

IMPORTANCE OF OUR HISTORY

WE ARE NOT TO REMOVE OUR WAYMARKS....LET US GET OUR BEARINGS BACK....HOW?

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} {1MR 55.3} **1906**

"...the people to whom God has entrusted eternal interests, the depositaries of truth pregnant with eternal results, the keepers of light that is to illuminate the whole world, **have lost their bearings.**" (TM 397.1) {Lt8-1896.14} **Feb 6, 1896**

"There are ministers of the gospel **who have lost their bearings**, and as they lead others to **walk in strange paths** they are doing a work similar to that which Satan thought to carry on when the children of Israel were about to enter Canaan. **Beware. beware.**" {15MR 205.2} {Ms151-1905.8} **Oct 28, 1905**

FIRST OF ALL, HOW DO WE GET OUR BEARINGS BACK IF THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST?

"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." {21MR 437.1} {Lt54-1906.7} **Jan 30, 1906**

SECONDLY, WHAT ARE OUR WAYMARKS?

"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**. {Ms32-1896.20}

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 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 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." {17MR 12.4-.5} (see also EW 229.1) {Ms32-1896.21} **Dec 6, 1896**

"While I am able to do this work, the people must have these things, **to revive the past history**, that they may see there is one straight chain of truth, without one heretical sentence, in that which I have written. This, I am instructed, is to be a living letter to all..." (3MR 245-246) **1905**

WHO WAS GIVEN THE STRAIGHT (perfect) CHAIN OF TRUTH?

"God sent his angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of god repeatedly visited that chose one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever

been dark to God's people. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to him (miller), and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth... {EW 229.1} **1882**

"...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} **Dec 24, 1905**

THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS IN OUR CHURCHES WHO WILL SET UP FALSE WAYMARKS:

"...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**

"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**

SETTING UP FALSE WAYMARKS SHOWS TREACHERY TO GOD:

"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**

"Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan." (TM 409.3-410) {Ms92-1897.17} **Aug 12, 1897**

"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.....but the waymarks which have made us what we are , are to be preserved.." {CW 52.1} {SPTB02 59.1} **1904**

"...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**

"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**

"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**

"As those who have spent their lives in the service of Christ draw near to the close of their earthly ministry, they will be impressed by the Holy Spirit to recount the experiences that have had in connection with the work of God... should be repeated to those newly come to the faith..."{CC 363.5} {AA574.1} **1911**

"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...should be kept before our people. Elder Loughborough's book (The Great Second advent Movement) should receive attention. Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book.**" {CW145.2} {Lt105-1903.4} **June 1, 1903**

How do we get back our bearings?

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

What messages must be taught to bring us back to our bearings/ waymarks?

"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."(21MR 437.1) Lt54-1906.7} **Jan 30, 1906**

WHAT ARE THESE WAYMARKS ACCORDING TO JOSEPH BATES?

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.**

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The Waymarks are our old established truths and PROPHETIC lines of history as well as future events that take us to the second coming! These waymarks of prophecy are depicted in an early Advent pioneer hymn as follows:

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.

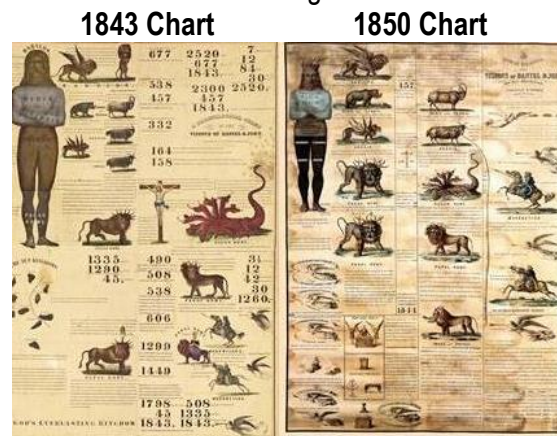
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ALL THE MESSAGES FROM 1840- 1844/ THE PAST FIFTY YEARS AND THE CHARTS, OUR WAYMARK

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A CHART POINTING OUT EVERY WAYMARK

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}



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*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 reprov'd [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. **Habakkuk 2:1-4***

1843 Chart (Charles Fitch)

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Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the prophetic chart, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk, "to write the vision and make it plain upon tables." No one, however, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the

disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the prophet: **"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."** [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.] {4SP 241.2}

Among these prophecies was that of **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 reprov'd. 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." {GC88 391.3}

As early as 1842, the direction given in this prophecy, to "write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it," had suggested to **Charles Fitch** the preparation of a **prophetic chart** to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. **The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk.** No one, however, then noticed that an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the vision—a tarrying time—is presented in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: "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." {GC88 392.1}

"The Lord showed me that **the 1843 chart was directed by his hand**, and that no part of it should be altered; **that the figures were as he wanted them.** That his hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until his hand was removed." Review & Herald, November 1, 1850

"I saw that **the truth should be made plain upon tables**, that the earth and the fullness thereof is the Lord's, and that necessary means should not be spared to make it plain. **I saw that the old chart was directed by the Lord, and that not a figure of it should be altered except by inspiration.** I saw that the figures of the chart were as God would have them, and that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none should see it till His hand was removed." Spalding & Magan Collection 1

