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“It is just as essential that the people of God in this day should bear in mind how and when they have been tested, and where their faith has failed; where they have imperiled His cause by their unbelief and also by their self-confidence. God’s mercy, His sustaining providence, His never-to-be-forgotten deliverances, are to be recounted, step by step. As God’s people thus review the past, they should see that the Lord is ever repeating His dealings. They should understand the warnings given, and should beware not to repeat their mistakes. Renouncing all self-dependence, they are to trust in Him to save them from again dishonoring His name. In every victory that Satan gains, souls are imperiled. Some become the subjects of his temptations, never to recover themselves. Then let those who have made mistakes walk carefully, at every step praying: ‘Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.’ Psalm 17:5.

“God sends trials to prove who will stand faithful under temptation. He brings all into trying positions to see if they will trust in a power out of and above themselves. Everyone has undiscovered traits of character that must come to light through trial. God allows those who are self-sufficient to be sorely tempted, that they may understand their helplessness.

“When trials come to us; when we can see before us, not an increase of prosperity, but a pressure necessitating sacrifice on the part of all, how shall we receive Satan’s insinuation that we are to have a very hard time? If we listen to his suggestions, unbelief in God will spring up. At such a time we should remember that God has always had a care for His institutions. We should look at the work He has done, the reforms He has wrought. We should gather up the evidences of Heaven’s blessings, the tokens for good, saying: Lord, we believe in Thee, in Thy servants, and in Thy work. We will trust in Thee. The publishing house is Thine own instrumentality, and we will not fail or be discouraged. Thou hast honored us by connecting us with Thy center. We will keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. We will act our part by being true to the work of God.”

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In our previous newsletters we have started to open the book of Revelation. We started by identifying the implications of what it means when God's people are called to take and eat the "little book." The eating of the "little book" marks the beginning of a testing process among God's people that ultimately produces two classes of worshippers within the church. The "little book" itself represents the special prophetic message that Christ, as the "Lion of the tribe of Juda" opens to that particular generation. This special message - that is represented by the "little book" - has been designed by God to awaken His people, and to generate a revival among those of them that recognize and receive the message. For those of God's people who refuse to recognize and accept the message, the "little book" becomes the point of controversy that they stumble over - to their own destruction.

We have previously demonstrated that every reform movement parallels the final reform movement of the 144,000, and that each of them possesses the identical characteristics, and the following sequence of events:

1. Each starts with a "time of the end," when a special prophetic truth for that generation is unsealed.
2. That special truth is recognized by the "students of prophecy" of that generation that are running "to and fro" in God's word.
3. After the prophecy is unsealed, "knowledge" about the special message begins to "be increased."
4. This knowledge increases until there comes a point in time within the reform movement when the basic understanding of the special message is formalized and acknowledged by the "students of prophecy" of that generation. At that

point the Lord will hold His people accountable for how they respond to the message.

5. Once the message is formalized a divine symbol descends. At that point the "little book" is opened in the angel's hand and God's people are required to "take *it*, and eat it up." It is at that point a testing process is initiated that ultimately produces two classes of worshippers. And it is at that point the special message is confirmed and empowered. These characteristics are the focus of Revelation ten:

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 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. 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. 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.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. Revelation 10:1-11.

Sister White informs us that the mighty angel that comes down is **“no less a personage than Jesus Christ.”** She identifies that when He places one foot on the sea and another on the earth that it represents a world-wide message and also identifies the part which He is playing in the closing scenes of the great controversy. She identifies that when Christ proclaims that “that there should be time no longer,” He identifies that prophetic time concluded when the third angel’s message arrived on October 22, 1844. She marks that as the Millerites proclaimed the first and second angel’s message they were unaware that they were also involved in a testing process.

In addition to these facts, she compares the sealing up of the “seven thunders” to the sealing up of the book of Daniel. She identifies that the “seven thunders” represent the events that took place during the proclamation of the first and second angels’ messages and also that the “seven thunders” represent future events that would be disclosed in their order.

“The mighty angel who instructed John was **no less a personage than Jesus Christ.** Setting His right foot on the sea, and His left upon the dry land, shows **the part which He is acting in the closing scenes of the great controversy with Satan.** This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy had waxed stronger and more determined from age to age, and will continue to do so, to the concluding scenes when the masterly working of the powers of darkness shall reach their height. Satan, united with evil men, will deceive the whole world and the churches who receive not

the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a loud voice. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth.

“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, **the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book:** “Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.” These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. Then Daniel’s prophecies have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels’ messages to be given to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to time.

“The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one. One is a prophecy, the other a revelation; one a book sealed, the other a book opened. John heard the mysteries which the thunders uttered, but he was commanded not to write them.

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was **a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested.** In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels’ messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer.

“This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching

from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.

“The angel’s position, with one foot on the sea, the other on the land, **signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message.** It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world. **The comprehension of truth, the glad reception of the message, is represented in the eating of the little book.** The truth in regard to the time of the advent of our Lord was a precious message to our souls.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

When Christ cried as “a lion” in verse three, Sister White identifies that His loud cry represents the power and authority of His word. He proclaimed His words and then in response to His word “seven thunders uttered their voices.”

The only other place in Revelation where Christ is identified as a lion is in chapters five through eight; where He is represented as the “Lion of the tribe of Juda”, who as the “Lamb” that “had been slain,” had secured the right to unseal the book that had been sealed with seven seals.

...And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David, **hath prevailed** to open the book, and to **loose the seven seals** thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. Revelation 5:4-7.

