

OUR COMMENCEMENT OF TRUTH GIVEN BY GOD (FOCUSING ON THE “DAILY”) & HOW THE DRAGON MOVES THROUGH HISTORY

William Miller given commencement of perfect chain of truth:

To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. **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 chosen 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**, 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**. That Word, which he had regarded as uninspired, now opened before his vision in its beauty and glory. **He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another**, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy, and with the deepest respect and awe. {SR 356.3}

Please note according to the prophet above:

- 1) **Miller was given the commencement (beginning) dates (plural)**
- 2) **God's angel gave Miller these commencement dates**
- 3) **These commencement dates are TRUTH**; Miller's understanding of these dates contain no error.
- 4) **The prophet calls them a PERFECT chain of truth. A perfect chain implies these commencement dates are connected.**
- 5) **Please note the prophet says he was given the commencement (beginning) dates of truth; not the concluding (ending) dates which is important to keep in mind as we know 2 of the 3 commencement concluding dates were off by one year (ending in 1844 rather than 1843 and the correct ending date was discovered after the great disappointment of Oct 1844). The 3rd concluding commencement date was accurate (ending in 1843).**

Miller defines the commencement dates he was given:

William Miller From a farther study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the **seven times** of **Gentile supremacy must commence** when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh, which the best chronologers assigned to **B.C. 677**; that **the 2300 days commenced** with the seventy weeks, which the best chronologers dated from **B.C. 457**; and that the **1335 days commencing** with the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, [Dan. xii,11,] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the **taking away of Pagan abominations**, and which, according to the best historians I could consult, should be dated from about **A.D. 508**. **Reckoning all these prophetic periods** from the several dates assigned by the best chronologers for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned, **they all would terminate together, about A.D. 1843**. I was thus brought, in 1818, at the close of my two years study of the Scriptures, to the solemn conclusion, that in **about** twenty-five years from that time all the affairs of our present state would be wound up. "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, April 18, 1854.

It interesting to note Miller says in quote above, they would all terminate "about." Also note Miller's statement of his position was published in 1854 in the ARSH which is AFTER the great disappointment of Oct. 1844 which means the pioneers still held on to these commencement dates as truth of which is also clearly depicted on the 1843 and 1850 charts.

This is what Miller found as the commencement of the chain of truth above:

- 1) **B.C. 677** which is the commencement of the 2520, [thought to end in 1843 at first but learned later it ended in 1844]
- 2) **B.C. 457** which commenced the 2300 days, [thought to end in 1843 at first but learned later it ended in 1844]
- 3) **A.D. 508** which was the commencement of the 1335 days. [As taught from the beginning, ended in 1843]

What did Miller teach regarding each of these three commencement dates of truth that he was given?

- 1) B.C. 677- "when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh" {ARSH April 18, 1854}
- 2) B.C. 457- "the 2300 days commenced with the seventy weeks" {ARSH April 18, 1854}
- 3) A.D. 508- "the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, [Dan. xii,11,] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the taking away of Pagan abominations" {ARSH April 18, 1854}

Satan has sought to destroy ALL THREE commencement dates of truth leading men to believe these truths are/were erroneous teachings or to believe a wrong interpretation contrary to the original foundational teachings.

Satan has attacked the following messages by leading men to believe that:

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- 1) B.C. 677- teaching of the 2520 is an incorrect teaching and/ or does not exist (this is connected to the first angel's message of the judgment hour message)
- 2) B.C. 457- teaching of the Sanctuary doctrine as Christ not ministering above in the MHP etc. (Satan has attacked very subtly)
- 3) A.D. 508- teaching of the daily is not Paganism, but is Christ's ministerial work.

First, let's begin with the teaching of our pioneers on the "daily". Miller quoted:

"I read on, and could find no other case in which it [the daily] was found, but in Daniel. I then [by the aid of a concordance] took those words which stood in connection with it, 'take away;' **he shall take away, the daily;** 'from the time the daily shall be taken away', etc. I read on, and thought I should find no light on the text; finally, I came to 2 Thess. 2:7, 8. 'For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way, and then shall that wicked be revealed,' etc. And when I had come to that text, oh! how clear and glorious the truth appeared! There it is! That is 'the daily!' Well now, what does Paul mean by 'he who now letteth,' or hindereth? By 'the man of sin,' and the 'wicked,' popery is meant. **Well, what is it which hinders popery from being revealed? Why, it is paganism; well, then, the daily must mean paganism.**" - Second Advent Manual, page 66. {1872 JNA, S23D 34.1}

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

When **Ronald Regan** was asked why he formed an alliance (1989) with the Pope (antichrist) to bring down communism (fulfillment of Dan 11:40), he said the reason was because he thought Gorbachev was the antichrist! Amazing. **He fell into the hand of (“placed himself on the side of”) the antichrist because he did not know the identity of the antichrist!** Exactly what Sister White states above!