"I saw the wisdom of God in proving His people and giving them a searching **test to discover those who would shrink and turn back in the hour of trial.** Jesus and all the heavenly host looked with sympathy and love upon those who had with sweet expectation longed to see Him whom their souls loved. Angels were hovering around them, to sustain them in the hour of their trial. Those who had neglected to receive the heavenly message were left in darkness, and God's anger was kindled against them, because they would not receive the light which He had sent them from heaven. Those faithful, disappointed ones, who could not understand why their Lord did not come, were not left in darkness. Again they were led to their Bibles to search the prophetic periods. **The hand of the Lord was removed from the figures, and the mistake was explained. They saw that the prophetic periods reached to 1844, and that the same evidence which they had presented to show that the prophetic periods closed in 1843, proved that they would terminate in 1844.** Light from the Word of God shone upon their position, and they discovered a tarrying time—"Though it [the vision] tarry, wait for it." **In their love for Christ's immediate coming, they had overlooked the tarrying of the vision, which was calculated to manifest the true waiting ones.**" Early Writings p.235

"Jesus did not come to the earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the sanctuary by purifying the earth by fire. **I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods; prophetic time closed in 1844,** and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary at the ending of the days. **Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the sanctuary was and the nature of its cleansing.** As I looked again at the waiting, disappointed company, they appeared sad. They carefully examined the evidences of their faith and followed down through the reckoning of the prophetic periods, but could discover no mistake. The time had been fulfilled, but where was their Saviour? They had lost Him. I was shown the disappointment of the disciples as they came to the sepulcher and found not the body of Jesus. Mary said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Angels told the sorrowing disciples that their Lord had risen, and would go before them into Galilee. In like manner I saw that Jesus regarded with the deepest compassion the disappointed ones who had waited for His coming; and He sent His angels to direct their minds that they

might follow Him where He was. He showed them that this earth is not the sanctuary, but that He must enter the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to make an atonement for His people and to receive the kingdom from His Father, and that He would then return to the earth and take them to dwell with Him forever. **The disappointment of the first disciples well represents the disappointment of those who expected their Lord in 1844.**" Early Writings p.243

Charles Fitch, a Presbyterian minister, accepted the Advent message from reading William Miller's lectures and through his meeting with Josiah Litch. He threw himself wholeheartedly into the proclamation of the expected advent of Christ at the close of the 2300-year period, and became a prominent leader in the Advent Awakening. **In 1842 he designed the prophetic chart used so effectively and referred to in Early Writings, 74.** He died a little more than a week before October 22, 1844. His death came about through illness contracted through over-exposure in conducting three baptismal services on a chilly autumn day. (See *Prophetic Faith of our Fathers*, Vol. 4, 533-545.) {EW 298.4}

1850 Chart: (Nichols)

"I saw that **God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols**. I saw that **there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**, and if this chart is designed for God's people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much." Manuscript Releases, volume 13, 359.

"God showed me the necessity of getting out a chart. I saw it was needed and that the truth made plain upon tables would affect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of the truth."--Letter 26, 1850, p. 1. (To Brother and Sister Loveland, November 1, 1850.) {5MR 202.4}

"On our return to **Brother Nichol's**, the Lord gave me a vision and showed me that **the truth must be made plain upon tables**, and **it would cause many to decide for the truth by the third angel's message with the two former being made plain upon tables...**" {5MR 203.1}

The 1843 & 1850 chart

"I saw that the charts [the 1843 and the 1850] ordered by God struck the mind favorably, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven. But the other charts that have been gotten up disgust the mind, and cause the mind to dwell more on earth than heaven." Manuscript Releases, volume 13, 359

All the past messages from 1840-1844 and Pioneers:

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. {21MR 437.1} Aug 14, 1898

We must point our people to the **old landmarks** SpM 339.5 1903

Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation**. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and that they can lay a stronger **foundation** than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other **foundation** can no man lay than that which has been laid. {8T 297.1} 1904

The work is soon to close. The members of the church militant who have proved faithful will become the church triumphant. In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance **to our present standing**, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. **We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history**. {RH, October 12, 1905 par. 22}

We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history. We are now a strong people, **if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the word of God**. We have everything to be thankful for. If we walk in the light as it shines upon us from the living oracles of God, we shall have large responsibilities, **corresponding to the great light given us** of God. We have many duties to perform, because we have been made the depositaries of sacred truth to be given to the world in all its beauty and glory. **We are debtors to God to use every advantage he has entrusted to us** to beautify the truth of holiness of character, and to send the message of **warning** and of **comfort**, of **hope** and of **love**, to those who are in the darkness of error and sin." {GCDB, February 20, 1899 par. 16}

1853 to 1903- the last fifty years:

The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written.... **Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure**. {SpTB07 39.3} **Oct 1903**

1855 to 1905- the past fifty years:

The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. The languishing souls are to be confirmed and quickened according to His Word. . . . **Not a word is changed or denied**. **That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth**. **[The] pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are - Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.**" - Upward Look, p. 352.4 {SpTB07 58.1} 1905

1856 to 1906- During past half century:

My brethren, the value of the evidences of **truth that we have received during the past half century**, is **above estimate**. These evidences are as treasure **hidden in a field**. Search for them. Study the **Bible truths** that for **fifty years** have been calling us out from the world. **Present this evidence in clear, plain lines**. Those who have been long in the truth and those who have recently received the truth must now dig for the buried heavenly treasure. Let every man work to the point. Study the word of God. **Revive the evidences given in the past**. "Search the Scriptures," Christ said; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." The Review and Herald April 19, 1906 paragraph 13; Manuscript Releases, vol. 1 [Nos. 19-96], p. 39.2 (Ellen G. White).

