, not for those that uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment." Selected Messages, book 2, 114.

We suggest that the Banner of the 3rd Angel is the historical waymarks of August 11, 1840, followed by June 1842, followed by the Midnight Cry of August 12-17 1844, followed by the Great Disappointment of

October 22, 1844. That history is a banner which allows us to bring other histories from the Word of God upon that banner. As we do so, the ancient truths of prophecy become clearer and clearer.

The Present Parallels the Past

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

The Great Reformatory Movements

“There is a study of history that is not to be condemned. Sacred history was one of the studies in the schools of the prophets. In the record of His dealings with the nations were traced the footsteps of Jehovah. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy, to study the workings of Providence in the great reformatory movements, and to understand the progress of events in the marshalling of the nations for the final conflict of the great controversy.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 307.

The Records of History and Prophecy

“The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the word as a whole, and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God’s original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found.” *Education*, 191.

Perhaps the most important rule in Bible Prophecy is that Before the Cross, Prophecy is understood in its literal sense; after the Cross, it is understood in its Spiritual application. The Pioneers all understood this and employed this principle. You will not find Sister White taking a passage out of the Old Testament and applying in down here at the end of time in a literal fashion, she always applies it in a Spiritual fashion. The Protestant reformers understood this, and this rule allowed them to identify who the Anti-Christ of Bible Prophecy was.

It is well documented that in the Counter-reformation time period, the Catholic Church took some of its ablest scholars and told them to invent some interpretations of prophecy that would destroy this rule. Jerusalem before the cross is literal Jerusalem, and Jerusalem after the cross is understood in a spiritual sense as applying to God’s church.

In Protestant literature, after the Catholics started teaching three false prophetic concepts to destroy this rule, for a century or so the Protestants would write books and make fun of how foolish these Catholic teachings were. They received no welcome into the Christian world at all. But in the early 20th century, a Bible was printed called the Schofield Bible, which incorporated into its footnotes some of these Catholic rules of Bible Prophecy. From that point on, Protestants began to drink the wine of prophetic Babylon. Today it is also in Adventism as well. To understand Daniel 11:40-45 you have to be straight on this rule. There are many places where it is important.

Golden Thread of Prophecy: 02: Importance of Prophecy

Why is a clear understanding of the 2520 Prophecy and the Daily important?

1. It will restore your faith that it was God leading our pioneers in the foundational messages of the Advent Movement.
2. You will be able to meet, head on, the so-called "Scholarly" Criticisms.
3. It will bring a greater desire to read and know the Bible.
4. It will give you a heart that yearns toward heaven, not the attractions of the world.
5. You will experience a revival and besetting sins will no longer hold you captive.

Why is the 'Daily' so important today?

Because the history of the 'Daily' is being repeated right now. No wonder Satan wants to keep us in the dark. The history of Daniel 11:30-36, which included the 'Daily', is being repeated in Daniel 11:40-45.

The U.S. and the Papacy united to do away with Russia as a world power (1989). Why? To once again place the Papacy on the throne of the world. Coming soon: The Sunday Law instigated by Protestants and enforced by the U.S.A.

"We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that "shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." [Verses 31-36.] 13 MR 394.

Daniel 11:31 "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

Daniel 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. 35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. 36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

"Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of: [Daniel 12:1-4, And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.]" 13 MR 394.

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“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” Life Sketches 196.

The repeating of the history of the ‘Daily’ was still future in Ellen White’s day. That is why it was not to be made a matter of contention or debate then, as at that time nearly the whole church was united on the correct Pioneer understanding.

Since 1989, the Papacy has been ascending back to the Throne of the World, uniting Church and State. The national Sunday law is coming upon us with blinding force. It is not off in the future, it is now.

In articles, sermons, and ‘books of a new order’, theories putting forth incorrect views on the ‘Daily’ and other prophecy, have been bombarding the faithful in past decades. Often presenting their ideas as ‘new light’, they actually are returning to old Protestant and in some cases, Catholic, ideas, moldy with the centuries. They ridicule the pioneer understanding of this foundational truth, which Ellen White was shown was correct.

If you do not know the foundational truths of the Advent Movement, false arguments are very convincing. Adventists have forgotten where they came from, and most have never heard of the ‘Daily’, and certainly not the 2520 prophecy. That is why men can rob them of the truths the pioneers once believed in, and why ‘new theology’ has entered our beloved churches.

Just recently the SS Lesson Quarterly taught the wrong view of the DAILY. Hope International, a conservative organization, also published in recent magazines articles giving the wrong view of the DAILY! The wrong view of the DAILY helps the new theologians disintegrate the importance of 1844; takes the heat off of the Papacy; AND leaves Laodicea to slumber on, blind and deaf to the final crisis heading towards her on the wings of the wind.

Ellen White was a true prophet, and our pioneers laid the pillars of our message. These men had the true understanding of the DAILY. The wrong view will lead you to the new theology of men, which is permeating our church at a rapid rate.

As for the 2520 day prophecy? This is a prophecy that clearly reveals 538, 1798 and 1844 as defined points in history. You may not have heard of it, because God held His hand over it. Only recently has the light shown upon this prophecy. God saved the full understanding of the “seven times” for these last days as a special light to this generation! Please study through this material. It will clear up the “the dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin,” (William Miller’s dream, EW p. 83) that has swept in among us since those early days when the Holy Spirit came down upon our pioneers with the powerful three angels messages.