The whole world stands charged today with the deliberate rejection and murder of the Son of God.

The word bears record that Jews and Gentiles, kings, governors, ministers, priests, and people—all classes and sects who reveal the same spirit of envy, hatred, prejudice, and unbelief manifested by those who put to death the Son of God—would act the same part, were the opportunity granted, as did the Jews and people of the time of Christ. They would be partakers of the same spirit that demanded the death of the Son of God. {TM 38.1}

*In the scene representing the work of Christ for us, and the determined accusation of Satan against us, Joshua stands as the high priest, and makes request in behalf of God’s commandment-keeping people. At the same time Satan represents the people of God as great sinners, and presents before God the list of sins he has tempted them to commit through their lifetime, and urges that because of their transgressions, they be given into his hands to destroy. He urges that they should not be protected by ministering angels against the confederacy of evil. He is full of anger because he cannot bind the people of God into bundles with the world, to render to him complete allegiance. **Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints**—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ. {TM 38.2}*

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508 (DAILY) is a central pillar that holds our prophetic dates in Adventism. If you destroy the pillar, you destroy everything... all the time prophecies! Let’s do the math to see what teaching leads to what date:

CORRECT VIEW (old view):

Daily is Paganism (as taught on the 1843 and 1850 charts), so:

- 457 BC (starts w/ Medo Persia)
- 2300 AD (central pillar date, Dan 8)
- 1844 AD** (our correct historic date in Adventism)

OR

INCORRECT VIEW (new view):

Daily is Christ’s ministry in sanctuary, so:

- 31 AD (starting date of Christ’s ministry)
- +2300 AD (central pillar date, Dan. 8)
- 2331 AD** (**prophecy thrown into the future! And does away with 1844**)

The date 1844 vanishes when you accept the new view! Completely destroys Adventism. Destroys the Sanctuary, the Sabbath, Judgment... all our foundational teachings are gone! As the new view throws all the dates into the future, we know this cannot be accurate since after 1844, there would be no more prophecies base on prophetic time.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isa 5:20

Sanitarium, Calif., August 3, 1910.

To My Brethren in the Ministry:

Dear Fellow-workers,--

I have words to speak to Brethren Butler, Loughborough, Haskell, Smith, Gilbert, **Daniells, Prescott**, and all who have been active in urging their views in regard to the meaning of "the daily" of Daniel 8. This is not to be made a test question, and the agitation that has resulted from its being treated as such has been very unfortunate. Confusion has resulted, and the minds of some of our brethren have been diverted from the thoughtful consideration that should have been given to the work that the Lord has directed should be done at this time in our cities. This has been pleasing to the great enemy of our work. {PH020 10.3}

HISTORICAL CONFIRMATION FROM THE PEN OF INSPIRATION

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The apostle Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, foretold the great apostasy which would result in the establishment of the papal power. He declared that the day of Christ should not come, 'except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.' And furthermore, the apostle warns his brethren that 'the mystery of iniquity doth already work.' 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 7. Even at that early date he saw, creeping into the church, errors that would prepare the way for the development of the papacy.

Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, 'the mystery of iniquity' carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church. **The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism.** But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and His apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions. **The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, cloaked with a form of righteousness, walked into the church.** Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. **Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror.** Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.

This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of the 'man of sin' foretold in prophecy as 'opposing and exalting himself above God.' That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power. A monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will." *The Great Controversy*, 49-50.

In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. **Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city, and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast 'his power, and his seat, and great authority.'** **Revelation 13:2.** And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7. Christians were forced to choose either to yield their

integrity and accept the papal ceremonies and worship, or to wear away their lives in dungeons or suffer death by the rack, the fagot, or the headsman's ax. Now were fulfilled the words of Jesus: 'Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake.' Luke 21:16–17. Persecution opened upon the faithful with greater fury than ever before, and the world became a vast battlefield. For hundreds of years the church of Christ found refuge in seclusion and obscurity. Thus says the prophet: 'The woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three-score days.' Revelation 12:6." *The Great Controversy*, 54–55.

