

IN THE TIME OF HARVEST

The Everlasting Gospel in Prophecy

Throughout the entire history of this old world since the fall of man, the Everlasting Gospel has been inseparably linked with Prophecy. Those who are trying to present a Gospel Message that is not woven through and through with the Golden Thread of Prophecy, will find their preaching degenerate into sentimental foolishness. God Himself states His claim to Godhood is based on the fact that He alone can tell the End from the Beginning. Here we wish to echo the very first words that Jesus preached when He began His ministry: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel!"

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In our last presentation we looked at the Latter Rain; we saw what it is and therefore we saw what it is not. Now we will build on that subject, but also we will look at a few principles of prophetic interpretation.

When it comes to Biblical interpretation it is very important that we understand principles of prophecy. There are so many different views when it comes to prophecy because the principles they have used are not sound. So because individuals do not use sound principles, they have many different prophetic understandings.

HISTORY REPEATS OVER AGAIN:

The Bible is built on very simple rules and we will go through some of them now. Some we have already been using, some we have already gone through—such as the fact that history is repetitive. Let's turn in our Bibles to the book of Ecclesiastes 1:9. This is one of the most important principles of Bible Prophecy—that history repeats over and over again.

- Ecclesiastes 1:9 "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."

So the Bible says that the things which have happened in the past are the things transpiring right now.

- Ecclesiastes 3:15 “That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.”

It is an important thing for us to understand our history.

- Ecclesiastes 1:11 “There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.”

In other words, God’s people forget what happens in the past. And because we forget what happened in the past and we don’t understand how God lays out these principles, we have these many divergent views of prophecy. Many of these divergent views come from individuals that are highly respected, but they go against Biblical principle. We’re going to see something that Paul preaches that is very, very clear. We are still dealing with the principle of historical repetition. Look at 1 Corinthians 10:11:

- 1 Corinthians 10:11 “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.”

FUTURE PROPHECY CAN BE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY:

That which is written in the past is written as types; shadows of that which is the true which is now. So we’ve built on the principle that all of Bible prophecy from Genesis up to our point in time was really written for us at the end of the world and it makes Bible prophecy firm. If you can establish these histories, you can’t be moved. Look at Romans 15:4:

- Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

We can learn from the past and it is very important for us to realize this. When you understand how God has led in the past, you are not upset and uneasy about the times in which we are now living, because we understand how God always works. Look at Job 11:

- Job 11:6 “And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double (duplicated) to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.”

The secrets of God are the prophecies. The prophecies are duplicate to that which is. Remember Amos 3:7:

- Amos 3:7 “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

When Daniel was talking to Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2 and referring to this dream the king had, he referred to it as the ‘secrets’. Secret things are prophecies and so when you look at prophecy and you look at where we are

now—they are perfectly aligned; duplicated over and over again. We will look at one more verse in regard to this; Revelation 1:19. Jesus is talking to John and He employs this principle and shows how important this principle is to our understanding of Bible prophecy. This is a principle of how we are to approach Bible prophecy.

- Revelation 1:19 “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”

Write the things that are in the past; the things that are happening now; and the things that will be in the future. Why? Because they mimic each other time and time again—so that is the law of historical repetition. Look at John 16:13. Many individuals teach the principle that you can not understand Bible prophecy until it’s fulfilled. Some people say that it is foolish for us to try to look at things that haven’t been fulfilled in Bible Prophecy to try and understand them, we should just stick to the things that we know and when the things are fulfilled then we will have a correct understanding. I want you to understand that this is dangerous—especially where we are today! It is dangerous to wait for our understanding. Let me show you why:

- John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

So under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we can understand things to come, and Sister White employs this principle. Notice what she says:

“The events of the future will be discerned by prophecy, and will be understood.” {1888 materials 1055.7}

GOD SHOWS THE LAST FROM THE FIRST:

It is important for us to understand that if we are guided by the Spirit, the things that have not yet taken place will be understood, and we can understand them, if we employ the principle of historical repetition. If it happens in history once and you can show it happens again—it’s established. It will always be that way, so that the man or woman of God, who is studying the Bible, can not be in error. God makes sure that we have these principles so we stay on the strait and narrow path. Look at Revelation 1 and we’ll see another principle. We saw the Law of Historical Repetition; we saw the principle that we can understand future events by the guidance of the Spirit; and here’s a principle that’s called the End from the Beginning, a phrase I take from the Bible, you could also title it ‘the First and the Last’. Jesus speaking to John says:

- Revelation 1:8 “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”
- Revelation 1:11 “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:”

- Revelation 1:17 “And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:”

Something about understanding that God is the First and the Last can give us comfort. In prophecy, God shows the End from the Beginning; or He shows the First from the Last. We've seen this already—the principle of Ephesus, the church of Christ and the disciples; that was the beginning of Christianity—but we saw that that platform repeats in Laodicea—the end of Christianity.

We saw it in Revelation 10; the beginning of Adventism describes the end of Adventism. The principle of First and Last; and when you understand these principles that are based on God's character—you can't be moved.

THE LAW OF TRIPLE APPLICATION:

To make this simple, One plus Two equals Three; this does not change. Here are some examples; our Second Angel's message—when it says 'Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen'. Why does it mention it twice? How many falls of Babylon were there in History? There were two—you look at the first fall at Belshazzar's feast. And the second fall at 1798, you take those two histories and they show you how modern Babylon will fall at the end of the world. One history plus two histories equal the third.

In the Bible you have what's called the 3 woes—the fifth, the sixth and the seventh trumpet. In the Bible it gives you the description of the first woe; it gives a description of the second woe; but when it comes to the third woe—it gives a description, but more vague than the first two. Jesus expects us to understand that the first plus the second equals the third.

There's another one we can employ; how many Romes are there in Bible Prophecy? Three; you have Pagan Rome; Papal Rome which received a deadly wound; and you have modern Rome at the end of the world. The way Pagan Rome came into power, plus the way Papal Rome came into power, gives you an understanding how modern Rome at the end of the world comes into power.

One plus Two equals Three; very simple principles.

DANIEL AND REVELATION GO TOGETHER:

There is another principle that needs to be understood, and it is that Daniel and Revelation go together. At Daniel and Revelation seminars, normally what is taught is that Daniel is laid down, Daniel 2; 7; 8; 9 and so forth; and then they jump into Revelation and they might deal with Revelation 12 and 13. It's taught in that type of manner but it's never shown us how they go together—and that's how Bible Prophecy is supposed to be taught. Let me read a few statements from the pen of inspiration:

“The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied.” {TM 114.6}

Now that word ‘complemented’ is not with an ‘l’ it is with an ‘e’ which means to bring to perfection. The visions of Daniel are complemented by John—they are brought to perfection and these two books need to be studied carefully.

“As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures.” {PK 547.2}

“The study of the Revelation directs the mind to the prophecies of Daniel, and both present most important instruction, given of God to men, concerning events to take place at the close of this world's history.” {GC 341.3}

“Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist. There is no time now for us to assimilate with the world. Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. **The prophecies of Daniel and of John are to be understood. They interpret each other.** They give to the world truths which every one should understand. These prophecies are to be witnesses in the world. By their fulfillment in these last days they will explain themselves.” {7BC 949.6}

Daniel and Revelation interpret each other. Now in the way that they usually teach prophecy, have you heard anyone use Revelation to interpret Daniel? Usually they will use Daniel to give you an understanding in Revelation—but never vice versa; BUT they go together! They interpret each other and it is important—and the reason why it is important to understand these things is because men come to their own conclusions on Bible prophecy by misapplying or not using these principles.

They'll bring in elements of Bible prophecy that are not there. They'll talk about key players in the end time movements that prophecy doesn't mention or refer to. They won't look at history and see how things are laid out in history—so when it comes to the end of the world they have their own spin on things. But the Bible gives us understanding. Look at 2 Peter 1:19:

THE LAW OF PROPHETIC SUBJECTION

- 2 Peter 1:19 “We have also a more sure word of prophecy;

Now let's pause here a moment: why does Peter at this particular point say ‘we have a more SURE WORD of prophecy’? Look a few verses up at verse 16:

- 2 Peter 1:16 “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.”

