

1. Captain Joseph Bates- Truth Plain Upon Tables

Waymarks Defined

Pioneers' SOUND IN THE FAITH ACCORDING TO OUR FOUNDATIONAL TEACHINGS AS DEPICTED ON HABAKKUK'S TABLES (1843 & 1850 CHARTS)

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. **This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years.** And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, **if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake.** He who makes such an application **knows not** the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force **to the past messages** that have come to the people of God. -- Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW 32.2} 1905- 50 years = 1855

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.** {2SM 111.2}

The record of the experience through which the people of God passed in the early history of our work must be republished. **Many of those who have since come into the truth are ignorant of the way in which the Lord wrought. The experience of William Miller and his associates, of Captain Joseph Bates, and of other pioneers in the Advent message, should be kept before our people** {CW 145.2} 1903

The old waymarks must be preserved, that we lose not our bearings." {1MR 55.3} {Lt105-1903.4} Dec 25, 1906

1

What are these **WAYMARKS** according to Joseph Bates "who passed in the early history of our work"? What did Bates teach from **1840 TO 1847** according to his book as follows?

SECOND ADVENT **WAY MARKS** AND HIGH HEAPS OR A CONNECTED VIEW, OF THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY, BY GOD'S PECULIAR PEOPLE, FROM THE YEAR **1840 to 1847.**

BY JOSEPH BATES

NEW BEDFORD: PRESS OF BENJAMIN LINDSEY:

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PREFACE 43

TO THE LITTLE FLOCK 45

FIRST LAND MARK AND HIGH HEAP 48

SECOND WAYMARK. **TARRYING OF THE BRIDEGROOM** 58

THIRD WAYMARK. **THE FALL OF BABYLON** 59

FOURTH WAY MARK. **COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE** 65

WHAT IS A CHURCH? 67

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS 70

FIFTH WAY MARK - **A CRY AT MIDNIGHT** 72

SIXTH WAY MARK - **PHILADELPHIA CHURCH** 75

"God's messengers speak words that are truth, but men do not want to accept them. **False waymarks** will be made. **Signboards** pointing in the wrong direction will be set up..." {21MR 453.2} {Ms29a-1890.34} Nov 25, 1890

"...there will be in the office men who will lead into strange paths...these unconsecrated men will set up **false waymarks**, and will walk in false paths (we are to ask for the old paths)..." {19MR 260.1} {Ms24-1891.90} Jan 30, 1891

"**Men cannot show greater treachery toward God than by disregarding the light he sends them.** Those who do this mislead the ignorant, for they set up **false waymarks**..." {14MR 344.2} {Ms73-1901.4} Aug 2, 1901

"...**those** who took part in the establishment of our work upon a foundation of Bible truth, **those** who know the waymarks that have pointed out the right path, are to be regarded as workers of the **highest value**..." {20MR 150.5} {Ms129-1905.6} 12/24/1905

SEVENTH WAY MARK. - SEVENTH ANGEL SOUNDING UNDER THE THIRD WOE 77

MYSTERY OR SECRET OF GOD FINISHED 79

MYSTERY OF GOD - WHAT IS IT? 83

THIRD WO. - IS IT COME? 88

EIGHTH WAY MARK. - BRIDEGROOM COME. - MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB, - AND DOOR SHUT 97

NINTH WAY MARK. - THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OR TESTIMONY OF JESUS 110