Through paganism and then through the Papacy Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to block from the earth God's faithful witnesses." *Signs of the Times*, November 21, 1899.

The Gathering Time

5 September 23, the Lord showed me that He had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, [SEE PAGE 86.] and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time. **In the scattering, Israel was smitten and torn, but now in the gathering time God will heal and bind up His people.** In the **scattering**, efforts made to spread the truth had but little effect, accomplished but little or nothing; but in the gathering, when God has set His hand to gather His people, efforts to spread the truth will have their designed effect. **All should be united and zealous in the work. I saw that it was wrong for any to refer to the scattering for examples to govern us now in the gathering;** for if God should do no more for us now than He did then, Israel would never be gathered. **I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord,** and that it should not 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. [THIS APPLIES TO THE CHART USED DURING THE 1843 MOVEMENT, AND HAS SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE CALCULATION OF THE PROPHETIC PERIODS AS IT APPEARED ON THAT CHART. THE NEXT SENTENCE EXPLAINS THAT THERE WAS AN INACCURACY WHICH IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD WAS SUFFERED TO EXIST. BUT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE PUBLICATION OF A CHART SUBSEQUENTLY WHICH WOULD CORRECT THE MISTAKE, AFTER THE 1843 MOVEMENT WAS PAST, AND THE CALCULATION AS THEN MADE HAD SERVED ITS PURPOSE.] {EW 74.1}

Then I saw in relation to the "daily" (Daniel 8:12) that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text, **and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the "daily"; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed.** Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test. {EW 74.2}

The Lord has shown me that **the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children** of the Lord, **but it must not be hung on time.** I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time; but the third angel's message is stronger than time can be. I saw that this message can stand on its own foundation and needs not time to strengthen it; and that it will go in mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness. {EW 75.1}

PIONEER QUOTES ON DAILY BEFORE 1844:

1841-

Joshua V. Himes- The First Report of the General Conference of Christian Expecting the Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ – A Dissertation on Prophetic Chronology

6 Then in the 12th chapter of Daniel, 11th verse, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice (meaning abomination) shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days." **There is some difficulty in knowing what is here intended by "daily sacrifice" in this text. It cannot mean the Jewish sacrifices, for two good reasons: 1st. It has some immediate connexion with "the abomination that maketh desolate," i. e., Papacy, or papal power of Rome, that is "taken away to set up," etc. Now all must admit, that Jewish sacrifices were taken away about 500 years before Papacy was set up, or exalted. 2. If Jewish sacrifices are here meant, then in A. D. 1360 this papal power would have ended her setting up, or exaltation. But Papacy was then at the height of its power. I have come to this conclusion: that this power, called "daily sacrifice," is Rome pagan abomination; the same as Christ has reference to in Matt. xxiv. 15. Luke xxi. 21.** Certainly Christ could not have reference to papal abomination that maketh desolate until Christ's second coming, for that was not set up until nearly 500 years afterwards. Of course, it must have been the pagan abomination which would be taken away. This agrees with Paul, 2 Thes. ii. 3-10: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Here **Paul shows plainly, that there was one abomination then at work which would binder the rise of the last abomination, until the first was "taken out of the way;" then the second would be revealed, whom the Lord would destroy with the brightness of his coming. The question then would be, When was Paganism taken out of the way? I answer, it must have been after the ten horns arose, out of what is called the Western empire of Rome, which were to arise up and rule one hour 72 (a little time) with the beast, pagan: for this little horn was to arise or be "set up" among the ten horns.** It could not be until after the year 476 after Christ, when the Western empire fell and was divided into ten kingdoms. It could not come until "they," the ten kings, had "polluted the sanctuary of strength," (meaning Rome.) Dan. xi. 31: "And they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall 'take away' the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." Who shall do this? I answer, the ten horns, or kings. Rev. xvii. 12, 13: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, (when John saw his vision,) but receive power as kings one hour (a short time) with the beast." **The beast here must mean Rome pagan**, for we have been told that beast means a kingdom. Dan. vii. 23: "Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth." **And as papal Rome had not yet been "setup," we must of necessity call this beast Rome pagan.** Then he tells us, Rev. xvii. 13, "These (ten kings) have one mind," that is, one faith, all being converted to the orthodox religion of the Catholic Roman Church, "and shall give their power and strength to the beast," meaning Rome papal; for now this beast is "set up," and the ten kings have given their power and strength to the pope of Rome, and the woman or Papacy sits upon the scarlet-colored beast having seven heads and ten horns. {1841 JVH, FRGC 89.1}