As “the Lion of the tribe of Juda” Christ is representing His right to open up; unseal; or

“**loose**” His prophetic word to those who will see. He has exercised this right in each of the reform movements:

“Christ is the originator of all truth. By the work of the enemy the precious gems of truth had been torn from their setting and placed in a frame-work of error. Christ came to replace the **jewels of truth** in their rightful position. He rescued them from the rubbish of error, gave them a new power, and bade them stand fast forever. He could use these truths with perfect freedom; for He was their author. **He had cast them into the minds of each generation;** and when He came to the world, He vitalized and re-arranged the truth which Satan had robbed of life. Clothing them with more than their original freshness and power, He gave them to the world for the benefit of future generations.” *Signs of the Times*, May 1, 1901.

The “**jewels of truth**” which he unsealed or “**cast**” “**into the minds of each generation**” had been sealed up to human understanding by the reception of traditions and false human teachings that were handed down from generation to generation:

“The scribes and **Pharisees** professed to explain the Scriptures, but they explained them in accordance with **their own ideas and traditions.** Their **customs and maxims** became more and more exacting. In its spiritual sense, the sacred Word became to the people as **a sealed book**, closed to their comprehension.” *Signs of the Times*, May 17, 1905.

“...During the ages of apostasy, darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Reformation aroused the inhabitants of earth from their death-like slumber, and many turned away from their vanities and superstitions, from priests and

penances, to serve the living God, to search in his holy word for truth as for hidden treasure. They began diligently to work the mine of truth, to clear away **the rubbish of human opinion that had buried up the precious jewels of light...** *Review and Herald*, November 22, 1892.

“...The Scriptures are given for our benefit that we may have instruction in righteousness. Precious rays of light have been obscured by the clouds of error, but **Christ is ready to sweep away the mists of error and superstition**, and to reveal to us the brightness of the Father’s glory, so that we shall say as did the disciples, ‘Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?’” *Publishing Ministry*, 68.

Christ as the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” exercises His authority to unseal His word to each generation, and in Revelation ten He identified that the truths represented by the “seven thunders” were to be sealed up, just as the book of Daniel was. When He cried as “a lion” in chapter ten, He was promising that in His own time, He would remove the rubbish of human teachings that would cover up the truths represented by the “seven thunders.”

The “seven thunders” is the only passage in the book of Revelation that is identified as being sealed up and Sister White compares the sealing up of the “seven thunders” to the sealing up of the book of Daniel. At the “time of the end” in 1798 the book of Daniel was unsealed in fulfillment of Daniel chapter twelve and in Revelation 22:10 the “seven thunders” are also unsealed.

	Time of the End	Increase of Knowledge
1798	In 1798 the “time of the end” arrived for the reform movement of the Millerites as the time prophecies of the book of Daniel were opened up for the “students of prophecy” of that generation to recognize and proclaim.	The increase of knowledge from 1798 onward, prepared the Millerites to stand during the special testing process that confronted them from August 11, 1840 to October 22, 1844.
1989	In 1989 the “time of the end” arrived for the reform movement of the 144,000 as the last six verses of Daniel eleven were opened up for the “students of prophecy” of this generation to recognize and proclaim.	The increase of knowledge that prepares God’s people in the last days has been specifically identified as an increase of knowledge upon the papacy and the Sunday law, which is the very theme of the last six verses of Daniel eleven

And he saith unto me, **Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book:** for the time is at hand. Revelation 22:10.

The “seven thunders” were sealed up, just as the book of Daniel was sealed up. The very next verse emphasizes that the “seven thunders” are unsealed by the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” just before the close of probation:

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Revelation 22:11.

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. Daniel 12:4.

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but **that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days**. The Scripture says, ‘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’ (Daniel 12:4). When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ (See Revelation 10:6.) The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days...

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but **there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 105-106.

Daniel twelve was fulfilled in the history of the Millerites and will be again, in the history of the 144,000.

The “**increase of knowledge**” for the Millerites began when the time prophecies of Daniel were unsealed.

The “**increase of knowledge**” for the 144,000 began when the last six verses of Daniel eleven were unsealed with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989.

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 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. Daniel 12:9, 10.

When the book of Daniel was unsealed in 1798 for the Millerites, an escalating testing process was initiated that ultimately produced two classes of worshippers.

When the book of Daniel was unsealed in 1989 for the 144,000, an escalating testing process was initiated that will ultimately produce two classes of worshippers.

“God requires of his people a zeal according to knowledge. He desires them to be doers of the word. The outer appearance testifies of the inward working of the heart. The truth received into the heart accomplishes the transformation of the mind and heart and character. To Daniel the Lord revealed the condition of the inhabitants of the earth **in these last days**. ‘Many shall be purified,’ he said, ‘and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.’

“This is a subject the comprehension of which will put to the stretch every spiritual sinew and muscle. There is a great work to be done for the members of the church, to wean them from their idols. The churchmembers have had great blessings; **they have had the living oracles of God opened to their understanding**; they have not been left in darkness and error, as those who are doing wickedly. Now God calls upon those who claim to believe the truth to show to the world its converting power on the heart and character, and to reveal to the world that they are of **the number who are being purified, and made white, and tried.**” *Review and Herald*, March 7, 1899.

But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Daniel 12:13.

The book of Daniel fulfilled its purpose for the Millerites in 1798 and onward as the book of Daniel stood in its lot:

“When God gives a man a special work to do, he is **to stand in his lot** and place as did Daniel, ready to answer the call of God, **ready to fulfill His purpose.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 6, 108.

“Had the very book God appointed to stand in its lot and place [The Great Controversy] been handled as earnestly as Bible Readings men would have cooperated with the angels.” *Publishing Ministry*, 206.

Daniel stood in his lot in the Millerite history when the first angel’s message was proclaimed:

“One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation - that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

“A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. **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. **Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?**

“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 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. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.’