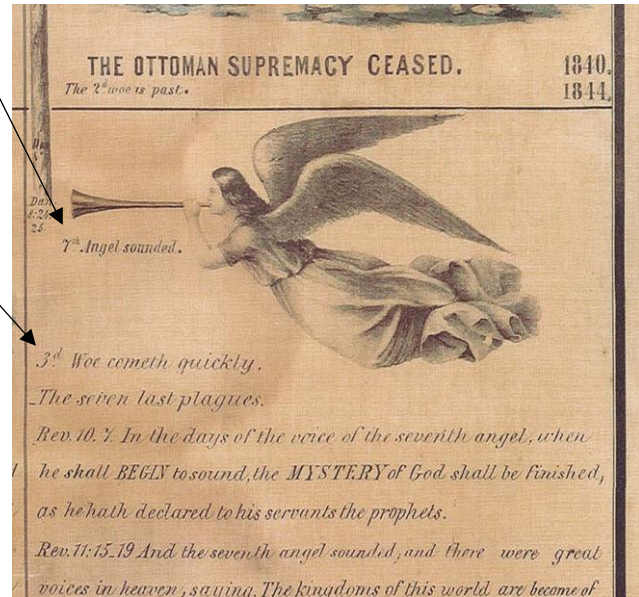
TENTH WAY MARK, AND HIGH HEAPS. - PERILOUS TIMES HAVE COME IN THE LAST DAYS. - THE LITTLE FLOCK PRESSING UP TO THE ELEVENTH AND LAST MARK IN THEIR PATHWAY 121

RECAPITULATION 122

1850 chart:

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. . . . 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. (17MR 12.5)

. . . . The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. . . . 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. (17MR 14.3) . . . 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. (17MR 15.1)



God's word is given us that we may become acquainted with its teachings. We there read that if we do his will, we shall know of the doctrine. Ignorance will not excuse young or old, or release them from the punishment due for the transgression of God's law, because there is in their hands a faithful presentation of that law and of its principles and its claims. It is not enough to have good intentions; it is not enough to do what a man thinks is right, or what the minister tells him is right. His soul's salvation is at stake, and he should search the Scriptures for himself. However strong may be his convictions, however confident he may be that the minister knows what is truth, this is not his foundation. He has a chart pointing out every waymark on the heavenward journey, and he ought not to guess at anything, but to know what is truth. He should search the Scriptures on bended knees; morning, noon, and night, prayer should ascend from secret places, and a continual prayer should arise from his heart that God will guide him into all truth. {ST July 17, 1884, par. 2}

My brother, link up with Elder Olsen. Give him your confidence. Love as brethren, and be laborers together with God. Be not of that number who are ever learning, but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. It is your privilege to know what is truth, because for more than half a century, we have been guided step by step by the counsels of the Spirit of God. At this time many efforts will be made to unsettle our faith in the Sanctuary question; but we must not waver. Not a pin is to be moved from the foundations of our faith. Truth is still truth. Those who become uncertain will drift into erroneous theories and will finally find themselves infidel in regard to the past evidence we have had of what is truth. The old waymarks must be preserved, that we lose not our bearings. {Lt395-1906.11} 1906 - 50 = 1856

Excerpts from Bates' Book on the Trumpets:

SECOND ADVENT **WAY MARKS** AND HIGH HEAPS OR A CONNECTED VIEW, OF THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY, BY GOD'S PECULIAR PEOPLE, **FROM THE YEAR 1840 to 1847.**

➔ The Second Conference was another glorious gathering, in the city of Lowell, June 15 - 17, 1841. This was another time of deep interest, and **gave a new impulse to the cause here.** **Br. J. Litch gave the history of the Ottoman empire, which closed up the sounding of the sixth angel and second woe, as he had stated would take place on the eleventh day of August, 1840, some two years previous, by calculating the prophetic numbers in ix ch. Rev.** The attention of most all classes had been turned to the proceedings in the East, to see if this prediction would be fulfilled. Here then was where the flying messengers began to make their message tell! and faith in the Advent was much strengthened, and the believer's ranks hourly increasing.... **In May, 1842, a general conference was again convened in Boston, Mass. At the opening of this meeting Br. Chs. Fitch and A. Hale of Haverhill, presented us the Visions of Daniel and John which they had painted on cloth, with the prophetic numbers and ending of the vision, which they called a chart.** Br. F., in explaining the subject said in substance as follows: he had been turning it over in his mind, and felt that if something of this kind could be done, it would simplify the subject, and make it much easier for him to present it to the people. Here new light seemed to spring up. **These brethren had fulfilled a prophecy given by Hab. 2468 years before, where it says, "And the Lord answered me and said, write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."** This thing now **became so plain** to all, that it was unanimously voted to have three hundred of these charts lithographed forthwith, **that those who felt the message may read and run with it.** {1847 JB, BP2 52.3}