1841- Josiah Litch which explains how Pagan Rome's sanctuary was "cast down":

"By him the daily;" the word sacrifice not being in the original. This term is of frequent occurrence in the book of Daniel, and it will be necessary to ascertain its true meaning. What then did the anti-christian or Papal

abomination remove to make way for itself? What was it that let or hindered until he was taken out of the way? I answer, Paganism. For, although the empire was nominally **Christian most of the time from the days of Constantine, yet Paganism continued to maintain itself in Rome, and Pagan sacrifices were offered there until the conversion of the Ostrogoths to Christianity, about A. D. 508,** since which time we have no account of any public Pagan sacrifices being offered in the city of Rome. **"The place of Paganism's sanctuary" was then cast down,** and in its place a new system of idolatry was set up, viz., the worship of saints and images. So that these Pagan conquerors, when they embraced the Christian religion, only exchanged one system of idolatry for another. But by the fall of Paganism, the way began to open for the establishment of the Papal pretensions.

"An host was given him against the daily sacrifice, by reason of transgression." The energies of the church were directed by the aspiring pontiffs against Pagan institutions, and to bring the Pagans over to the Christian faith.

"And it cast down truth to the ground, and it practised and prospered." The Papal power trampled on the word of God, corrupted all the doctrines of the gospel, imposed on men's consciences burdens, heavy and intolerable to be borne; persecuted and put to death all who would not submit to the yoke. Thus far the prophetic emblems. And from them we learn that the little horn in this vision is the same as in the former, the Papal power. And from the 25th verse, we learn that he is to have the same end. "He shall stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." He shall be destroyed without human intervention, by Divine power. He shall be slain and given to the burning flame. He shall be destroyed by the brightness of the Lord's coming, etc. {1841 JoL, APEC 81}

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1842- Josiah Litch on the Daily

"The daily sacrifice" is the present reading of the English text. But no such thing as sacrifice is found in the original. This is acknowledged on all hands. It is a gloss or construction put on it by the translators. The true reading is, "the daily and the transgression of desolation," daily and transgression being connected together by "and;" the daily desolation and the transgression of desolation. **They are two desolating powers, which were to desolate the sanctuary and host; the church and her metropolis. They are paganism and popery, as will be shown at large in another place.** {Josiah Litch Prpphetic Expositions (1842) Vol 1, p 127}

1842- William Miller

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were to arise up and rule one hour, 1 (a little time,) with the beast, pagan: for this little horn was to arise or be "set up" among the ten horns. It could not be until after the year 476 after Christ, when the Western empire fell, and was divided into ten kingdoms. It could not come until "they," the ten kings, had "polluted the sanctuary of strength," (meaning Rome.) Dan.xi.31: "And they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall 'take away' the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." {1842 WiM, MWV1 48.4}

1842- Josiah Litch Signs of the Times and Expositor of Prophecy Vol 3 :

Twelve hundred and ninety, and thirteen hundred and-thirty-five days

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PIONEER QUOTES ON DAILY AFTER 1844:

1853- JN Andrews

THERE ARE TWO "DESOLATIONS" IN DAN.VIII. - This fact is made so plain by Josiah Litch, that I present his words: {January 6, 1853 JWe, ARSH 129.3}

"'The daily sacrifice' is the present reading of the English text. But no such thing as sacrifice is found in the original. This is acknowledged on all hands. It is a gloss or construction put on it by the translators. The true reading is, 'the daily and the transgression of desolation,' daily and transgression being connected together by 'and;' the daily desolation and the transgression of desolation. They are two desolating powers, which were to desolate the sanctuary and the host." - Prophetic Expositions, Vol. I, page 127. {January 6, 1853 JWe, ARSH 129.4}

It is plain that the sanctuary and the host were to be trodden under foot by the daily and the transgression of desolation. The careful reading of verse 13 settles this point. And this fact establishes another, viz: that these two desolations are the two grand forms under which Satan has attempted to overthrow the worship and the cause of Jehovah. Mr. Miller's remarks on the meaning of these two terms, and the course pursued by himself in ascertaining that meaning, is presented under the following head: {January 6, 1853 JWe, ARSH 129.5}