“It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days.

“Daniel **stood in his lot to bear his testimony** which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel’s message should be proclaimed to our world. **These**

matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but while “many shall be purified, and made white, and tried,” “the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand.” How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God; and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages. **The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth’s history.**

“Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 114–115.

Daniel asked twice, “**how long it should be to the end of time,**” and twice the “**time of the end**” is fulfilled within the history of Adventism - once for the Millerites in 1798, and then for the 144,000 in 1989. The book of Daniel fulfilled its purpose as Daniel stood in his lot in 1798 and then again as he stood in his lot in 1989.

“The testing time is right upon us. We must build upon the Rock that will stand the storm of test and trial. **As we see the fulfillment of prophecy, we know that the end of all things is at hand.** Present the eternal principles of truth. Show what the Word of God declares is to take place on this earth. The God who gave **Daniel instruction regarding the closing scenes of this earth’s history** will certainly confirm the testimony of His servants as at **the appointed time they give the loud cry.**

“**All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now**, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches.

“Christ said, ‘Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them’ [Matthew 13:16, 17]. **Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844.**

“The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. **A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.**

“The attention of our churches must be aroused. We are standing upon the borders of the greatest event in the world’s history, and Satan must not have power over the people of God, causing them to sleep on. The papacy will appear in its power. All must now arouse and search the Scriptures, for God will make known to His faithful ones what shall be in the last time. **The word of the Lord is to come to His people in power.**

“The signs of the end are fast fulfilling. The time of trouble is very near us now. We are to be brought into strait places in a way in which we have not been brought heretofore. The time of trouble is near, and we are to awake to a realization of this. We are to be sure that our feet are in the narrow path. We need an experience that we have not yet had, that we may have the assurance that the God of all grace is a very present help in time of need. The time of trouble - trouble such as was not since there was a nation - is right upon us, and **we are like the sleeping virgins.** We are to **awake** and ask the Lord Jesus to place underneath us His everlasting arms, and carry us through the time of trial before us.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 436, 437.

In 1798 the time prophecies in the book of Daniel were unsealed to the Millerites. Then when Christ descended on August 11, 1840, the year/day principle of Bible prophecy was confirmed with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. This confirmation empowered the message; ‘the Millerite message.’ It was then that the Millerites - represented by John in Revelation ten - experienced the sweetness of the book of Daniel as the year/day principle was upheld by the Lord’s providence, thus confirming the accuracy of the message concerning Daniel 8:14.

When Christ descended on September 11, 2001 with the little book of Daniel open in His hand He confirmed the unfolding prophetic message that He had begun to unseal from 1989; for it was the “increase of knowledge” on the last six verses of Daniel eleven (which identify the papacy (the king of the north) and the Sunday law) that was to allow God’s people “to stand in the latter days.” When Christ descended in 2001, He opened the truth connected with the “seven thunders” to the “students of prophecy,” thus confirming the principle that had been recognized after 1989 but well before 2001. And it is that principle that provides the key to both establishing and empowering the loud cry message. The principle is that the Millerite history - during the proclamation of the first and second angels’ messages - was to be repeated in the history of the 144,000 – when the third angel’s message was to be proclaimed with a loud voice.

When Christ descended in 2001 the “little book” that was open in His hand was the last six verses of Daniel eleven. He had previously unsealed those verses at the “time of the end” in 1989. But from 2001, the light of the “seven

thunders” began to shine, identifying that the “Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last”, was not only now confirming and empowering the message, but employing the prophetic principle of the repetition of the Millerite history, in order to bring the entire testimony of the Bible into alignment with the last six verses of Daniel eleven.

The principle that guided the Millerites up to August 11, 1840 was the year/day principle of Bible prophecy. That principle was employed by the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” to bring about the increase of prophetic knowledge necessary to accomplish the proclamation of the first and second angels’ messages. The principle that guided the students of prophecy after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 was the repetition of the Millerite history during the history of the 144,000.

Those that understood the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 - in fulfillment of Daniel eleven, verse forty - recognized that the significance of this fulfillment paralleled the significance of the Midnight Cry message of 1844 and they taught this very fact well before 2001. It was this principle - the repetition of the Millerite history at the end of the world - that identified the last six verses of Daniel eleven as the special message from the book of Daniel that was to bring the final revival to God’s people, and those that recognized this fact taught it well before 2001. Yet when the “seven thunders” were unsealed, the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” opened up His word in such a way as to cause those who will see and gladly receive it to experience a sweetness of understanding that passes all human understanding.

It had been identified before 2001 that the characteristics of the Midnight Cry message were repeated in the last six verses of Daniel eleven. The Midnight Cry message was new light for the Millerites. After the first disappointment of March 22, 1844 Samuel Snow prepared a study that identified October 22, 1844 as the conclusion of the 2300 years of Daniel 8:14. Snow presented this study at the Exeter camp meeting from August 12th through 17th 1844 and the message was accepted and carried across the United States in approximately two months time. The prophetic characteristic of this message was that it was new light, based upon the message of the hour; and when the new light was fulfilled in history - the door closed upon the wise and foolish virgins of the Millerite time period.

The message of the hour was the first angel’s message identifying the hour of God’s judgment was come. Snow’s study was directly connected with that message, for it specifically identified when the message was to be fulfilled. When it was fulfilled on October 22, 1844 the door closed into the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary and it was also closed in the parable of the ten virgins that was fulfilled to the very letter in the Millerite history. The closing of that door gave evidence of two classes of worshippers; one class that by faith entered into the Most Holy Place; and another that continued to direct their useless prayers to the apartment that Christ had left, and Satan pleased with their deceived condition began to answer their prayers.