1842 to 1903- ever since the message came in 1842/ 1843/ 1844:

May God help you to receive the words that I have spoken. Let those who stand as God's watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can **see the dangers before the people**,--**men who can distinguish between truth and error**, righteousness and unrighteousness. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 34}

The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and **ever since** I have been standing before the world, **true to the light** that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the **platform** on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. **Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me **ever since** it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives and reigns and works today. His hand is on the wheel, and in His providence He is turning the wheel in accordance with His own will. **Let not men fasten themselves to documents, saying what they will do and what they will not do.** Let them **fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven.** Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul-temple, and we shall see the salvation of God. {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 35}

As a people, **we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value.** It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God. {SpTB02 51.2} **1904**

1843 to 1883- forty years ago:

Influences have been at work to unsettle the faith, and weaken the confidence of the naturally doubting and skeptical. There are some, even connected with our institutions, who are in great danger of making shipwreck of faith. Satan will work in disguise, in his most deceptive manner, in these branches of God's work. He makes these important instrumentalities his special points of attack, and **he will leave no means untried to cripple their usefulness.** The same enemy that is ever on my track, will be on yours also. He will suggest, conjecture, fabricate all sorts of reports, and those who wish them true will believe them. But **be assured that the attacks of Satan will not turn me from the path of duty.** The work committed to me **forty years ago** I must carry forward as long as life shall last. **I will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. Unpleasant as it may be, I must warn, reprove, rebuke, as God bids me, whether the carnal heart will accept or reject the words of warning. For forty years, Satan has made the most determined efforts to cut off this testimony from the church;** but it has continued from year to year to warn the erring, to unmask the deceiver, to encourage the desponding. My trust is in God. **I have learned not to be surprised at opposition in any form or from almost any source. I expect to be betrayed, as was my Master, by professed friends.** {RH, October 16, 1883 par. 17}

I was shown like this. **The truth once got out now, will stand; for it is the truth for the last days, and it will live,** and less need to be said upon the truth after it is out. Numberless words need not be put upon paper to justify what speaks for itself, and shines in its clearness. But it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form. But **truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense.** The cause of truth should not be hindered in its onward progress for want of means. p. 14, Para. 2, [SUPCEV]. **1854**

The Lord has declared that **the history of the past shall be rehearsed** as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. **Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established.** We cannot now enter into any new organization; for **this would mean apostasy from the truth**"—Manuscript 129, 1905. (2SM 390.1)

WHAT ARE SEVENTH-DAY-ADVENTISTS COUNSELED TO READ IN THESE LAST DAYS TO KEEP FROM BEING DECEIVED?

Pioneers of Early Advent History to 1905- given years ago:

The Testimony of Pioneer Workers.--I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. **Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers.** These articles should **now be reprinted**, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. **The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions.** This instruction has been repeated recently. I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and repeat the **decided** messages **given years ago**. I desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.--Letter 99, **1905**. {CW 26.1} {PM 31.2}

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. p. 75, Para. 1, [GC**58**]

I saw that the shepherds should consult those in whom they have reason to have confidence, **those who have been in all the messages**, and are firm in all the **present truth**, before they advocate new points of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be perfectly united, and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy divisions, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided, and the sheep scattered, without a shepherd. p. 26, Para. 3, [CEV]. **1851**

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}

1855 to 1905- past 50 years:

Let Pioneers Identify Truth.--When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. **No after suppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained.** Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth **for this time**, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. **He Himself** has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light which **contradicts** the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. {CW 31.2}

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And **the standard-bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings.** I am instructed that thus **their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.** {CW32.1}

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}

Again and again I have been shown that **the past experiences of God's people are not to be counted as dead facts.** We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last-year's almanac.--Letter 238, 1903. (To Elder A. G. Daniells, November 1, 1903.)

When men come in who would move **one pin or pillar from the foundation** which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, **and let those who are dead speak also, by the reprinting of their articles in our periodicals.** Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. Ms 62, 1905, p. 6. ("A Warning against False Theories," May 24, 1905.) {1MR 55.1}

The Scriptures Are To Be Studied With The Aid of Our Publications

"...Search the scriptures for yourselves, with the aid of our publications, and in this way learn much of present truth..."
{CW 112.1}

PUBLICATIONS = OUR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:

"...in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."{CHS 146.1}

"...our health publications...these periodicals contain..." {CHS 152.3}

Q: WHICH PERIODICALS ARE WE SPECIFICALLY COUNSELED TO READ?

