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FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS
GOOD PLEASURE. PHILIPPIANS 2:13

Consecration

You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast *Steps to Christ,*
46-48.

It is a mistake to entertain the thought that God is pleased to see His children suffer. All heaven is interested in the happiness of man. Our heavenly Father does not close the avenues of joy to any of His creatures. The divine requirements call upon us to shun those indulgences that would bring suffering and disappointment, that would close to us the door of happiness and heaven. The world's Redeemer accepts men as they are, with all their wants, imperfections, and weaknesses; and He will not only cleanse from sin and grant redemption through His blood, but will satisfy the heart-longing of all who consent to wear His yoke, to bear His burden. It is His purpose to impart peace and rest to all who come to Him for the bread of life. He requires us to perform only those duties that will lead our steps to heights of bliss to which the disobedient can never attain. The true, joyous life of the soul is to have Christ formed within, the hope of glory.

Many are inquiring, "How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?" You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.

Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not

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During this time period, country living becomes more essential with each passing moment. **Future for America** upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God's people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

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come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians. Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith.

MARCH PROPHECY SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We are pleased to invite you to a long weekend prophecy school that will be hosted by Future for America and School of the Prophets. It will be held March 22-26, 2017 on the grounds of School of the Prophets. We will be recording March's prophecy school for distribution in order that all (both attendees and those who cannot make the journey here to Arkansas) may share in the experience. The speakers for this prophecy school include: Duane Dewey, Thabo Mtetwa, Jeff Pippenger, Tyler Sena, Deontay Jefferson, and Timothy Pugh

If you wish to attend, please plan to arrive Wednesday, March 22. Registration begins Wednesday, March 22 at 5:15 pm. When you register, you will be given an itinerary for the long weekend. Six meetings will be held every day on *School of the Prophets* campus, beginning Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm and ending Sunday morning.

For those who wish to lodge with us, please note that we cannot guarantee private accommodations. For those who lodge with us you will most likely be located in the small town of Glenwood. There is a 10-minute drive time to the school from Glenwood. Transportation is limited. Please plan on bringing your own vehicle and let us know if you have additional space for carpooling.

The complete package for the week, including the meal plan, booklet, and lodging will be \$175 per

adult. However, if you are providing your own lodging and wish to go on the meal plan and receive a booklet, the cost for the week is \$75 per adult. For all other prices, please see the table below.

If you choose not to lodge with us, you must provide your own transportation. Separately, if you plan to travel by air, the local airport is in Little Rock, AR (LIT). We offer very limited airport transportation—this includes pickup on Wednesday morning or early afternoon, March 22, and the drop off on Sunday morning or early afternoon, March 26. The cost for this service is \$80 per person. Please select arrival and departure times within regular business hours if you wish to use us as your means for transportation. We will only provide limited airport transportation and will not be able to service anyone other than the March 22 or 26 dates. All airport pickups are based on a first come first served basis. You must make advanced arrangements with us for this service.

A weekly meal plan is available for all who wish to use it. This includes two plant-based meals that will be provided every day, Thursday morning through Sunday morning.

For families with children, we will be hosting a children's program that will last for a few hours every day. Please let us know ahead of time if you wish for your children to participate in this program.

REFORMLINE OF LUTHER PART TWO

By: Tamina Blaesing

We already talked in the last article about a few waymarks in Luther's timeline. We marked his birth as the time of the end. The preceding darkness as the 1260 years of papal supremacy, and the increase of knowledge as his educational career. The 95 theses we marked as the formalization of the message and we also showed that the message started to be a world wide message.

Today we want to examine the empowerment of the first angel and the arrival of the second angel, which



marks the same waymark. We also want to look at what the foundation and the activity of the enemy is, the midnight cry, the outpouring of the spirit and the third angel.

Empowerment of the First Angel & Arrival of the Second Angel

As we already know Luther caused quite some trouble for Rome as he published his 95 theses on the 31th of October, 1517. After several tries of the catholic church to bring Luther back on track, which failed, the pope wanted to deal with Luther harsher. But in the same year, the year 1519 the German emperor Maximilian I died and a new king was to be ordained. For political reasons the pope was unable at the present to deal with Luther. The same year new emperor Charles V was elected. The number five could be referring to either the five foolish or the five wise virgins of Matthew 25. Also, Charles V was the last King elected by a pope. Charles V wasn't able to deal much with the reformation since the turks were already causing problems and he often was gone for the reason of war. At that time Luther studied the teachings of Hus and came to the conclusion that he himself preached the same theories with out even knowing that Hus thought the same before him. At the same time in 1519 arose a man called Johannes Eck (John Eck). Eck comes from the German word Ecke which means corner. We also see at this waymark a corner which we can refer to Christ the true and only corner stone which was despised by the builders. So was also the message of Luther which represents Christ despised from those people who should have recognized him. Eck started a debate with Luther about his teaching. Since Luther sympathized with the ideas of John Hus, Eck tired to declare Luther as a follower of Hus which was burned 100 years before, so that Luther could be announced as heretic and be burned as well, but Luther argued well with the Bible and prevailed. From this debate with Eck comes also the famous sentence from Luther: "Neither popes nor church councils are infallible". This showed the the beginning separation of Luther from Rome. Luther