The Millerite message was the first angel’s message and ours is the third. The last six verses of Daniel eleven identify that when the Soviet Union collapsed in fulfillment of

verse forty the final events that lead to the close of probation had begun. The next verse, verse forty-one, identifies the Sunday law in the United States. It is at the Sunday law that the door closes for Seventh-day Adventists in the United States. The last six verses of Daniel eleven is new light concerning the Sunday law and the Sunday law is the third angel's message. That was the characteristics of the Midnight Cry - new light that was directly connected with the message of the hour. The other characteristic of the Midnight Cry was that when the message was fulfilled in history the door closed upon the ten virgins, and when the Sunday law of verse forty-one is fulfilled in history the door close on the ten virgins once again.

It is the repetition of the Millerite history that has been the prophetic principle that placed the last six verses of Daniel eleven in the context of present truth.

Inspiration has informed us that our greatest need is for a revival and that when we understand the prophetic message of Daniel and Revelation as we should there would be seen a great revival among us.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

“The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass.

“Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given.

“Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,’ God declares, ‘and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.’ **When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival.** We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.

“In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. The veil whose apparent mystery has kept many from lifting it, God's own hand has withdrawn from these portions of His word. The very name ‘Revelation’ contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. ‘Revelation’ means that something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without. We are to enter, not with careless, irreverent thoughts, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112, 113.

The last six verses of Daniel eleven are the verses designed to bring the revival to God's people that parallels the revival that took place in the Millerite history. Both revivals are based upon the book of Daniel.

Verse forty of Daniel eleven identifies the alliance between the Vatican and the United States that brought down the Soviet Union in 1989. When that was fulfilled “students of prophecy” could then recognize that verse

forty-one is identifying the Sunday law in the United States. Further investigation into the characteristics associated with the Sunday law test demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists are required to have prepared a character for the seal of God before the Sunday law arrives. The Sunday law is simply the test where every Seventh-day Adventist will demonstrate the character they have developed in their previous hours of probationary time.

At the end of the world we are sleeping in our Laodicean slumber and our greatest need is for a revival and reformation. The revival only comes from an understanding of prophecy. The prophecy that provides the information that allows the Holy Spirit to speak to the Laodicean's hard cold heart is the last six verses of Daniel eleven; for in those verses the events connected with the close of probation are clearly illustrated, and in those verses it can be recognized that human probation is now closing. If you or I, as a Laodicean recognize that probation is about to close and that we are unprepared; and straight away enter into the work of preparation through and with the participation of the Holy Spirit, we will be brought to life. The book of Daniel brought a revival to the Millerites and the last six verses of Daniel eleven will produce the parallel revival among the 144,000.

The principle that upheld the significance and seriousness of the correct understanding of the last six verses of Daniel eleven was the principle that the Millerite history is repeated at the end of time. When Christ descended in 2001 with the little book of Daniel open in His hand He unsealed the understanding of the "seven thunders" and thus confirmed the principle of the repetition of the Millerite history; just as He confirmed the year/day

principle when He descended in 1840 in the Millerite history. He then commanded His people - represented by John - to take the "little book" and "eat it."

We will continue to open the book of Revelation in our next newsletter.

The following article from Sister White is dealing primarily with the erroneous practice of applying the time prophecies (particularly those of Daniel twelve) in a day-for-a-day fashion at the end of the world. All those in Adventism that are tempted to apply prophetic time at the end of the world should prayerfully and seriously consider this article. Beyond the inspired counsel in the article that rejects the practice of applying time prophecies at the end of the world are many other important statements concerning the prophetic message we are now considering. This article has long been a favorite of mine and I hope you also will gain a blessing from a study of the following words.

**Testimony Concerning
the Views of Prophecy
Held by John Bell - Parts I & II
(Written November 8, 1896)**

"I have not been able to sleep since half past one o'clock. I was bearing to Brother John Bell a message which the Lord had given me for him. The peculiar views he holds are a mixture of truth and error. If he had passed through the experience of God's people as **He has led them for the last forty years**, he would be better prepared to make the correct application of Scripture.

"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. I have been cited to the very erroneous theories that have been presented over and over again. Those who advocated these theories presented Scripture quotations, but they misapplied and misinterpreted them. The theories supposed to be correct were incorrect, and yet many thought them the very theories to be brought before the people. **The prophecies of Daniel and John are to be diligently studied.**

“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. **The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features revealed in this earth’s history.** The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel’s message. Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground and acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel’s messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God.

“God’s people are to warn the world to prepare for the second appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is coming with power and great glory, when the cry of peace and safety is being sounded from every part of the Christian world, and the sleeping church and the world will be asking in scorn, ‘Where is the promise of His coming?... All things continue as they were from the beginning.’

“Christ was taken up into heaven in a cloud composed of living angels. The angels declared to the men of Galilee, ‘Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.’ This is the great event to be contemplated and talked of. The declaration of the angels was that He should come in the same manner as He went up into heaven.

“And the second appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is to be kept fresh before the minds of the people. Let all understand this. Jesus is coming again. The same Jesus that ascended into heaven, escorted by the heavenly host, is coming again. The same Jesus who has been our Advocate, our friend at court, pleading the cases of all who accept Him as their Saviour, will come the second time to be admired in all them that believe.

“There have been one and another who in studying their Bibles thought they discovered great light, and new theories, but these have not been correct. The Scripture is all true, but by misapplying the Scripture men arrive at wrong conclusions. We are engaged in a mighty conflict, and it will become more close and determined as we near the final struggle. We have a sleepless adversary, and he is constantly at work upon human minds that have not had a personal experience in **the teachings of the people of God for the past fifty years.** Some will take the truth applicable to their time, and place it in the future. Events in the train of prophecy that had their fulfillment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined.