SEVENTH **WAY MARK.** - SEVENTH ANGEL SOUNDING UNDER THE THIRD WO

"But **in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel** when he shall begin to sound **the mystery** (or secret) of God should be finished as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets." {1847 JB, BP2 77.1}

1st. Here it is plain and positive that the secret of God should be finished when the seventh angel begins to sound. {1847 JB, BP2 77.2}

2nd. That **the Seventh Angel is to sound days**, (which mean years,) no one I think will dispute, who will first examine the word day and days brought to view twenty times in this book of Rev. It is plain from the 594 [391] years in the 9th chap. and 1260 and 31/2 in the 11th, called days, on each side of this text, and 1260 in 12th chap., all proved to be years, that this has the same meaning; every other day in this book has its meaning attached to it. Then this text would read thus: "**In the years of the voice of the seventh angel,**" etc. {1847 JB, BP2 77.3}

3rd. Then this proves that this angel will sound years. O yes, says the reader, he will sound 1000 years, because he won't begin to sound until the 1000 years commence. You know the messengers have taught that Jesus would sound the seventh trumpet and that would be the last. Am I to understand that Jesus will be 1000 years sounding the seventh trumpet? O no, he has got something else to do. This view then falls to the ground, unless you can prove that Jesus gives the trumpet or message to some one else after he has raised the righteous dead. You say this won't do. Well then take the Bible view, and no longer undertake to pervert "the scriptures." What is the Bible view? It is this. The seventh angel or messenger sounds and delivers his message in this mortal state. Immortalized beings will perfectly understand their duty without the book. {1847 JB, BP2 78.1}

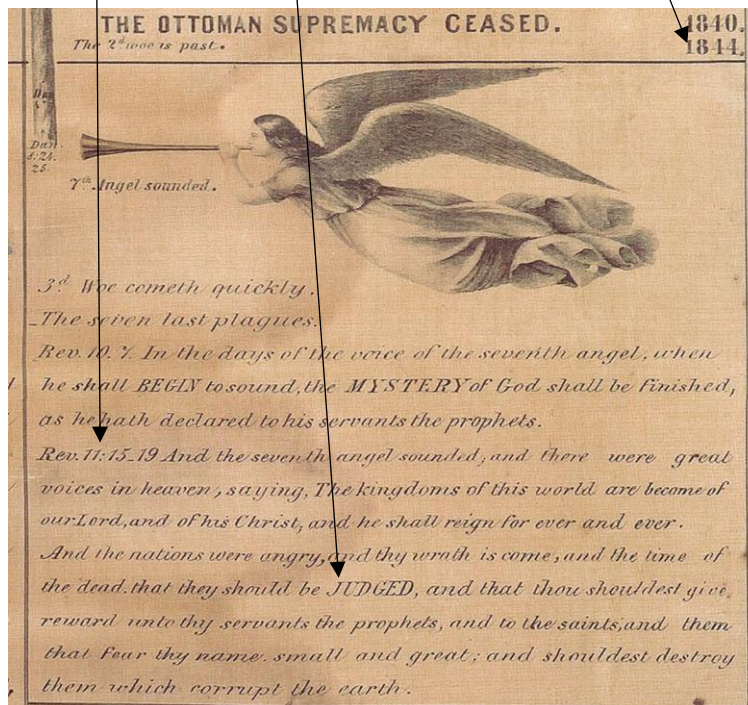
Now turn to **Rev. 8:2,6.** These seven angels with their messages prepared themselves to sound. As we read on down to the 13th v. we see four of them **have sounded.** But **the 13th v. shows plainly that the other three are connected with (separately and distinctly) the three woes that are to come on the earth; the third is the last wo, or the message of the seventh angel.** Now I ask in all candor where is the least particle of proof that our blessed Lord is one of these angels or messengers. Do you see any thing here to distinguish him from the other six? Let us for a moment compare your view with the apostle Paul's. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." And then the living will be changed and caught up. "We shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound." Thes. 9. 1 Cor. 15. Will you confound the apostle's view here given so distinctly? {1847 JB, BP2 78.2}