Early Workers to Speak.--God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?--He has said that the dead are to speak. How?--**Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work.** They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, **Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced.** And in the Signs of the Times let not the articles be long or the print fine. Do not try to crowd everything into one number of the paper. Let the print be good, and let earnest, living experiences be put into the paper. {CW 28.1}

Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They talk science, and **the enemy comes in** and gives them an abundance of science; but it is not the science of salvation. It is not the science of humility, of consecration, or of the sanctification of the Spirit. **We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,--the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step.**-- Review and Herald, May 25, 1905. {CW 29.1}

BOOKS TO READ:

- Second Advent Waymarks and High Heaps by: Joseph Bates**
- Joseph Bates Autobiography**
- Loughborough's 'Great Second Advent Movement'**
- The Second Advent Manual by: Apollos Hale**(Miller's Associate/See Loughborough's book 'Great Second Advent Movement' pg 124-125 to see who Miller's associates were)
- Samuel Snow's 'True Midnight Cry'**
- Stephen Haskell's 'Story of Daniel the Prophet'**(this book is from his Bible Training school he conducted in 1902 in New York...see EV 111.2)
- Stephen Haskell's 'Seer of Patmos'- Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology' by: William Miller**
- Daniel and the Revelation** (correct 1897 Edition...this edition is on the NEW EG White CD Rom) **by: Uriah Smith**
- Sylvester Bliss' "Memoirs of William Miller"** (This is the book Sister White quotes all from in the 1911 Great Controversy in the chapter 'American Reformer' regarding Miller...see GC 319.2 at the end of the paragraph to see this is exactly the book she references)

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. {Ms31-1896.9} 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 **Luke 21:8; Jeremiah 23:21.**] {Ms31-1896.10}

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 to-day.** 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 truth which God has revealed in the leadings of His people, and appropriate these truth, 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. {Ms31-1896.11}

The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. {Ms135-1903.4}

Endorsements of our pioneers

The influence of **Elder Loughborough** is valuable in our churches. Just such a man is needed, **one who has stood unwaveringly for the light that God has given to his people**, while many have been changing their attitude toward this work of God. I say let **Elder Loughborough** do a work that is suffering to be done in the churches. **The Lord would have his voice heard as was John's**, telling the things he has seen, and that which he has heard, **which he himself has experienced in the rise and progress of the third angel's message.**{1888 716.3} {Lt20-1890.9} October 7, 1890

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. **Elder Loughborough's book should receive attention.** Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book."{CW 145.2} {Lt105-1903.4} June 1, 1903

Let us do our best to bring about unity. I am in a position where I cannot change the past experience if I would. For the Lord has led me and has given me such evidence of His power in every advance movement of our work that I have assurance, made doubly sure, as [to] every position we now hold as truth. We cannot distrust such manifestations of the Lord's power in defining what is truth. **I am charged that we are to hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.** We now need clearly to define what is truth, and let not the enemy steal a march on us. {Lt88-1906.3}

We know, and Elder Haskell and Elder Loughborough know also, of the earlier history of this work. There are a few now alive who passed through the experience of 1843 and 1844. Let us be careful of our lifepower. Do not work too hard. I am glad that your sister and nephews are to be in Nashville. May the Lord help and strengthen you all. {Lt88-1906.4} March 9, 1906

If God gives me strength now at nearly eighty-two years old, I shall be in the cities. I have entered the city of Portland, just a little corner. When we lived there years ago, it was Deering's Oaks, but they have cut down Deering's Oaks, and now there are only a few standing there, and there was our camp meeting. And the power of God was upon that camp meeting, and I know that there will be many souls as the result of that effort that we made. But that is only in one little corner. Now where are the people that will be ready to go out into the city and establish places? That is the way we did in **1842, 1843, and 1844**. That is the way we did to warn the people. And the ministers would stand in the desk, and they would preach the Word there with such power, of the coming of the Son of man. **The leading men, Himes, Miller, and Litch, and others.** {Ms127-1909.22} In the city of Portland **the messages of the first and second angel were given in power by William Miller, Joshua Himes, Josiah Litch, and others.** The time has come when **the third message** is to go with power in Portland and in other cities of the East. {Lt14-1910.10}

CHRONOLOGICAL ENDORSEMENT ON DANIEL & THE REVELATION

Smith's books on Daniel and Revelation were first published as two separate volumes (1865 & 1873) and then were combined into one volume in 1882/1889 and in 1897.

1865 (compiler of this paper owns a facsimile copy of this book)

Thoughts, Critical and Practical, on the Book of Revelation by Uriah Smith; Steam Press of the Seventh-Day Adventist Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Michigan 1865

1873 (compiler of this paper owns a facsimile copy of this book)

Thoughts Critical, and Practical, on the Book of Daniel by Uriah Smith; Steam Press of the Seventh-Day Adventist Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Michigan 1873

1882

Thoughts, Critical and Practical, on the Books of Daniel and the Revelation, Being an Exposition, Text by Text, of These Important Portions of the Holy Scriptures by Uriah Smith; Review and Herald Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Michigan 1882

1882

"...in 1882 he sallied forth with fifty **new and attractive copies** of Uriah Smith's **Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation** and sold every one of them." {PM 253.1}

1889 (compiler of this paper owns an original copy of this book)

Thoughts, Critical and Practical, on the Books of Daniel and the Revelation, Being an Exposition, Text by Text, of These Important Portions of the Holy Scriptures by Uriah Smith; Review and Herald Publishing House, Battle Creek, Mich; Chicago Ill; Toronto, Ontario 1889

1889

I DO NOT DEMERIT BIBLE READINGS (1888). IT IS A BOOK WHICH WILL DO A GREAT AMOUNT OF GOOD, but it can never take the place that the Lord designed that volume 4 [The Great Controversy- 1884] **should have in the world and among our people.** I have spread before them the light given me of heaven in that book..." {PM 355.2}