“From the light that the Lord has been pleased to give me, you are in danger of doing the same work, presenting before others truths which have had their place and done their specific work for the time, in the history of the faith of the people of God.

You recognize these facts in Bible history as true, but apply them to the future. They have their force still in their proper place, in the chain of events that have made us as a people what we are today, and as such they are to be presented to those who are in the darkness of error.

“The true workers of Jesus Christ are to cooperate with their brethren who have had an experience in the work from the very rise of the third angel’s message. These followed on step by step, receiving light and truth as they advanced, bearing one test after another, lifting the cross that lay directly in their pathway, and pressing on to know the Lord, whose goings forth are prepared as the morning. **You and other of our brethren must accept the truth as God has given it to His students of prophecy, as they have been led by genuine, living experience, advancing point by point, tested, proved, and tried, until the truth is to them a reality. From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord’s delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this message is proclaimed.**

“The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the third angel’s message. And **those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today.**

“The truths that have been unfolding **in their order, as we have advanced along the line of prophecy** revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today. Those who passed over the ground step by step in the past history of our experience, seeing the chain of truth **in the prophecies**, were prepared to accept and obey every ray of light. They were

praying, fasting, searching, digging for the truth as for hidden treasures, and the Holy Spirit, we know, was teaching and guiding us. Many theories were advanced, bearing a semblance of truth, but so mingled with misinterpreted and misapplied scriptures that they led to dangerous errors. **Very well do we know how every point of truth was established**, and the seal set upon it by the Holy Spirit of God. And all the time voices were heard, ‘Here is the truth,’ ‘I have the truth; follow me.’ But the warnings came, ‘Go not ye after them. I have not sent them, but they ran.’ (See Jeremiah 23:21.)

“The leadings of the Lord were marked, and most wonderful were His revelations of what is truth. **Point after point was established by the Lord God of heaven. That which was truth then, is truth today.** But the voices do not cease to be heard - ‘This is truth. I have new light.’ But these new lights in prophetic lines are manifest in misapplying the Word and setting the people of God adrift without an anchor to hold them. If the student of the Word would take the truths which God has revealed in the leadings of His people, and appropriate these truths, digest them, and bring them into their practical life, they would then be living channels of light. But those who have set themselves to study out new theories, have a mixture of truth and error combined, and after trying to make these things prominent, have demonstrated that they have not kindled their taper from the divine altar, and it has gone out in darkness.

“According to the light God has given me, you are on the same track. That which appears to you to be a chain of truth is, in some lines, misplacing the prophecies and counterworking that which God has revealed as truth. The third angel’s message is our burden to the people. It is the gospel of peace and righteousness and truth. Here is our work, to stand firmly to proclaim this. We need now to have every piece of

the armor on.

“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**. The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols. The New Testament is the substance. One is as essential as the other. The Old Testament presents lessons from the lips of Christ, and these lessons have not lost their force in any particular.

“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**.

“The book that was sealed was not the book of Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel which related to the last days. The Scripture says, ‘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’ [Daniel 12:4]. When the book was opened, the proclamation was made, ‘Time shall be no longer.’ [See Revelation 10:6.] The book of Daniel is now unsealed, and the revelation made by Christ to John is to come to all the inhabitants of the earth. **By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days**.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters’ [Revelation 14:6, 7].

“This message, if heeded, will call the attention of every nation and kindred and tongue and people to a close examination of the Word, and to the true light in regard to the power that has changed the seventh-day Sabbath to a spurious sabbath. The only true God has been forsaken, His law has been discarded, His sacred Sabbath institution has been trampled in the dust by the man of sin. The fourth commandment, so plain and explicit, has been ignored. The Sabbath memorial, declaring who the living God is, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, has been torn down, and a spurious sabbath has been given to the world in its place. Thus a breach has been made in the law of God. A false sabbath could not be a true standard.

“In the first angel’s message men are called upon to worship God, our Creator, who made the world and all things that are therein. **They have paid homage to an institution of the Papacy, making of no effect the law of Jehovah, but there is to be an increase of knowledge on this subject**.

“The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, **the same gospel that was declared in Eden** when God said to the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel’ [Genesis 3:15]. Here was the first promise of a Saviour who would stand on the field of battle to contest the power of Satan and prevail against him.

Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel. The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude.

“In the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, the work of those who worship God, the Maker of the heavens and the earth, is specified: ‘They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: **thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations**’ [Isaiah 58:12]. God’s memorial, His seventh-day Sabbath, will be uplifted. ‘Thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, **The restorer of paths to dwell in**. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath [no longer trample it under your feet], from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him,... I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it’ [Isaiah 58:12-14].

“The history of the church and the world, the loyal and the disloyal, is here plainly revealed. The loyal under the proclamation of the third angel’s message have turned their feet into the way of God’s commandments, to respect, to honor, and glorify Him who created the heavens and the earth. The opposing forces have dishonored God by making a breach in His law, and when light from His Word has called attention to His holy commandments, revealing the breach made in the law by the papal authority, then, to get rid of conviction, men have tried to destroy the whole law. But could they destroy it? No; for all who will search the Scriptures for themselves will see that the law of God stands immutable, eternal, and His memorial, the Sabbath, will endure through eternal ages, pointing

to the only true God in distinction from all false gods.