Peter is referring to the Mount of Transfiguration; Peter, James and John were taken up into the mountain and Jesus was transfigured before them and they saw Moses and Elijah appear and talk with Jesus. You know that story; Jesus said at that time to them, “Don’t tell any man what has happened here until I am glorified.” Now Jesus is in heaven, so Peter begins to write, “I saw with my eyes these things on the mountain; I heard with my ears the things that came from heaven; I was able to handle the Lord—I was able to feel Him; my senses were clearly aroused,” But then he says in verse 19; that we have a More Sure Word of Prophecy.

Prophecy is more sure than what you can see with your eyes; what you can hear with your ears; what you can handle with your hands. We have to have our faith based on prophecy.

- 2 Peter 1:19 “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:”

Now who is the Day-star? Jesus Christ; he’s saying that if you take heed to prophecy—Jesus will arise in your hearts. That is very important to understand but notice what he says that is doubly important:

- 20 “Knowing this first,”

You see the devil knows that with a correct application of prophecy, Jesus will arise in your heart. You will have a triumphant life experience—he knows it. So he wants to get men who will not use particular principles. So Peter says here; ‘Knowing this first’.

- 20 “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”

The Bible employs the principle that the Spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets. In other words, what Daniel speaks of has to coincide with what Moses speaks of and what Isaiah speaks of and Jeremiah—it’s called the Law of Prophetic subjection—They all tell the same story.

- 21 “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.”

That phrase ‘in old time’ in the Greek means ‘at any time’; so prophecy of the scripture came not at any time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. So what if I come to you and I’m teaching you prophecy—but it’s not based on the principles of God’s Word and I’m bringing in players that really don’t belong there in the sequence—I’m giving you my own private interpretation. Am I led of God? Can I consider myself a holy man of God speaking as I am moved by the Holy Ghost? No I can’t. Prophecy is clear cut, and Paul employs a phrase showing that prophecy is likened unto the Gos-

pel and if any man teaches you another Gospel—the Bible says, ‘Let him be accursed’.

Continuing on with 2 Peter we go to chapter 2:

- 2 Peter 2:1 “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. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”

Many people go after teachers who might be powerful—they might preach a good word, but we as students of Prophecy need to understand the principles so we know if they are teaching it correctly or not.

PROPHECY IS BUILT ON THE SEQUENCE OF THE GOSPEL:

Now we are going to go over another principle and we will pray that our minds will be clear; this principle is that prophecy is built on the sequence of the Gospel. Sister White gives us the understanding that every verse is stamped with the cross; that the Gospel is the hub of every teaching; every teaching springs from the understanding of the Gospel. Does prophecy do the same? Yes it does.

We’re going to try and go through it in a methodical way and show you something that maybe you have never considered. Flip to the book of Revelation chapter 16: We need to take heed to the principles and the things that we’ll go over because, brethren; it has an impact on the final message for the hour. It has a direct impact, and we need to be aware of some of these things.

- Revelation 16:13 “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”
- Revelation 16:17 “And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”

The Bible shows that the final powers against God’s people are likened unto the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. And these three powers are indeed one. The Bible tells us in verse 19 that the Great City was divided into three parts—what is the Great City? What is the Second Angel’s Message? Babylon is fallen, is fallen that Great City.

The Great City is Babylon and Babylon in Bible prophecy is divided into three parts: the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. They are mimicking something here that we need to understand. Turn to 1 John 5:7. We’re going to see that the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet—modern Babylon at the end of the world is a counterfeit Godhead.

- 1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Not one in substance—but one in work; one in mission; one in character. We don’t worship this triune-god that has three faces like Babylon worships. Now if anybody has these false interpretations about what people call the ‘trinity’, how it is one God with three different forms, that’s not what the Bible teaches.

The Bible teaches that there is the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and these make up the Godhead. When the Bible says in the Old Testament, ‘Israel, your Lord is one Lord’, that term—that phrase is Elohiym; we worship one Elohiym which is Godhead—it’s plural—three Persons that do the same work.

Now the Bible says that the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet are also one; but of course we know that they are not one in substance—but they are one in character; one in nature; one in the sense of how they are working; they are one in purpose—and it’s a counterfeit godhead. The counterfeit godhead does work similar—parallel to what Jesus, the Father in heaven and the Holy Spirit accomplish on earth.