published more and more scriptures which spread rapidly in the whole of europe. People were tired of the papal corruption and the messages Luther presented were as a refreshing to them. So we see at this waymark that the leadership dies and a new emperor is elected. We see Islam starting to cause problems. We see that Luther "returns" to the old path by studying Hus scriptures. We see a debate starting, and we see the beginning of two classes being produced. All these characteristics we find also at the waymark of the empowerment of the first angel and of the arrive of the second, which as we know are the same waymark in our time line—it's 9/11.

The Foundation

Luther wrote many papers, but he wrote three main books which were his main and most important works. These three books mark therefore the foundation of his timeline. In the first book he addresses the nobility to put the reformation in to practice. Everyone should be allowed to get education and to help the poor. He also says that the church state relationship should be disestablished.

In the second book he addresses the church and speaks against their false teachings. He reduces the seven catholic sacraments to the three given by Jesus himself, the baptism, holly supper and atonement. He also declares that the just shall live by faith.

In the third book he addresses every individual person and declares that every Christian man is a free man through faith, but he is also a servant through love.

Activity of the Enemy

Before Luther published his third book the pope announces a papal bull of excommunication on Luthers writings which was to be enforced after 120 days. Luther burned the papal bull on december 10th after he decided to separate with Rome. On the 3rd of January, 1521 the pope announced the papal bull of excommunication on Luther. This time on his person. Luther wrote to one of his friend that he now was completely convicted that



the pope was the antichrist. Luther and Rome were finally completely separated from each other. We see here the number 120 which marks the time period between the second waymark and the midnight cry.

The Midnight Cry

The new king Charles V ordered Luther to come to the diet of Worms in the year 1521. The diet of Worms was a gathering of all the nobles and princes of Germany, and many envoys of foreign countries. This alone was already a victory for the reformation over Rome, then the pope had announced a excommunication bull on Luther in January the same year, but now he was to come to the diet of Worms to defend his faith in front of all these people. Rome was angry and wanted to see Luther burned at the stake but God in his mercy led his messenger through this test. Charles gave Luther a safe-conduct for his journey to Worms. Even though a lot of friends warned Luther not to go to Worms he still was convinced that this was God's appointed way to defend his beliefs there. His journey took twelve days to Worms. Three of his friends accompanied him to Worms. We see here a three one combination. In every town they passed through people gathered around Luther, he preached the gospel to the people which they gladly accepted, many warned him of the upcoming trials, but Luther kept on going. He arrived in Worms on the 16th of April. He stayed for ten days in Worms. Ten being the number for testing, marks here a testing time. Surly this was a testing time for Luther. As he entered the city many people gathered together, more then when the king entered the city, to welcome him and warn him. We see here a strong similarity with the entering of Jesus in Jerusalem. The next day, on the 17th of April Luther was to be appear in front of the diet. A few rulers came to him to encourage him. As he stood before the princes, the rulers and the emperor Luther was quite intimidated. He was asked two questions, if the books and scriptures in front of him were his works and if so if he would recall what he had written. Luther answered that he had written all these books

but he asked for a day of consideration to answer the second question if he would recall what he had written. This act impressed the diet, they saw that Luther wasn't just simply acting on emotions and out of effect. He was to appear in front of the diet the next day. That night Luther struggled a lot. Sister White describes that clouds of darkness almost prevailed against Luther and that he was filled with fear and he struggled as Jacob had. But just as Jacob prevailed so did also Luther, he clang to his faith on Christ and gained new strength and confidence. He planned out his speech, searched the scriptures for proofs for his statements. As he appeared the next day again in front of the diet the fear on his face was gone and his voice was steady. He was calm and trusted in his saviour. He gave his speech and said except someone proves him wrong from the scriptures, he will not and can not recant. Luther had spoken in German. Charles V even though he was German, was raised in Holland and therefore didn't speak German well. Luther was asked to repeat his speech in Latin. As he repeated his speech his voice became powerful and the light of heaven filled his face. He wasn't himself anymore, he was fully hidden in Christ. A lot of the princes and rulers were impressed, his enemies became angry, because they had thought Luther had only asked for one more day of time as a prolog for his recantation. Luther was sent out of the room so the diet could decide on the issue. When he was called back in they asked him again if he would recant, but he said the same answer that he cannot and will not recant. Luther was asked three times in the whole time if he would recant and three times he answered he cannot and will not. Just as Peter was three times tested and failed and later was being asked three times by Jesus if he loves him and passed the test, also how Jesus was tested three times, so was Luther tested three times.