“Satan has been persevering and untiring in his efforts to prosecute the work he began in heaven, to change the law of God. He has succeeded in making the world believe the theory he presented in heaven before his fall, that the law of God was faulty and needed revising. A large part of the professed Christian church, by their attitude, if not by their words, show that they have accepted the same error. But if in one jot or tittle the law of God has been changed, Satan has gained on earth that which he could not gain in heaven. He has prepared his delusive snare, hoping to take captive the church and the world. But not all will be taken in the snare. A line of distinction is being drawn between the children of obedience and the children of disobedience, the loyal and true and the disloyal and untrue. Two great parties are developed, the worshipers of the beast and his image, and the worshipers of the true and living God.

“The message of Revelation 14, proclaiming that the hour of God’s judgment is come, is given in the time of the end; and the angel of Revelation 10 is represented as having one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, showing that **the message will be carried to distant lands, the ocean will be crossed, and the islands of the sea will hear the proclamation of the last message of warning to our world**.

“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer’ [Revelation 10:5, 6]. This message announces the end of the prophetic periods. The disappointment of those who expected to see our Lord in 1844 was indeed bitter to those

who had so ardently looked for His appearing. It was in the Lord's order that this disappointment should come, and that hearts should be revealed.

“Not one cloud has fallen upon the church that God has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork the work of God but He has foreseen. **All has taken place as He has predicted through His prophets.** He has not left His church in darkness, forsaken, **but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur**, and through His providence, acting in its appointed place in the world's history, **He has brought about that which His Holy Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell.** All His purposes will be fulfilled and established. His law is linked with His throne, and satanic agencies combined with human agencies cannot destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God; it will live, and will succeed, although it may appear at times to be overshadowed. The gospel of Christ is the law exemplified in character. The deceptions practiced against it, every device for vindicating falsehood, every error forged by satanic agencies, will eventually be eternally broken, and the triumph of truth will be like the appearing of the sun at noonday. The Sun of Righteousness shall shine forth with healing in His wings, and the whole earth shall be filled with His glory.

“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.** Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising. But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end.

“A transforming power attended the proclamation of the first and second angels' messages, as it attends the message of the third angel. Lasting convictions were made upon human minds. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifested. There was diligent study of the Scriptures, point by point. Almost entire nights were devoted to earnest searching of the Word. We searched for the truth as for hidden treasures. The Lord revealed Himself to us. **Light was shed on the prophecies, and we knew that we received divine instruction.**

“This expresses something of the exercises we were passing through: ‘Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?’ [Proverbs 22:17-21].

“After the great Disappointment there were few who set themselves to seek the Word with all their heart. But some souls would not settle down in discouragement and deny that the Lord had led them. To these the truth was opened point by point,

and entwined with their most hallowed recollections and sympathies. The searchers after truth felt that the identification of Christ with their nature and interest was complete. Truth was made to shine forth, beautiful in its simplicity, dignified with a power and invested with an assurance unknown before the Disappointment. **We could then proclaim the message in unity.**

“But among those who had not held fast their faith and experience, there was great confusion. Every conceivable opinion was presented as the message of truth; but the Lord’s voice was, ‘Believe them not; for I have not sent them.’

“We walked carefully with God. The message was to be given to the world, and we knew that this present light was the special gift of God. The impartation of this gift was the prerogative of God. His disappointed ones, who were still seeking after truth, were led step by step to communicate to the world that which had been communicated to them. **The prophetic declarations were to be repeated, and the truth essential for salvation was to be made known.** The work moved hard at first. Often the hearers rejected the message as unintelligible, and the conflict began in decided earnest, especially upon the Sabbath question. But the Lord manifested His presence. At times the veil which concealed His glory from our eyes was drawn aside. We beheld Him in the high and holy place.

“The Lord will not lead minds now to set aside the truth that the Holy Spirit has moved upon His servants in the past to proclaim.

“Many will honestly search the Word for light as those in the past have searched it; and they see light in the Word. But they did not pass over the ground in their experience, when these messages of warning were first proclaimed. Not having had this experience, **some do not appreciate the value of the truths that**

have been to us as waymarks, and that have made us as a peculiar people what we are. They do not make a right application of the Scriptures, and thus they frame theories that are not correct. It is true that **they quote an abundance of Scripture, and teach much that is true; but truth is so mixed with error as to lead to wrong conclusions.** Yet because they can weave Scripture into their theories, they think they have a straight chain of truth. Many who did not have an experience in the rise of the messages, accept these erroneous theories, and are led into false paths, backward instead of forward. This is the enemy’s design.

“Satan is working that **the history of the Jewish nation may be repeated in the experience of those who claim to believe present truth.** The Jews had the Old Testament Scriptures, and supposed themselves conversant with them. But **they made a woeful mistake.** The prophecies that refer to the glorious second appearing of Christ in the clouds of heaven they regarded as referring to His first coming. **Because He did not come according to their expectations, they turned away from Him.** Satan knew just how to take these men in his net, and deceive and destroy them.

“Sacred, eternal truths had been given them in trust for the world. The treasures of the law and the gospel, united as closely as the Father is united with the Son, were to be presented to all the world. The prophet declares, ‘For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God’ [Isaiah 62:1-3].

“This is that which the Lord had spoken concerning Jerusalem. But when Jesus came to our world just as prophecy had declared He would come, His divinity clothed with humanity, with majesty and lowliness combined, His mission was misunderstood. The delusive hope for a temporal prince led to misapplication of Scripture.

“Jesus came as an infant of days, of poor parentage. But there were some who were willing to receive the heavenly Guest. For these the angel messengers veiled their glory, and the heavenly chorus rang over the hills of Bethlehem with hosannas to the newborn King. The humble shepherds believed Him, received Him, and worshiped Him. But the very ones who ought to have been the first to welcome Jesus did not discern Him. He was not the one their ambitious hopes desired. The false path they had entered, they continued to follow to the end. They became unteachable, self-righteous, and self-sufficient, fancying they possessed true light and that they were the only safe instructors of the people.