"If **Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation** does not receive the sale it should, if Bible Readings is carried to the neglect of other publications highly essential for the people to have, that neglect will not excuse the matter of why volume 4 should not be pushed and its circulation be tenfold what it has been the present year. It is a duty we owe to our people and to God to send every ray of light given me of God, demanded for this time to every tongue and nation..." {PM 355.3}

1889

"I consider that that book [**Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation**] should go everywhere. It has its place and **will do a grand, good work.**" {1MR 60.2}

1889

"I do not demerit Bible Readings. It is a book which will do a great amount of good, but it can never take the place that the Lord designed that volume 4 should have in the world and among our people. I have spread before them the light given me of Heaven in that book. In conversation with Frank [Belden] he was constantly referring to **Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation**--that no more had been done for that than for volume 4. I consider that that book should go everywhere. {5MR 288.2}

"If **Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation** does not receive the sale it should, if Bible Readings is carried to the neglect of other publications highly essential for the people to have, that neglect will not excuse the matter of why volume 4 should not be pushed and its circulation be tenfold what it has been the present year. It is a duty we owe to our people and to God to send every ray of light given me of God, demanded for this time, to every tongue and nation."(5MR 288.3)

1890

"...The books **Daniel and Revelation** and The Great Controversy are the books which above all others should be in circulation now. Give them to the people. **Light and truth they must have.**"{21MR 452.3}

1890

"**The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published.** A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed. {PM 98.1} **This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell which resulted in the book he published. The need is not filled by this book. It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in Daniel.** The object is to bring these books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects."{PM 98.2}

1893

"...Upon the table of Mr. Williams was found "**Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation**," and several other books published by our people. They had seen but one man who was of our faith. They bought from Elder Daniells three copies of "Steps to Christ," so that they might have one apiece, and another to give to a minister. Elder Daniells was pleased with his visit, and encouraged by his conversation with these inquirers after truth. {FE 212.1}

1897

Daniel and the Revelation, the Response of History to the Voice of Prophecy: a Verse by Verse Study of these Important Books of the Bible by Uriah Smith; Review and Herald Publishing Company, Battle Creek Michigan, 1897

1897

"...[There are] letters coming in constantly from different places where there are one, two, and again **whole families and neighborhoods converted by reading** Great Controversy, or **Daniel and the Revelation**..."{21MR 191.2}

1899

"**Especially should the book Daniel and the Revelation be brought before people as the very book for this time.** This book contains the message which all need to read and understand. Translated into many different languages, **it will be a power to enlighten the world**..."{1MR 60.6}

"Those who are preparing to enter the ministry, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find **Daniel and the Revelation an invaluable help.** They need to understand this book. It speaks of past, present, and future, **laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein.** Those who will diligently study this book will have no relish for the cheap sentiments presented by those who have a burning desire to get out something new and strange to present to the flock of God... **The great, essential questions which God would have presented to the people are found in Daniel and the Revelation. There is found solid, eternal truth for this time. EVERYONE NEEDS THE LIGHT AND INFORMATION IT CONTAINS.**"{1MR 61.2}

"The **truth** for this time has been brought out in many books. Let those who have been dealing in cheap sentiments and foolish tests, cease this work and **study Daniel and the Revelation.** They will then have something to talk about that will help the mind. **As they receive the knowledge contained in this book,** they will have in the treasure house of the mind a store from which they can continually draw as they communicate to others **the great, essential truths of God's Word.** {1MR 62.4}

➡ **The interest in Daniel and the Revelation is to continue as long as probationary time shall last. God used the author of this book as a channel through which to communicate light to direct minds to the truth. Shall we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King?**"{1MR 63.1} Ms174-1899, par. 10

1899

The **light given** was that **Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation**, The Great Controversy, and Patriarchs and Prophets, would make their way. They **contain the very message the people must have**, the **special light** God had given His people. The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people. {CEv 21.1}

1899 "I know that "**Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation**" **has done a great work** in this country. I know also that the light given me by God in the books I have published has done a good work, and I praise the Lord for this. Other books have stood in their lot and place." {PH079 10.2}

1899

"Canvassers should be secured to handle the books, Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, Desire of Ages, **Daniel and the Revelation**, and other books of like character, who have a sense of the **value of the matter these books contain**, and a realization of the work to be done to interest people in the truth..." {CM 88.1}

1900 *(a beautiful promise referring to the books of Daniel and Revelation in the Bible)*

When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such **glimpses of the open gates of heaven** that heart and mind will be impressed in regard to the character all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the **Revelation**. **This book** contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those "that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." {18MR 24.2} {TM 114.3}

1901

Especially should the book Daniel and the Revelation be brought before people as the very book for this time. This book contains the message which all need to read and understand. Translated into many different languages, it will be a power to enlighten the world. This book has had a large sale in Australia and New Zealand. By reading it many souls have come to a knowledge of the **truth**. I have received many letters expressing appreciation of this book. {1MR 60.6}

Let our canvassers urge this book upon the attention of all. **The Lord has shown me that this book will do a good work in enlightening those who become interested in the truth for this time.** Those who embrace the truth now, who have not shared in the experiences of those who entered the work in the early history of the message, **should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with the truth it presents.**" {1MR 61.1}