We’re going to look at this in Revelation 13. There are many ways to teach these things but we will make it as simple as possible. Again we are working on the principle that Prophecy is built on the platform of the gospel.

- Revelation 13:1 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

Now in Adventism, we’ve always understood that the first beast in Revelation 13 is Papal Rome. Now let’s look at a few things—this is one way that you can establish this principle that it is Papal Rome: notice verse 2: this beast that John sees is likened unto a leopard, a bear and a lion. Where do we see those beasts in Bible Prophecy before? In Daniel 7; and we know the Lion is Babylon; the Bear is Medo-Persia and the Leopard is Greece; and this dragon-like beast is Pagan Rome. But in Revelation 13, this Beast that John sees is a composite beast—it’s made up of all the beasts before it.

What you do with this, if you take the prophetic characteristics of each of these beasts they tell you things that are very important to understand. I will just give you the characteristics briefly. The Lion is Babylon and the prophetic characteristic of the Lion was pride and exaltation of man above God.

Then we have this beast that is like a Bear and the Bible says that the prophetic characteristic of Medo-Persia was cruelty and making oppressive laws against God and His people. It also claimed infallibility.

Now we come to the leopard beast which the Bible says is Greece. The prophetic characteristic of Greece is that they exalt tradition and man’s wisdom—philosophy—above the Word of God. Also they claimed infallibility and to be not subject to error as they had a law that none of their laws could be changed.

Then you can look at this dragon-beast and Bible prophecy tells us that this is Pagan Rome and its prophetic characteristic is that it was a persecuting power.

This Beast that John sees is a composite—it's made up of all those characteristics. What power in Bible prophecy exalts man above God; is prideful; exalts tradition above God's Word; will make laws against God's people and is a persecuting power? It points to none other than the Roman church—the Papacy. It is a composite of all the beasts before it.

So John looks down in time at Revelation 13 and he sees this beast and it's given his power from the dragon. Remember we are talking about this false godhead; the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet.

Turn over to Revelation 12:

- Revelation 12:3 “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

Who is the dragon? Satan, yes—but who did Satan use to try to destroy Jesus as a child? It was Herod under the power of Pagan Rome. Notice what Sister White says:

Under the symbols of the great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would be especially engaged in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John.” {ST, February 8, 1910 par. 3}

She says the dragon, the leopard-like beast, and the lamb-like beast represent earthly governments. So this dragon is an earthly government and it represents Pagan Rome. So Pagan Rome gives his power, and his seat, and great authority to Papal Rome—the Beast.

Now what is this like? Turn in your Bible to Matthew 28, and notice what Jesus said in reference to His Father. We are going to start bringing in Gospel themes to Bible Prophecy. The Dragon gives its power and authority to the Beast. Notice what Jesus said in reference to His Father:

- Matthew 28:18 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

Who gave Him the power? The Father in heaven. The Dragon is a mimic of the Father, and gives its power unto the son which is the beast. The Dragon plays the role of the Father. The Beast, the Papacy, plays the role of the Son—we have Christ and Antichrist. They're playing a very close game here. Turn to John 17:

- John 17:1 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

God the Father gave His power to the Son. In Revelation 13 you have the same transaction only it's the Dragon giving its power and authority to the Beast—the antichrist of Bible Prophecy—the Papacy. Now notice as these themes go even further; speaking of this antichrist, this beast power

- Revelation 13:3 “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Jesus Christ was crucified. The Papacy received a deadly wound. It's mimicking Gospel movements. When Jesus Christ was lifted up on the cross what did He say—‘if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me’; and the Papacy is saying “I received my deadly wound and when it is healed all the world will wonder after the Beast!” it's mimicking Gospel movements.

- Revelation 13:4 “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”

The Bible is very clear that as the Papacy has a prophetic time in which he was to do his work—Jesus also had prophetic time in which he was to do His work. Remember Daniel 9—the 70 weeks pointed to Christ's baptism, the years of His ministry and the time of His death.

Bible Prophecy on the Beast power shows the years of its ministry and then pointed to its death. It is the same gospel movement.

- Revelation 13:6 “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

It is interesting—the Bible talks about the Papacy leading into captivity but when Jesus came He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.