(1st.) Are any of the **seven angels**, particularly the last, said to be descending from heaven? (2nd.) Is the last one called an archangel? (3rd.) Is it said that the seventh has the trump of God? (4th.) Is it said that the seventh is the Lord himself? (5th.) Is it said that the seventh raises the dead and changes the living saints? No, say you, but I think it has reference to it, for **the seventh must be the last**. Allow me to say that your thought and John's vision don't agree, for he says distinctly, "And **the seventh angel sounded**, [did the Lord descent now from heaven?] and there were great voices in heaven, saying the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." **11:15**. Let us read the acts recorded under the sounding of the seventh messenger. (1st.) The **seventh messenger sounded**. (2nd.) The four and twenty elders (the whole Priesthood) fell upon their faces. I understand this thus: all that had been giving the messages subscribed to it and believed it then when **a Cry at Midnight ended in 1844**. Please read the next verse, 17th; this conclusively proves the Lord is yet to come, after he received his kingdom: don't forget this point here. (3rd.) The nations were angry. (4th.) Thy wrath is come. (5th.) And **the time of the dead that they should be judged**. (6th.) That thou shouldst give reward to thy servants. (7th.) And shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. {1847 JB, BP2 78.3}

Now don't you see plainly that the seventh angel or messenger has been sounding for years, and still the Lord himself has not yet come. And don't you see as many of you are teaching that the Lord will come to-day, (April 18) how inconsistent you are and have been since **Oct.22, 1844**, or a little after, in not admitting **the seventh messenger to fulfil the five first items above mentioned**? {1847 JB, BP2 79.1}

Can it be believed that God will change the order of things, or have every thing here in disorder to suit our views? No, no! We read, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." "Every thing upon his day." **God is exact; and we shall yet find it so. I say it is clear that the seventh messenger began to sound on the 1st day of the 7th month, 1844**. If he has not sounded, you will look in vain for the Lord. I have no idea that he can ever come until this message is given. The scripture also teaches me that if you do not admit this, you are looking in vain for the Lord to-day. How can he come according to the order of the signs in Matt. 24. until God shall speak and shake the earth and also heaven? And after that, see the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; then the order is clear for him to come next. I think the proof is clear that **the seventh angel sounds years before Christ comes**, as I have shown in the sixth place, to reward his servants, (see Matt. 16:27,) and that he is now sounding the third year from the 12th day of Oct. 1844. {1847 JB, BP2 79.2}

1850 Chart



THIRD WO, - IS IT COME?

"And I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice, "Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the voices of the trumpet of the three angels which are yet to sound." Rev. 8:13. In 14. chap. 6 v., John says, "I saw another angel," etc., referring to one before, which must be this with the three woes. When the fifth angel had sounded 150 years the first wo passed. 9. chap. 1.12. When the sixth angel had sounded 391 years and 15 days, the second wo passed. 9:13; 11:14. See also J. Litch's Prophetic Prophecy, Vol.II. {1847 JB, BP2 88.3}

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound the secret of God as he hath revealed his glad tidings to his servants the prophets, should be fulfilled." {1847 JB, BP2 83.4}

SISTER WHITE:

In the year 1840, another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman empire, and specifying not only the year but the very day on which this would take place. According to this exposition, which was purely a matter of calculation on the prophetic periods of Scripture, the Turkish government would surrender its independence on the eleventh day of August, 1840. The prediction was widely published, and thousands watched the course of events with eager interest. {GC88 334.4}

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the Advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended. {GC88 334.5}

1850 Chart

*The sixth trumpet commenced at the end of the first woe. 1449.
It continued for an hour, and a day, a month, and a year. 391 years,
and 15 days, which ended August 11th 1840.*

What does "Supremacy" mean on the 1850 chart? To fall from power or fall into non-existence?