Those who are preparing to enter the ministry, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find **Daniel and the Revelation an invaluable help. They need to understand this book.** It speaks of past, present, **and future, laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein.**" {1MR 61.2}

"Young men, take up the work of canvassing for **Daniel and the Revelation**. Do all you possibly can to sell this book. Enter upon the work with as much earnestness as if it were a new book. And remember that as you canvass for it, **you are to become familiar with the truths it contains.** As you ponder these **truths**, you will receive ideas that will enable you not only to receive **light**, but to let **light shine forth** to others in clear, bright rays. {1MR 63.3} "

...**Satan will seek to divert the minds of those who should be established, strengthened, and settled in the truths of the FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES. The students in our schools should carefully study Daniel and the Revelation so that they shall not be left in darkness,** and the day of Christ overtake them as a thief in the night. I speak of this book because it is a **means of educating.**" {1MR 63.4}

(1888) *An Important Quote to Consider in connection with the close of probation***: (re-read 1889 Quote #7)**

Before his crucifixion, the Saviour explained to his disciples that he was to be put to death, and to rise again from the tomb; and angels were present to impress his words on minds and hearts. But the disciples were looking for temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke, and they could not tolerate the thought that He in whom all their hopes centered should suffer an ignominious death. The words which they needed to remember were banished from their minds; and when the time of trial came, it found them unprepared. The death of Jesus as fully destroyed their hopes as if he had not forewarned them. **So in the prophecies the future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples** by the words of Christ. **The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.** But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. {GC88 594.1}

1901

"...The people in the world need to know that the signs of the times are fulfilling. Take to them the books that will enlighten them. **Daniel and Revelation**, The Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and The Desire of Ages **should now go to the world**. The **grand instruction contained in Daniel and Revelation** has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. **This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth**...I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God's helping hand."{21MR 444.3}

1901

"**Daniel and Revelation**, Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Desire of Ages should now go to the world. The **grand instruction** contained in **Daniel and Revelation** has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate **Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation**. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God's helping hand."{PM 356.2}

1902

"The Lord calls for workers to enter the canvassing field, that the books containing the light of **present truth** may be circulated. **The people in the world need to know that the signs of the times are fulfilling**. Take to them the **books that will enlighten them**. "**Daniel and the Revelation**," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Desire of Ages," should now go to the world. **The grand instruction contained in "Daniel and the Revelation" has been eagerly read in many lands by those who were hungering for truth**. **This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls from darkness to light**. It **should** everywhere **be given a wide circulation**."{PUR, November 6, 1902 par. 11}

1905

"Instruction has been given me that the **important books containing the light** that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now...Patriarchs and Prophets, **Daniel and the Revelation**, and The Great Controversy **are needed now as never before**. They **should be widely circulated** because the **truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes**.." {CEv 21.2}

Daniel and the Revelation – which book to read:

http://sdapillars.org/media/download_gallery/US_DanRev1897.pdf

1912 Edition: The supposedly 1897 Edition on the CD rom is NOT the 1897 edition, but the 1912 edition. (see chapter 12 – the 4th to the last paragraph listed under Daniel 11:45. It mentions 1908. How can this be the 1897 edition, when it refers to events in 1908? How can Uriah Smith have stated these things when he died in 1903?

In 1910, Sister White said no changes were to be made to our books.

1944 Edition: This book has over 10,000 errors, between all the omissions and additions. Many pages in this book refer to the events of WWI and WWII. How can Uriah Smith have authored this book when he died in 1903 and the wars took place in 1914 and 1939?

1897 Edition: The correct edition to read.

Did not Uriah Smith fight against the prophet and her visions? Yes he did. From 1888-1891. You can read about this in 1888 714.2, 715.1-716.1.

But, he repented. Read 3MR419.1 (1891) As a matter of fact, just one year prior to his death, Sister White said he should be head editor and if his vision should ever go bad, his sons should write at his dictation. (PM 29.5-top of page 30) (1902)

Uriah Smith's mother, Rebecca and family were waiting for Christ to return in 1844. Uriah was 12 years old at the time. So Uriah, as a child was in the Advent message. 20MR220:

1902- Spirit of Prophecy regarding Elder Smith:

"I feel very tender towards Elder Smith. My life-interest in the publishing work is bound up with his. He came to us as a young man, possessing talents that qualified him to stand in his lot and place as an editor. **How I rejoice as I read his articles in the Review--so excellent, so full of spiritual truth. I thank God for them**. I feel a strong sympathy for Elder Smith, and I believe that his name should

always appear in the Review as the name of the leading editor. **Thus God would have it.** When, some years ago, his name was placed second, I felt hurt. When it was again, placed first I wept, and said, "Thank God." May it always be there, **as God designs it shall be,** while Elder Smith's right hand can hold a pen. And when the power of his hand fails, let his sons write at his dictation." Ellen G. White, letter 47, **Feb. 5, 1902.** {20MR 220.2}

EG White wrote the above **9-nine days after** the following article appeared:

The Advent REVIEW And The Sabbath HERALD
VOL. 79, No. 4. BATTLE CREEK, MICH., TUESDAY, **JANUARY 28, 1902.** WHOLE No. 2465.
Page 56.