The Father gives Jesus Christ the Power; Jesus Christ is crucified; and then after Christ comes—what dispensation is after Jesus? You have the dispensation of the Father; the dispensation of the Son; and then the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

Paganism had its dispensation from the beginning until 538AD; then this antichrist power rises up and has his dispensation mimicking the dispensation of the Son—then he receives his wound and then a false prophet rises up—

mimicking the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Notice what transpires—when you read verses 11-17 it's the exact working of the Holy Spirit.

- Revelation 13:11 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

The Bible says that this power would exercise all the power of the first beast. What does the Holy Spirit do? Notice John 16:13

- John 16:13 “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

The work the Holy Spirit does and His power is that which is given Him of the Son. So of this Lamb-like Beast it says:

- 12 “And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

What's the purpose of the Holy Spirit? Why is the Holy Spirit needed? Jesus told a very important truth in John 16:7 and 8.

- John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”

Conviction comes under the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that this false prophet power would cause the world to worship the first beast before him. The Holy Spirit's job is to convict you of your need of Christ so that you worship Him. It's following again the Gospel plan. Turn back to Revelation 13:13.

- Revelation 13:13 “And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

This power that mimics the Holy Spirit does miracles. Did miracles come under the unction of the Holy Spirit? Yes it did, if you look in Acts 2.

- Acts 2:41 “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles'

doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.”

- Acts 2:47 “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

And when you go through the book of Acts, one of the greatest evidences that the Holy Spirit was present was by the miracles. And people who saw the miracles and the power that was in their preaching came into the church.

In Revelation 13 this lamb-like beast or false prophet power—now how do we know that this Lamb-like Beast—the United States of America—is the false prophet? How can we show this? Notice Revelation 19:20:

- Revelation 19:20 “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

In Revelation, who was the one doing the miracles? The Lamb-like Beast was doing them. Therefore the Lamb-like Beast is the False Prophet. And the United States playing the role of the false prophet uses these miracles to add unto the satanic church daily such as should be lost; the exact opposite of the Gospel.

- Revelation 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

This phrase ‘power to give life’ is translated in some margins as power to give breath—the breath of life unto the image of the beast. If you look in Genesis 2:7: the Bible shows something very clear and its something that we should understand as it sets a principle for how these events play out at the end of the world.

- Genesis 2:7 “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

The ‘breath of life’ there means the breath of the Spirit of life. It was the Spirit that gave man animation.

- Genesis 7:22 “All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.”

Now what does that have to do with Bible Prophecy? God first formed the image—or the formation of the man and then breathed into his nostrils and he became a living entity. In Bible prophecy, the false prophet does the same thing. Notice what it says in Revelation 13 of this great image of the beast which is to forward the Sunday Law throughout the world—where does it begin?

- Revelation 13:11 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”

What does it mean to speak as a dragon? What is the speaking of the dragon? Notice what Sister White says:

“The "speaking" of the nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities.” {GC 442.1}

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. . . The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.” {GC 445.2} {GC 445.1}

- Revelation 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

Now when it says it speaks as a dragon, it first happens in the United States of America and the churches are the ones that ask for it. First America forms the image there and then it breaths into it the breath of the spirit of life; and it moves throughout the world—in America first and then the world. It’s mimicking the same movements that God does.

“The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy--of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.” {GC 448.3}

- Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The false prophet that mimics the Holy Spirit causes people to receive a mark—the seal of the Papacy. But what does the Holy Spirit do for us?

- Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

The Holy Spirit seals us; the false prophet seals those who receive the Mark of the Beast.

The Dragon mimics the Father and gives all power to the son which is the antichrist; the antichrist receives its wound and dies a death so that the false holy spirit can do its work; the same thing that happened in the Gospel. Why is that important? Notice what it says in Daniel 11; I know we haven't gone through and broken down Daniel 11 yet, but Daniel 11 shows us these same three powers—the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet—to understand Daniel 11 in a Gospel context because that is how we are to understand prophecy we need to understand that what the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet are doing is mimicking the same things that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are trying to do to us.