1854- Joseph Bates

By the desolating powers of the fourth kingdom of Daniel called **the daily and abomination of desolation**. Dan.8:13. **He saw that the first power was taken away to establish the second power, daily idol worship put down, and Roman Catholic worship set up.** Paul saw the same first power working while the Church was in order. He saw that it would continue to work until the Catholic worship took its place, with the man of sin (the Pope) for its head, who would continue his abominable worship until destroyed by the brightness of the Lord's coming. 2Thess.2:1-8. Joseph Bates, Church Order, R&H. August. 29, 1854

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1872- JN Andrews quotes Miller

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"I read on, and could find no other case in which it [the daily] was found, but in Daniel. I then [by the aid of a concordance] took those words which stood in connection with it, 'take way; he shall take away, the daily; from the time the daily shall be taken away', etc. I read on, and thought I should find no light on the text; finally, I came to 2 Thess. 2:7, 8. 'For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way, and then shall that wicked be revealed,' etc. And when I had come to that text, oh! how clear and glorious the truth appeared! There it is! That is 'the daily!' Well now, what does Paul mean by 'he who now letteth,' or hindereth? By 'the man of sin,' and the 'wicked,' popery is meant. Well, what is it which hinders popery from being revealed? Why, it is paganism; well, then, 'the daily' must mean paganism." - Second Advent Manual, page 66. {1872 JNA, S23D 34.1} William Miller, Second Advent Manual, pg 66. Quoted in the book by JN Andrews - 2300 Days

1901- SN Haskell

But Satan could not see his power overthrown without making a desperate struggle, and by stealth he insinuated his principles into the new church. Wrangles, disputes, theological controversies drove out the spirit of life. Self-exaltation put men in power; the equal rights of all fell before the rising power of a hierarchy. The principle of trusts and monopolies, of unions and leagues, which had always characterized pagan society, twined its tendrils about the new organization of Christians, and choked its life. Paganism -- the "daily" of Dan. 8:12 -- was taken away, it is true, and Rome became nominally a Christian empire. Her emperor professed the name of Christ, and carried before his army the banner of the cross. Decrees were issued causing men to worship according to the dictates of Rome. Then it was that man -- the emperor -- and the empire attempted to exalt themselves above the God of heaven. The principles of Lucifer himself had crowded out the truth of Christ, and, as was shown to Daniel, the truth was cast down to the ground. - THE STORY OF DANIEL THE PROPHET {1901 SNH, SDP 112.1}

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Our pioneers clearly taught that the daily was Paganism which was also depicted on the 1843 and 1850 charts. And remember, the charts, according to Habakkuk, do not lie.

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.

*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.

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William Miller

The events which took place in the year 1798, are strong evidence that my calculations of these numbers are correct. Papacy then lost the power to punish heretics with death, and to reign over the kings of the earth. All must agree that Papacy has no temporal power over any kingdom, except the little kingdom of Italy, one of the horns of which the ten are composed. It is very evident, too, that the church is not now in the wilderness, and the time, times and a half of the church in the wilderness were fulfilled when free toleration was given to

all religions in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, etc.; where Bonaparte obtained power and granted free toleration. Also, the two witnesses are not clothed in sackcloth, and the 1260 years are fulfilled. No one can doubt for a moment that the Bible was forbidden to the common people, and forbidden to be translated in any common language, after the orthodox put down the Arian heresy in Italy and the West, by Bellisarius, the general of Justinian's troops, sent into Africa and Italy for the express purpose of suppressing the Arian power, and giving the Church of Rome the pre-eminence over all schismatics. Then was the Bible taken from the common people, and remained in a sackcloth state from A.D. 538 until A.D. 1798, during 1260 years. Here we find the prophetic time of days fulfilled in years, by two ways more. **And now it remains to show the end, by Dan.xii.11,12. "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be 1290 days." Paganism taken away A.D. 508; add 1290, makes 1798.** "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the 1335 days: but go thou thy way until the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." {1842 WiM, MWV1 50.2} When will the end of these days be? you may inquire. I answer, 1335 years from taking away the first abomination of the Roman kingdom, A.D. 508, to which add 1335 and it makes A.D. 1843, when Daniel will stand in his lot, and all who have waited for the Lord will be blessed. {1842 WiM, MWV1 51.1}