THE DECISIVE SIGN.
BY URIAH SMITH.

THERE is a prophecy concerning what we call "**the Eastern question**" which points out that **the Turk shall remove the seat of his government from Constantinople to Jerusalem, and then come to his end with none to help him.** And this is in close connection with the standing up of Michael, or the beginning of the everlasting reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, who finally sets up His eternal kingdom, for the saints of the Most High. Dan. 12:1; 11: 45. Naturally the mind of the student of prophecy would fix itself upon this point, the expulsion of the Turk from Europe, as the immediate and decisive sign of the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven.

A correspondent from Hume, Mich., has been studying upon this point, and writes:--

"In Luke 21::20 we read that when the disciples should see Jerusalem compassed with armies, they were to consider it a sign for immediate flight from the city. Is it not possible that this may have a secondary and particular application to the people of God in the last day; namely, that the retirement of the Turk from Europe, and the establishment of his government at Jerusalem, will be a sign for the people of God to flee from the cities, and retire by themselves into secret places, waiting for the coming of the Lord? for when the scene shifts to Jerusalem, we understand that all nations will be gathered there to the battle of the great day. Then Jerusalem would be compassed with armies (plural), whereas now, when we speak of the military power of a nation, we say army (singular) as the army of Great Britain, the army of the United States, etc. When Jerusalem was overthrown, it was compassed with one army, the Roman army,-not armies; but the time will come in the future when it will be compassed with armies; and will not this be the decisive sign to us, of the end?"

ANSWER.--The events transpiring in the East are worthy of special attention, and their significance as signs should be marked; but it should be remembered that there is a Western question which is equally significant. Events are moving here, the currents of which are eddying around our own feet, which are just as significant and striking as signs as anything can be. Signs are multiplying on every hand. In our own country they are manifested in political, social, and religious movements, especially the latter. Backsliding and apostasy from some of the highest and noblest principles among men, are apparent in our land. The everlasting truth, incorporated in the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, that **"governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,"** is repudiated by a growing party in our own country, and denounced as the "old Philadelphia lie." They would have it that governments derive all their powers directly from God. Said power, to be interpreted and applied by His agents, *alias themselves.* Secondly, the Constitution of the United States, a document which has been described by a leading organ of public opinion in England as "the most sacred political document in the world," has been repudiated. It has been denied the privilege of following the flag. The United States has shown itself willing to, extend its jurisdiction over subject peoples, while at the same time it denies to them the civil and religious rights which the Constitution guarantees to all people. This is national apostasy, and this is to-day taking place right before our eyes. It ought to make the nerves of every intelligent man tremble with apprehension when he contemplates the inevitable result of such a course. Ancient prophecy foretold it, modern prophecy repeats and applies it. It says "When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power [which it is now doing], when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism [which she is now doing], when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government [which she is now doing], **and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehood** and delusions, *then* [which is *now*] we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near. As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight never to return"--*"Testimony for the Church," No. 32, page 207, quoted in "The Marvel of Nations," page 298.*

So critical and stirring as events in the East are, here are movements in our own land, which are now taking place, and which are distinctly specified as an indication by which we may know, when they do take place, that the cup of iniquity in our nation is full, that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, and mercy is about to take her flight, never to return.

So while keeping our eyes open on events in the East, let us not overlook movements nearer home. All things admonish us to be ready for the wave the crest of which is even now curling to break and burst upon our land and upon the world, and involve all in ruin. Here is the decisive sign.

EDITOR

Eastern Question

Brother Robinson spoke in the evening. Elder Canright came upon the ground Sunday morning with a request that I should go to Danvers and speak to the people there on Monday night. I ventured to say I would go, trusting in the Lord to give me strength. My throat and lungs were still very sore, and made speaking difficult. Sunday forenoon Elder Smith spoke upon the Eastern Question, just the subject the people wished to hear. The cars and three steamboats were pouring the living freight upon the ground until we thought that there were nearly as many as last year. And indeed there were more attentive listeners than last year. The mammoth tent was well seated, with backs to the seats. {Lt10a-1877.9}

Sunday morning the weather was still cloudy; but before it was time for the people to assemble, the sun shone forth. Boats and trains poured their living freight upon the ground in thousands. Elder Smith spoke in the morning upon the Eastern Question. The subject was of special interest, and the people listened with the most earnest attention. In the afternoon it was difficult to make my way to the desk through the standing crowd. Upon reaching it, a sea of heads was before me. The mammoth tent was full, and thousands stood outside, making a living wall several feet deep. My lungs and throat pained me very much, yet I believed that God would help me upon this important occasion. While speaking, my weariness and pain were forgotten as I realized that I was speaking to a people that did not regard my words as idle tales. The discourse occupied over an hour, and the very best attention was given throughout. As the closing hymn was being sung, the officers of the Temperance Reform Club of Haverhill solicited me, as on the previous year, to speak before their association on Monday evening. Having an appointment to speak at Danvers, I was obliged to decline the invitation. {4T 279.1} {RH September 6, 1877, par. 11}

Predicted power broken of Ottoman Empire:

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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}

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Aug. 24, 1884 Syracuse, New York