One works by using the Mystery of Iniquity; and the other uses the Mystery of Godliness. Which one will be formed in us depends on if we understand which power is working in our lives. Those, she said, who fail to understand the meaning of antichrist will place themselves on the side of antichrist. In another place she says those who do not understand the Mystery of Iniquity—will become it. We need to understand how it works.

Turn to Daniel 11:40: we will show some players in the game but we're not going to talk about the game. When you read through Daniel 11 it's this battle between the King of the North and the King of the South. Verse 40 is referring to this King of the North power—who is the King of the North? The Papacy. Prior to verse 40 there is a transition of power. And in verse 30, this Pagan Rome power—this dragon power gives its power unto the son—the Papacy and the Papacy begins doing his work, and when you come to verse 40 the whole purpose is how it's going to receive the healing of its wound. You see this beast power and you see the dragon power also.

In verse 41 the Papacy begins to move and just like Revelation 13, the next power that you see is the United States of America. It's built on the same platform, the same understanding and we know that to be the Glorious Land which we will prove later in this series.

So you have the Beast power and you have the False Prophet power; you have the Dragon power in verse 30, but the Dragon power rears its ugly head again—notice in verse 42:

- Daniel 11:42 “He (the Beast power) shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.”

Who is Egypt? The Bible says Egypt is the Dragon. Turn to the book of Ezekiel:

- Ezekiel 29:3 “Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.”

Egypt is represented as the Dragon and so in Bible Prophecy, when you get to Daniel 11, you see that Egypt again is this Dragon power. At the end of

the world who are God's enemies? The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet; later we will go through and we'll show you who these powers are, but you can see that it is the same thing over and over again. Never are there different players in the game; it's built on the Gospel platform. It's built upon what all the prophets have spoken—you will not see divergent players in the game.

When you come to the last portions of Bible prophecy, it's always a problem when you come to verse 41 of Daniel 11. It's the main problem with many when it comes to Daniel 11. Do you know why? It's because Satan realizes if you understood the gospel, if you understood the platform that prophecy is built on, then the Day-star would arise in your hearts. So he gives you just one change, one subtle twist, but Paul speaks about this twist in the book of Galatians 1:6:

- Galatians 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

What is the grace of Christ? We saw it was power; the Millerites experienced this power in the First and Second Angel's Messages—that platform—it was the power. And Paul speaking says:

- Galatians 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."

Those that are teaching Daniel 11 are still teaching Daniel 11—it's not different—it's just a subtle change—it's just a perversion.

- 8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

The Bible mentions it twice; if it's a deviation from truth that's been hidden from ages; if it's a deviation on one point—those who go on this platform, who start laying out false prophecy, the Bible says, 'Let him be accursed'. If an angel comes from heaven, or it was himself, Paul says—let him be accursed.

That's how important the understanding of the truth is to us at the end of the world.

- Galatians 1:9 "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

Many jump on board the false view of Daniel 11 because the majority is on that platform. The majority is there—it's a 'men-pleasing' teaching. Many love hearing how the church has been infiltrated by Jesuits; many love hearing that—many love hearing how Rome has somehow entered into the church.

The reason is, though many would not have the gumption to say it—they believe the church has become Babylon; so they look for any old thing that can

somehow prove that we should be going out and starting our own churches. We should be going out and doing our own thing, we don't need to come in and teach those who are in darkness.

So many people do it because it is a man-pleasing Gospel. But Paul says, 'do I persuade man or God? If I seek to please men—I should not be the servant of Christ.' This teaching is not popular—it goes against the grain of many, but we're not here to please man—we're here to please God.

Jesus says through Paul, if any man teaches you a different platform than that was based on the Gospel—let him be accursed.

There is no way that you can take those false views of Daniel 11 and pair it with the Gospel. Try doing it—it doesn't work! Try pairing that with Philadelphia—it doesn't work! Try pairing it with Ephesus—it doesn't work! God repeats history—we saw that clearly. God makes sure that History agrees so He gives one history plus two histories that equal the third.

Over and over again we can prove it by so many different ways. Don't get caught in error because of a popular minister, or a popular ministry or a powerful school. Don't get drawn into another Gospel. The Bible is clear.