Luther had prevailed. Rome was filled with raging anger. The enemies of Luther tried to influence Charles to deal with Luther just as Sigismund had dealt with Hus, to disregard the safe conduct and burn him. Charles was not convicted by Luthers



speech and rejected his message (symbolizing the five foolish virgins here). Sister White compares him here with Pontius Pilate and how he had dealt with Jesus. Though Charles had rejected the light of Luther he said he would not break the safe conduct and stick to his word. Luther was free to go home.

We know from the Reform lines that from the midnight cry till the 22nd October, 1844 the number seventy is marked. Another very interesting fact is that Luther spoke in front of seventy mentioned people at the diet. Of course there were many more but only seventy are pointed out. It's said that he spoke before the Emperor the two brother of the emperor, six electors, 24 dukes, 8 counts and 30 bishops.

On the way home, Luther was kidnapped by Frederic the Wise. They brought Luther to the Wartburg castle where he was safe. Luther was shortly after the diet of Worms outlawed. Living at the Wartburg castle he got a new name so he was able to go to town without problems. His new name was Junker Jörg, Junker meaning young Lord or young wine, Jörg meaning farmer, plower.

Luther defending his faith at the diet of Worms lines up with the midnight cry at the August camp meeting at Exeter 1844. Samuel snow arrives at the camp meeting and presents his message, but the people didn't fully understand it. He gave a second speech the next day and the people understood the message while they heard it the second time. Exeter means watery town. Through Worms flows the Rhine, one of the biggest most important rivers in Germany, as well as in Europe. We see that the story of Samuel snow lines perfectly up with the story of Luther at the diet of Worms. Because Luther also presents his message twice.

At the midnight cry godliness combines itself with humanity which we also see in Luther appearance. Luther presents his message two times which marks the doubling, he also receives a new name which is as well marked at the midnight cry. There is even more to be said about the midnight cry, based on the prophetic rule of fractals but this we will discuss in another article.

Outpouring of the Spirit

Since Luther disappeared his enemies thought they had won the victory. But it was in the time, when Luther was hidden that he did his most important work. We see also a hiding in the timeline of Elisabeth the mother of John the baptist and Maria the mother of Jesus. At the time Luther was at the Wartburg he translated the New Testament into German. The seeds Luther had been sown started to sprout. But at this time also false prophet arose, proclaiming that the Lord had sent them and they were one mind with Luther. They brought fanaticism among the people which led so far that they denied the Bible, declaring that every word and thought of them was inspired by god. It came to many bloodbaths and many people did. Luther was very sad to see how people miss understood the reformation and that they followed heretics. He returned from the Wartburg and tried to deal with the mess. But it was not until the New Testament was finished translated into German, and being spread among the people that the heresies were stopped. Rich, poor, young and old, longed to read the New Testament in their language. Quickly they gained the knowledge written in there and professed their faith. Everywhere arose people preaching with the Bible in their hand what they believed. Workers, women, soldiers and even children had far more knowledge about the Bible then the monks and priests did. Often those two parties had discussion but the bible believers prevailed since they had a far better knowledge then they did. You were able to see more and more clearly, two groups of worshippers being developed, among the people as well as in the high ranks of society.

The priests started to complain that their number of followers sank. The papacy tried through threats, jail, sword, fire and persecution to get the people back into their ranks. But it was too late. The reformation was already "burning" and could not be stopped anymore. Thousands and thousands gave their lives for their faith but instead of decreasing the number of believers it only increased. The persecution achieved that the reformation was spread everywhere.



Here we see clearly how fanaticism tries to enter the church, how false prophets arise, but we see also how the reformation was pushed forward with such a strength which could not be stopped anymore, we also see the two classes of worshippers being demonstrated. All these characteristics are marked in our time line between the midnight cry and the Sunday Law, when God pours out his spirit on his people without measure.