Elder [Uriah] Smith **spoke on the Sabbath** question to a large congregation this morning, and this evening he speaks on the **Eastern Question**. **I feel so grateful that Brother Smith is not lost to the cause. He seems fully and thoroughly united with us;** seems like **Brother Smith** of old. Oh, thank the Lord! Praise His Holy Name, that His love, His wondrous love has been exercised toward the children of men. It is so dark, I must stop. Will write you tomorrow. {Lt55-1884.6}

Aug. 25, 11:00 a.m

The first two pages were written Sunday after I had spoken to the crowd. The evening meeting was largely attended. **Elder Smith** spoke with great clearness, and many listened with open eyes, ears, and mouths. The outsiders seemed to be intensely interested in the **Eastern question**. He closed with a very solemn address to those who had not been preparing for these great events in the near future. {Lt55-1884.7}

Brother Robinson spoke in the morning, at eleven o'clock meeting, to a very good congregation. At three p.m. I spoke to a tent **full and crowded, and large numbers were on the outside**. All in the tent could hear me well. I spoke one hour upon **John 13**. The Lord gave me freedom in speaking to the crowd. There was not any misbehavior, but a few of the young people walked out to look around the grounds. But there was as respectful an audience of intelligent, nice looking people as I have ever addressed. {Ms189-1898.8}

God alone can make the impression and give the increase. He alone can water the seed that has been sown. I pray to the Lord that the labor put forth may not be in vain. Many seem to feel deeply. **We feel to thank and praise God that this large number could have a chance to hear the truth for themselves.** Dr. Caro is now speaking at five o'clock p.m. upon the health question. **Elder Daniells** speaks this evening upon the **Eastern Question**. **May the Lord give His Holy Spirit to inspire the hearts to make the truth plain.** {Ms189-1898.9}

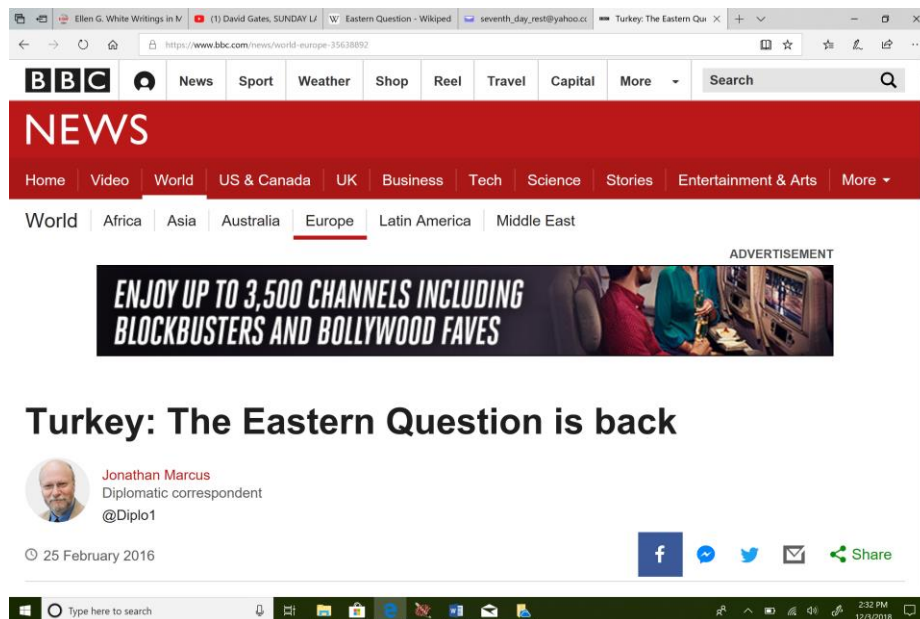
Monday, December 26, 1898

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Eastern Question From Wikipedia

In diplomatic history, the "Eastern Question" refers to the strategic competition and political considerations of the European Great Powers in light of the political and economic instability in the Ottoman Empire from the late 18th to early 20th centuries. Characterized as the "sick man of Europe", the relative weakening of the empire's military strength in the second half of the eighteenth century threatened to undermine the fragile balance of power system largely shaped by the Concert of Europe. The Eastern Question encompassed myriad interrelated elements: Ottoman military defeats, Ottoman institutional insolvency, the ongoing Ottoman political and economic modernization programme, the rise of ethno-religious nationalism in its provinces, and Great Power rivalries.

February 25, 2016 Turkey: The Eastern Question is back
"The "new Eastern Question" may be delayed, but it isn't going to go away."
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35638892>



THERE IS GREAT NEED TO SEARCH THE BOOK OF DANIEL...AND LEARN THE TEXTS THOROUGHLY... (2SM 392.1)

Especially should the book Daniel and the Revelation be brought before people as the very book for this time. This book contains the message which all need to read and understand. Translated into many different languages, it will be a power to enlighten the world. {1MR 60.6}
1901

The themes which should absorb our attention in this life, and which will demand study throughout the eternal ages, are so momentous that they not only supersede the discoveries of man, but **engross the undivided attention of the only begotten Son of God.** {EA 260.1}

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}

The things that concern our eternal welfare are now to absorb our attention. We cannot tell how long our lives may be spared. Let us therefore keep the heart with all diligence. **We cannot afford to give heavenly things the second place.** Christ says, "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things will be added unto you." [Matthew 6:33.] **Our reasoning powers are to be concentrated on the themes that have to do with everlasting life.** {Lt109-1903.8}