Webster's 1828 Dictionary:

SUPREMACY, n. [See Supreme.] State of being supreme or in the highest station of power; highest authority or power; as the supremacy of the king of Great Britain; or the supremacy of parliament.

FALL, n. 6. Declension of greatness, power or dominion; ruin; as the fall of the Roman empire.

It becomes clear from Sister White's quote that "the fall" refers to the power that was broken, not to the existence of the Ottoman Empire; thus why Turkey (Ottomans) still exist today.



What does the prophet Habakkuk say we should do when we are argued with regarding any of these time prophecies? Take them to the tables (1843 and 1850 charts)!

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved [argued with].

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

For the vision [is] yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, "The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry.... The just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:3, 4. {RH July 15, 1915, par. 3}

NOTICE THE DATE ABOVE.

Sister White passed away one day later, July 16, 1915! We have been reminded by some of her last words to "hold in remembrance the cheering message" of Habakkuk 2:3, 4--- the charts!



"It was the united testimony of Second Advent lecturers and papers, when standing on 'the original faith,' that the publication of the chart was a fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:2, 3. — 6BIO 255.5.

When we reject these messages in full or in part, what do we do to Christ? We crucify him.

So, I saw, that those who had no experience in the first and second angels' messages must receive them from those who had an experience, and followed down through the messages. As Jesus was crucified, so I saw that these messages have been crucified. And as the disciples declared that there was salvation in no other name under heaven, given among men; so, also, should the servants of God faithfully and fearlessly declare that those who embrace but a part of the truths connected with the third message must gladly embrace the first, second and third messages as God has given them, or have no part nor lot in the matter. {1SG 75.1}

Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel. All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited

by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they **offer up their useless prayers** to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power, his signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. **Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another.** Satan deceives some with **Spiritualism**. He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of **false reformations**. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit. The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before. {EW 260.1}

The **great sin of**----**is a neglect to cherish the light which God has given them through His servants.** Said Christ to His apostles: "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me." Here it is made plain that **those who reject the messages of God's servants reject not only the Son, but also the Father.** {4T 196.3}

If we reject the any of the messages on the charts, in whole or "in part" which include what our pioneers taught about the 7th trumpet (aka Eastern Question) of Daniel 11:45 (which is "part of the 3rd angel's message that shows the way into the Most Holy Place"), then we are crucifying our Saviour as did the Jews!

If we reject the 7th trumpet as Islam (Turkey) taking possession of Jerusalem in Daniel 11:45, then we will not know the movements of our Saviour in the Most Holy Place, when probation is about to close for the world!

Every eye is centered on that one spot, and has been for years. Turkey is known universally as the "sick man of the east...the time will come when he will remove from Constantinople, and take up his abode in Palestine; that is, plant his tabernacle between the Mediterranean and red seas...{1901 SNH, SDP 247.3}

"I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the **four winds** of the earth. . . . And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried. . . . Saying, hurt not the earth. . . . Till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." **these angels now hold the winds of strife**, waiting for the church of God to prepare for his coming. **The sealing angel goes through Jerusalem (the church) to place the seal of the living God on the foreheads of the faithful, and while this work goes forward, Turkey stands as a national guidepost to the world, that men may know what is going on in the sanctuary above.** {1901 SNH, SDP 248.1} God's eye is upon his people, and he never leaves himself without a witness in the world. **No man knows when Turkey will take its departure from Europe, but when that move is made, earth's history will be short.** Then it will be said, "he that is unjust let him be unjust still, . . . And he that is righteous let him be righteous still." **to-day is "the day of preparation...while the world watches Turkey, let the servant of God watch the movements of his great high priest, whose ministry for sin is almost over."**{1901 SNH, SDP 248.2}