- Galatians 1:11 “But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Who taught John? Paul saw the same things John saw. He was caught up to the third heaven and he saw things which it was unlawful for man to write—it wasn't time—he wanted to write them down just like John but he couldn't. But it is revealed to us today and the platform is firm as the solid Rock. I'll read a statement referring to the sure word of prophecy:

“The whole Bible is a revelation; for all revelation to men comes through Christ, and all centers in Him.”

Everything in the Bible centers in Christ!

“God has spoken unto us by His Son, whose we are by creation and by redemption. Christ came to John exiled on the Isle of Patmos to give him the truth for these last days, to show him that which must shortly come to pass. Jesus Christ is the great trustee of divine revelation. It is through Him that we have a knowledge of what we are to look for in the closing scenes of this earth's history. God gave this revelation to Christ, and Christ communicated the same to John. {7BC 953.}

“John, the beloved disciple, was the one chosen to receive this revelation. He was the last survivor of the first chosen disciples. Under the New Testament dispensation he was honored as the prophet Daniel was honored under the Old Testament dispensation. {7BC 953.}

“The instruction to be communicated to John was so important that Christ came from heaven to give it to His servant, telling him to send it to the churches.

This instruction is to be the object of our careful and prayerful study; for we are living in a time when men who are not under the teaching of the Holy Spirit will bring in false theories. These men have been standing in high places, and they have ambitious projects to carry out. They seek to exalt themselves, and to revolutionize the whole showing of things. God has given us special instruction to guard us against such ones. He bade John write in a book that which should take place in the closing scenes of this earth's history" (MS 129, 1905). {7BC 953.}

Jesus Christ had something so important that he comes down to John to bring it. He lays it before John and tells him to write it in a book so a man could read it—why? Because there is men at the end of time who are in high places standing in mighty positions in the eyes of the people and they'll come in with subtle heresy—deviations from the truth. Why do they do it? She says because they have revolutionizing theories they want to get across. It's based on selfishness—not on the Word of God.

Brethren, I really want to implore you—in the words of Paul—I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, to study the Bible for yourself and quit allowing man to get into your mind—allow the Holy Spirit to lay it straight to you. If the Holy Spirit teaches you—you cannot deviate from the truth—why? Because the Holy Spirit gave John the principles; the Holy Spirit gave the Bible writers these principles; and He will always follow the principles. If He follows His own principles you can't be in error.

The Gospel is the measuring line; when you lay it next to Bible prophecy; when you lay it next to our personal experience; when you lay it next to how the church is acting; it's the measuring line—if it deviates in any point—it's another Gospel and it's an accursed thing for us to accept it.

We need to understand that God has a sure word of prophecy and that sure word of prophecy brings us the Latter Rain. If it's off in one point it can't be the truth. Jesus Christ has laid out truth 100 percent—Satan will give you 99.99, but if he can just throw in one little tidbit of error—it's like if I drew a straight line and if I deviate even a little—by the time you come to the end it is way off—but while you are walking, it seems straight and narrow. How do we know what's truth? We weigh it by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy—everything is a clear as crystal.

Some of us are seeing for the first time how serious this is! This is the Latter Rain—it's upon us right now and many of us are taking it as an unholy thing. We sit back and we look at it and say, 'well, that's good information, but let me ask you a question about this?' And so they throw a question in the box that has nothing to do with what we've been talking about. Yes it's important to understand women's role in the church; it's important to know we should wear this or wear that and listen to this and that—it's important—but these kind of questions that are on our mind are far from what we should be asking God right now!

We have an opportunity, not to get all our curiosities answered—but to hear a Word from Jesus. Jesus Christ wants to give us an experience and do we want the experience—do we want the gospel? That's what He wants to give us—if we reject it—we might as well say—"Lord, I don't want You."

Don't play games with God! Get a little bit of heaven on earth before because you'll not get it there if you don't get it here first. I am not trying to scare you but to show the importance of this understanding—the most important thing given to man—and when you understand that God is entrusting this to you—because He is not willing that any should perish—but that all should come to a knowledge of the truth. Jesus has intervened in placing this information before you, so that you can receive this truth and the truth will set you free! It is an exciting and fearful thought that we are living what was written in the book!

May we all be faithful—like Daniel and John; may we be found with the wise and not the foolish virgins, is our prayer.