The Third Angel

Charles the emperor didn't like the reformation and wanted to destroy it. But every time he made a move toward this direction something came in between which required his earnest attention. The Turks attacked Europe during that time quite often, and also a war with France required his attention. In the year 1526 a council in Speyer was held. Hungary had asked Charles to support them with armies in the war against the Turks. But Charles could not act except with the permission and support of his princes. His princes were only willing to help him if Charles would agree to religious liberty. He was forced to agree to their request. So even though Luther still was outlawed, there was religious liberty in Germany. After the danger the Turks caused was over, Charles wanted to end the reformation. He called three years later for a second council of Speyer (Speyer II) in the year 1529, at which he declared he wanted to recall his former degree of religious liberty and wanted a pure Catholic Germany again. Behind the sense of cause was Rome working eagerly towards this decision of Charles. We see here clearly how the king of the north stretches his hands out to grasp the countries and gets control over them. Also we see here the image of the beast, the combining of church and state. Charles had planned that if the princes didn't agree to his degree of recalling his former religious liberty, and the act of ending the reformation, he would use the sword. He left the room in which the council was held so no one could answer or counter something to his demand. The princes created a paper declaring that they are protesting the degree of the emperor.

They would obey Charles as long as it didn't affect their obedience towards God. From this act of the princes comes the word 'to protest'. Therefore were the people of the reformation from now on called Protestants.

One year later Charles called for a council in Augsburg again for the same reason. The princes wrote a paper in which they declared and proved their protestant faith and signed it with their names. Each of the ones who signed their names said that they would rather give away all their riches and die than to agree to the king's commandment of recalling their faith. The paper was read out loud at the council of Augsburg and all the king's rulers and nobles had to listen to it. The emperor was so convicted by this testimony that he afterwards declared this protestant article as truth. The paper was translated in many languages and was spread in whole Europe. Millions of people heard those words and became believers.

It is interesting that those princes who confessed their faith and afterwards were called protestants, their states are still till this day protestant states. Even though Germany as a whole is a protestant country, the states in Germany are either protestant or Catholic. Through the protest of the princes it got decided which state was going to have which faith.

The council of Speyer II represents the Sunday Law in our time period and the council of Augsburg represents the universal Sunday Law. Since the first council effected mainly only Germany but the second one had an effect on the "whole world".

We see also here that Islam was used to help the reformation. We know that Islam is a tool to punish the armies of Rome, this is why Islam attacked Europe so often during the time of papal supremacy. It punished Rome and helped the reformation to prosper.

We know that in every reform line the temple gets built represented by the number 46. From Luther's birth at 1483 till the council of Speyer II in 1529 is a time period of 46 years in which we see the temple being built. God elected in this time period



the protestants as his church, as his temple. But we know as well that later, in the time period of our pioneers the protestants failed and became the daughter of the whore which sitteth upon many waters.

Did you know that Luther understood prophecy? He was convicted that Islam was a tool of punishment against Rome. He also believed as we already mentioned that the pope is the antichrist and that the papacy would receive a deadly wound. He predicted this event more or less 300 years in the future of his time which fits quite well with our history of our pioneers.

Sister Whites write about Luther in the great controversy. I would recommend everyone to read those chapters. They hold power full lessons for us as she says:

"The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time." *The Great Controversy*, 343.

Conclusion

What was shown:

That 1519 is the second waymark (debate with Eck, leadership dies, turning to the old path

That Luther's three main books are the foundation for his time line

That the activity of the enemy are the papal bulls

That we have a number 120 before the Midnight Cry and from the Midnight Cry on a number 70

That Luther at the diet of Worms is the Midnight Cry in his time period

That Luther had a name change marking the Midnight Cry

That after the Midnight Cry was a outpouring of God's spirit

That after the Midnight Cry false prophets arose

That 1529 council Speyer II is the Sunday Law

That 1530 council Augsburg is the Universal Sunday Law

That Islam plays a role of protecting God's people and helped the reformation to move forward.

FAITH AND ACCEPTANCE

"As your conscience has been quickened by the Holy Spirit, you have seen something of the evil of sin, of its power, its guilt, its woe; and you look upon it with abhorrence. You feel that sin has separated you from God, that you are in bondage to the power of evil. The more you struggle to escape, the more you realize your helplessness. Your motives are impure; your heart is unclean. You see that your life has been filled with selfishness and sin. You long to be forgiven, to be cleansed, to be set free. Harmony with God, likeness to Him--what can you do to obtain it?

It is peace that you need--Heaven's forgiveness and peace and love in the soul. Money cannot buy it, intellect cannot procure it, wisdom cannot attain to it; you can never hope, by your own efforts, to secure it. But God offers it to you as a gift, 'without money and without price.' Isaiah 55:1. It is yours if you will but reach out your hand and grasp it. The Lord says, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' Isaiah 1:18. 'A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.' Ezekiel 36:26." *Steps to Christ*, 49.