Read the words of Christ in Matthew 23:23: "**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and **faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**" These **denunciations** are given as a **warning** to all who "outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within" "are full of **hypocrisy** and **iniquity**." They say, We are delivered to do all these things. **They also say, "If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.**" "Wherefore," said Jesus, "**ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.**" What lessons are here; how fearful and decisive! Jesus said, "Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets [*ie Ellen White/ Habakkuk*], and wise men, and scribes [*our pioneers!*]: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city." **This prophecy was literally fulfilled by the Jews in their treatment of Christ and of the messengers whom God sent to them. Will men in these last days follow the example of those whom Christ condemned?** {1888 1324.3}

Be careful what messages (waymarks) you reject as a professed Seventh-day Adventist follower of Christ. If you reject Christ, He will reject you. "The just shall live by his faith." Hab. 2:4

"Some of those newly come to the faith claim to have **special light** from God in regard to these messages; but **their new light lead them to set aside the established truths that are the pillars of our faith. They misrepresent and misapply Scriptures. They misplace the messages of Revelation 14, and set aside the work which these messages have accomplished. Thus they reject the great "waymarks" which God himself has established.** Since their **new light** leads them to tear down the structure which the Lord has built up, we may know that He is not guiding them." {1888 804.1} {MS31-1890.7} **1890**

"I have been deeply impressed by the Spirit of God that we are to pass through severe trials. Everyone's faith will be tested. **We must study carefully the old waymarks. These experiences in the past are to be revived...**" {18MR 220.2} {MS 223-1902.11} **Nov 27, 1902**

"...**for the past fifty years** every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the word--...the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation (*those messages given to Miller*). **Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved...**" (1SM 208.2) {SPTB02 59} **Mar 14, 1905**

The subject of Daniel 11:45 points us to the subject of the sanctuary, when Turkey takes residence in Jerusalem, then we know the next event (Dan 12:1) is that probation is about to close!

Eyes Fixed on Sanctuary.--As a people, **we should be earnest students of prophecy; we should not rest until we become intelligent in regard to the subject of the sanctuary,** which is brought out in the visions of Daniel and John. This subject sheds great light on our present position and work, and gives us unmistakable proof that God has led us in our past experience. It explains our disappointment in 1844, showing us that the sanctuary to be cleansed was not the earth, as we had supposed, but that Christ then entered into the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and is there performing the closing work of His priestly office, in fulfillment of the words of the angel to the prophet Daniel, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." {Ev 222.3}

Our faith in reference to the messages of the first, second, and third angels was correct. **The great waymarks we have passed are immovable. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed.** These **pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host.** We can learn much, and should be constantly searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so. **God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where the final ministration of our great High Priest in the work of the judgment is going forward,**--where He is interceding for His people.--Review and Herald, Nov. 27, 1883. {Ev 223.1}

This is the three angel's messages! Our eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary: Repent (1st AM), and come out of darkness (2nd AM) before the plagues fall (3rd AM), before probation closes in the sanctuary above! **NOTHING ELSE IS TO ABSORB OUR ATTENTION!!**

"In a special sense **Seventh-day Adventists** have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. **To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world.** On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. **They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.** There is no other work of so great importance. **They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.** {Ms53-1910.6}

We have been given a work of most solemn import—the proclamation of the **first, second, and third angels' messages. The subject of the first angel's message is the everlasting gospel, and its burden is the warning.**

The end of all things is at hand. John writes, "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 water.**" [Revelation 14:6, 7.] {Lt183-1902.4}

Today men are drawn into pleasure-loving and into worldly business. There are thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul. The time has come when the message is to sound throughout the world, "**Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.**" [Verse 7.] This message is of more consequence than all else to the inhabitants of the world. {Lt183-1902.5}

"**Saying with a loud voice.**" [Verse 7.] **A strong, decided influence is to be exerted to arouse the idolatrous world to take heed to the message.** {Lt183-1902.6}