“The very same Satan is at work to undermine the faith of the people of God at this time. There are persons ready to catch up every new idea. **The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted.** These persons do not consider that **the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work.** These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work are to take the Word of God and believe on ‘their word’ who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. These messages, received and acted upon, are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. **If we search the Scriptures to confirm the truth God has given His servants for the world, we shall be found proclaiming the first,**

second, and third angels’ messages.

“It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by **those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given.** The messages of Revelation 14 are those by which the world is to be tested; they are the everlasting gospel, and are to be sounded everywhere. But the Lord does not lay upon those who have not had an experience in His work the burden of making a new exposition of those prophecies which He has, by His Holy Spirit, moved upon His chosen servants to explain.

“According to the light God has given me, this is the work which you, Brother John Bell, have been attempting to do. Your views have found favor with some; but it is because these persons have not discernment to see the true bearing of the arguments you present. They have had but a limited experience in the work of God for this time, and they do not see where your views would lead them, and you do not see yourself where they would lead. They are ready to assent to your statements; they see nothing in them but that which is correct. **But they are misled because you have woven together much Scripture in constructing your theory.** Your arguments appear conclusive to them.

“Not so, however, with those who have an experimental knowledge of the truth that applies in the last period of this earth’s history. While they see that you hold some precious truth, they see also that you have misapplied Scripture, placing it in a framework of error where it does not belong, and making it give force to what which is not present truth. Because some accept that which you have written, do not become elated. It is most trying to your brethren who have confidence in you as a Christian and who love you as such, to state to you

that the network of argument, which you have thought of so great consequence is not the theory of truth that God has given His people to proclaim for this time.

“The light God has given me is that the Scriptures you have woven together you yourself do not fully understand. If you did, you would discern that your theories tear up the very foundation of our faith.

“My brother, I have had many testimonies to correct those who have started out in the same way you are now traveling. These persons seemed sure that they were led by God, and they have come with their different theories to ministers who were preaching the truth. I said to these ministers, ‘The Lord is not in this; be not deceived, neither take the responsibility of deceiving others.’ At camp meetings I have had to speak plainly in regard to those who were thus leading away from right paths. With pen and voice I have borne the message, ‘Go not ye after them.’

“The hardest task I ever had to do in this line was in dealing with one who, I knew, wanted to follow the Lord. For some time he had thought he was obtaining new light. He was very ill, and must soon die. And oh, how my heart hoped he would not make it necessary for me to tell him just what he was doing. Those to whom he presented his views listened to him eagerly, and some thought him inspired. He had a chart made, and reasoned from the Scriptures to show that the Lord would come at a certain date, in 1894, I think. To many his reasoning seemed to be without a flaw. They told of his powerful exhortations in his sickroom. Most wonderful views passed before him. But what was the source of his inspiration? It was the morphine given him to relieve his pain.

“At our camp meeting at Lansing, Michigan, just before I came to Australia, I had to speak plainly in regard to this new light. I told the people that the words they had heard were not the truth of inspiration. The

wonderful light, which presented such a show of truth, was the result of a misapplication of Scripture. The Lord’s work would not close up in 1894. The word of the Lord to me was, ‘This is not truth, but will lead into strange paths, and some will become confused over this representation, and will give up the faith.’

“Other persons have written to me of most flattering views which had been presented to them, and some have had them put in print. A new life has seemed to stir them; they are full of zeal. But the word comes to me as it has come to me in regard to the theories you hold: ‘Believe them not.’ You have a mixture of truth and error, so combined that you think it all genuine. Here is where the Jews stumbled. They wove a fabric that appeared to them a beautiful thing, but it led them to refuse the light Christ brought to them. They thought they had great light, and in that light they walked, and rejected the pure, true light which Christ had come to give. Intensity is taking possession of minds, urging them into different ventures, which lead them they know not where.

“No one has a true message fixing the time when Christ is to come or not to come. Be assured that God gives no one authority to say that Christ delays His coming five years, ten years, or twenty years. ‘Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh’ [Matthew 24:44]. This is our message, the very message that the three angels flying in the midst of heaven are proclaiming. The work to be done now is that of sounding this last message of mercy to a fallen world. A new life is coming from heaven and taking possession of all God’s people. But **divisions will come in the church. Two parties will be developed. The wheat and tares grow up together for the harvest.**

“The work will grow deeper and become more earnest to the very close of time. And **all who are laborers** together with

God will contend most earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. They will not be turned from the present message, which is already lightening the earth with its glory. Nothing is worth contending for but the glory of God. **The only rock that will stand is the Rock of Ages.** The truth as it is in Jesus is the refuge in these days of error.

“God has warned His people of the perils before them. John beholds the things which will be in the last days, and he sees a people working counter to God. Read Revelation 12:17; 14:10-13, and chapters 17 and 13. John sees the company who have been deceived. He says, ‘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. 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. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame’ [Revelation 16:13-15].

“From those who have rejected truth, the light of God has departed. They did not heed the message of the True Witness, ‘I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see’ [Revelation 3:18]. But that message will do its work, and a people will be prepared to stand without fault before God.

“John beheld this company, and he says, ‘Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness

of saints’ [Revelation 19:7, 8].

“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.**

“I would not feel that I could present these things, if the Lord had not given me this work to do. There are others besides yourself, and more than one or two, who like you think they have new light, and are all ready to present it to the people. But it would be pleasing to God for them to **accept the light already given and walk in it, and base their faith upon the Scriptures, which sustain the positions held by the people of God for many years.** The everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed by human agents. We are to sound the messages of the angels which are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, with the last warning to a fallen world. If we are not called upon to prophesy, **we are called to believe the prophecies,** and to cooperate with God in giving light to other minds. This we are trying to do.

“You can help us, my brother, in many ways. But I am commissioned of the Lord to say to you that you are not to be self-centered. Take heed how you hear, how you understand, and how you appropriate the Word of God. The Lord will bless you

in drawing in even lines with your brethren. Those whom He has sent forth to proclaim the third angel's message have been working in unison with the heavenly intelligences. The Lord does not lay upon you a burden to proclaim a message that will bring discord into the ranks of believers. I repeat, He is not leading anyone by His Holy Spirit to frame a theory that will unsettle faith in the solemn messages He has given His people to bear to our world.

"I advise you not to regard your writings as precious truth. It would not be advisable for you to immortalize by putting in print that which has cost you so much anxiety. It is not the Lord's will that this matter should be brought before His people, for it will work to hinder the very message of truth they are to believe and practice in these last days of peril.

"The Lord Jesus said to His disciples when He was with them, 'I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.' He could have made disclosures which would have absorbed the attention of the disciples and caused them to lose sight of His former instruction that He wished to be the subject of their most earnest thought. But He withheld those things which they would have been amazed to hear, and which would have afforded them opportunity to cavil, to create misunderstanding and disaffection. He would give no occasion for persons of little faith and piety to mystify and misrepresent the truth, and thus create factions.

"Jesus could have presented mysteries which would have given subject for thought and investigation for generations, even to the close of time. Himself the source of all true science, He could have led men to the investigation of mysteries, and age after age their minds would have been so thoroughly absorbed that they would have felt no desire to **eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God.**

"Jesus well knew that Satan is constantly

working to excite curiosity, and busy men with conjecture. Thus he seeks to eclipse the grand and momentous truth which Christ wished to be ever prominent before their minds. 'For this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.'

"There is a lesson for us in those words of Christ spoken after the feeding of the five thousand. He said, 'Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost.' These words meant more than that the disciples should gather the broken pieces of bread into baskets. **Jesus meant that they should mark His words, should study the Scriptures, and treasure every ray of light. Instead of searching for a knowledge of something that God had not revealed, they were carefully to gather up what He had given them.**

"Satan had tried to eclipse from human minds the knowledge of God, and to eradicate from their hearts the attributes of God. Man was seeking out many inventions, which he supposed that he himself had originated, and he thought himself wiser than God. That which God had revealed was misconstrued, misapplied, and mingled with satanic delusions. Satan will quote Scripture in order to deceive. He tried to deceive Christ in this way. So he still tries to deceive men. He will lead them to misconstrue the Scriptures, and make them testify to falsehood.

"Christ came to adjust truths that had been misplaced and made to serve the cause of error. He recalled them, repeated them, placed them in their proper position in the framework of truth, and bade them stand fast forever. Thus it was with the law of God, with the Sabbath, and with the marriage institution. We are to study His example. Satan seeks to obliterate everything that would keep the true God in remembrance; but **the followers of Christ are to treasure up what God has revealed. No truth of His Word, opened**

to them by His Spirit, is to be set aside.

“Theories will be continually agitated to divert the mind, to unsettle the faith. **Those who have had the actual experience in the unfolding of the prophecies, have been made what they are today, Seventh-day Adventists, by these prophecies.** They are to stand with their loins girt about with truth, and with the whole armor on. Those who have not had this experience are privileged to hold the message of truth with the same confidence. The light that God has been pleased to give His people will not weaken their confidence in **the path in which He has led them in the past, but will strengthen them to hold fast the faith. We must hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.**

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus’ (Revelation 14:12). Here we stand, under the third angel’s message. ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ [Revelation 18:1-5].

“Thus the substance of the second angel’s message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. These messages

all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth’s history. All the world will be tested, and all that have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will understand the last message of mercy that is to be given to men.

“Our work is to proclaim the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ‘Prepare to meet thy God’ [Amos 4:12], is the warning given to the world. It is a warning to us individually. We are called upon to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. There is a work for you, my brother, to do, to yoke up with Christ. Make sure that your building is on the rock. Do not risk eternity on a probability. You may not live to participate in the perilous scenes on which we are now entering. The life of no one of us is assured for any given time. Should you not watch every moment? Should you not closely examine your own self, and inquire, What will eternity be to me?

“The great burden of every soul should be, Is my heart renewed? Is my soul transformed? Are my sins pardoned through faith in Christ? Have I been born again? Am I complying with the invitation, ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light’ [Matthew 11:28]. Do you count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? And **do you feel it your duty to believe every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 17, 1-23.

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Each Casa Grande can sleep a total of 32 people and is divided in the middle by a central meeting room. Each side sleeps 16 and can be sectioned off in the middle for families wanting more privacy. They also come with heat, closets, and restrooms with showers. Clean rustic rooms can comfortably sleep a family of 8. The Casa Grandes come with a central meeting room.

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Like the Casa Grande, the Casita sleeps a total of 32 people and is divided in the middle by a wall; there is no central meeting room. The Casitas are set up dormitory style, sleeping 16 people to a section. There are no closets or restrooms in the Casitas. Casitas also sleep 32 people but sleep 16 per side and have no restrooms. Perfect for youth or single adults.

T E N T S :

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There are two large areas that can be used to setup tents. One is the field near the Casitas, Casa Grandes, and meeting room. The other is a short distance away in a meadow surrounded by trees and is the perfect area for those desiring much needed quiet. This meadow area has portable restrooms but no shower area. (Shower area located near the Casa Grandes and Casitas.) Put up your tent for that old family camp meeting experience. Pitch your tents in the central field close to the meeting hall or in the high meadow for peace and quiet.

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