"**And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**" [Verse 8.] **Babylon symbolizes the fallen churches, and her fall denotes apostasy from God.** {Lt183-1902.7}

"**And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast, and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**" [Verses 9-11.] {Lt183-1902.8}

This is the warning against the beast and his image, who form a decree enforcing the worship brought to view in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. {Lt183-1902.9}

Then the Lord presented before John a company of people standing separate from the world; and the apostle exclaimed, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Revelation 14:12.] {Lt183-1902.10}

To us has been entrusted the work of proclaiming these messages. There is no other work of so great importance. We are to allow nothing else to absorb our attention. {Lt183-1902.11}

It is God's purpose that these messages shall be made known to the world. Those who are workers together with Him will do all in their power to uproot the apostasy that is so deep and widespread. {Lt183-1902.12}

In the Scriptures are presented truths that relate **especially to our own time.** **To the period just prior to the appearing of the Son of man, the prophecies of Scripture point,** and here their **warnings** and **threatenings** pre-eminently apply. **The prophetic periods of Daniel, extending to the very eve of the great consummation,** throw a flood of light **upon events** then to transpire...{RH, September 25, 1883 par. 6}

The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of **the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment.** Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place.-- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 14. {ChS 54.5}

1828 Webster's Dictionary

NIGH, adv. ni.

Near; at a small distance in place or time, or in the course of events.

He was sick, nigh to death. Philippians 2:27, 30.

NIGHLY, adv. **Nearly**; within a little.

Our ministers are not doing their whole duty. **The attention of the people should be called to the momentous event which is so near at hand.** **The signs of the times should be kept fresh before their minds.** The prophetic visions of Daniel and John foretell a period of moral darkness and declension; but at the time of the end, the time in which we are now living, **the vision [Habakkuk's prophecy] was to speak and not lie.** **When the signs predicted begin to come to pass, the waiting, watching ones are bidden to look up and lift up their heads and rejoice because their redemption draweth nigh.** {5T 9.2}

Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.--15MR 228 (1903). {LDE 15.4}

Dan 12:1 contains a warning

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Dan 12:1*

The Lord has been working with Elder Simpson, teaching him how to give to the people this last warning message. His method of making the words of the Bible prove the truth for this time, and his use of the symbols presented in Revelation and Daniel, are effective. Let the young men learn as for their lives what is truth and how it should be presented. We are living in the last days of the great conflict; the truth alone will hold us securely in this time of trouble. The way should be prepared for Elder Simpson to give the message, and our young men should attend his evening meetings. {Lt349-1906.10}

See document on Simpson. His tag line in his work was Habakkuk 2:2!

The interest that Brother Simpson has aroused is a remarkable one. Many are accepting the truth and are doing all they can to help in the advancement of the truth. Brother Simpson presents the truth just as it was presented in past years. He has a system of charts that is the most perfect thing of its kind that I have ever seen. At his request I had a long conversation with him, and I know that he is sound on every point of our faith and that the power of God is with him. {Lt311-1904.13}

Look for the Waymarks

1. Look for the waymarks as you journey on,
Look for the waymarks, passing one by one;
Down thro' the ages, past the kingdoms four—
Where are we standing? Look the waymarks o'er.

Refrain

Look for the waymarks, the great prophetic waymarks,
Down through the ages, past the kingdoms four.
Look for the waymarks, the great prophetic waymarks;
The journey's almost o'er.

2. First, the Assyrian kingdom ruled the world,
Then Medo-Persia's banners were unfurled;
And after Greece held universal sway,
Rome seized the scepter—Where are we today?

Refrain

3. Down in the feet of iron and of clay,
State mixed with church, but soon to pass away;
What will the next great, glorious drama be?
Christ and His coming, and eternity.

Refrain

<https://www.practicapoetica.com/adventist-poetry-and-hymns/songs-of-hope-and-trust/early-advent-texts/look-for-the-waymarks/>

Compiled by M Harris September 2019
Edited April 3, 2020