They must have begun when the Jewish rites and ceremonies were in being; for this was the sole object of Paganism, to counteract the Jewish rituals and draw the Jewish worshippers into idolatry, and to blend the heathen rites with theirs. They must have begun before Christ was born, for the great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns was to stand before the woman, (the Jewish Church,) ready to devour the man child as soon as it was born. They could not have begun before they became connected with the Jews, for the reason that no nation is prophesied of, or noticed in the prophecies, except they are somehow connected with the people of God; and for the very reason that this beast was to tread down the Jews, and finally, by cunning, deceit, and intrigue, destroy the city and nation of the Jews, then I think the fairest conclusion is, that when they became connected with the Jews by league, and when they had conquered Daniel's third kingdom, the Grecian. Then, and not until then, had the Romans any part in this prophecy. This agrees with the angel's statement, Dan 11:23, "After the league made with him, (that is, Romans,) he shall work deceitfully, and become strong with a small (republican) people." This league was made between the Romans and the Jews, ratified and carried into effect when the Greeks under Bachides left besieging Jerusalem, upon the command of the Romans, and, as Josephus and Maccabees tell us, never returned to trouble them (the Jews) any more. **This league, then, took effect when the third kingdom in Daniel's vision ceased harassing the Jews, and the fourth kingdom began its rule over the Jews and the world. This was in the year B. C. 158. Let those who wish to be satisfied of the correctness of the foregoing statements read the 8th and 9th chapters of the 1st Maccabees, and Josephus, B. 12, chapter 10 sec. 6, of his Antiquities. Then, if this be correct, that Pagan Rome began his power in the year B. C. 158, and was to continue 666 years, when would Paganism fall in the Roman kingdom, and the "daily sacrifice abomination" be taken out of the way to make room for the abomination of desolation? I answer, Take 158 from 666 and you will have 508. Then in the year A. D. 508 Paganism ceased.** {1842 WiM, MWV2 83.3}

What is the history of that time? I answer, that about the year A.D. 476 the Western Empire of Rome crumbled to pieces, and the Pagan nations of the north, crossing the Rhine and the Danube, established ten kingdoms in what was considered the Western Empire. France was the principal kingdom of the ten. These kingdoms were all governed by Pagan kings; and history informs us that in the city of Rome and other places in the empire these Pagan conquerors sacrificed men, women, and children to their supposed deities; and that in the year 496 Clovis king of France was converted and baptized into the Christian faith; and that the remainder of these kings embraced the religion of Christ shortly after, the last of which was Christianized in the year 508, and of course Paganism ceased, having lost its head by the power of the sword, or kings who wield the sword. Here, then, was the accomplishment of two important prophecies--the daily sacrifice abomination taken out of the way, and the Pagan beast receiving its deadly wound by a sword; since which time we have no account of any Pagan rites or sacrifices being offered within the bounds of ancient Rome. How exactly has the word of God been accomplished! How just and true are all the ways of the God of heaven! And how blind are mortals that they cannot see their own destiny in the rise and fall of others! I am astonished sometimes when I reflect on the simple truths of the word of God, the exact fulfillment of the prophecies, that more do not believe, repent, and turn to God. {1842 WiM, MWV2 84.1}

MAN OF SIN AROSE FROM PAGAN ROME

Spirit of Prophecy, Volume Four

Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, the mystery of iniquity carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church. The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and his apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions. **The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, arrayed in robes of righteousness, walked into the church. Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.** {4SP 51.2}

This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of the man of sin foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power,—a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will. {4SP 52.1}

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538 AD

508 AD

In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city, and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. **Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast "his power, and his seat, and great authority."** [Revelation 13:2.] **And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and John.** [Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7.] Christians were forced to choose, either to yield their integrity and accept the papal ceremonies and worship, or to wear away their lives in dungeon cells, or suffer death by the rack, the fagot, or the headsman's ax. Now were fulfilled the words of Jesus, "Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." [Luke 21:16, 17.] Persecution opened upon the faithful with greater fury than ever before, and the world became a vast battle-field. For hundreds of years the church of Christ found refuge in seclusion and obscurity. Thus says the prophet: "The woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three-score days." [Revelation 12:16.] {4SP 57.2}

The papacy arose **out of** one of the **4 horns** (Macedonia) of Greece

Through the great powers controlled by paganism and the papacy, symbolized by the dragon and the leopard-like beast, Satan for many centuries destroyed God's faithful witnesses. Under the dominion of Rome, they were tortured and slain for more than a thousand years; but the papacy was at last deprived of its strength, and forced to desist from persecution. [Revelation 13:3, 10.] At that time the prophet beheld a new power coming up, represented by the beast with lamb-like horns. The appearance of this beast and the manner of its rise seem to indicate that the power which it represents is unlike those brought to view under the preceding symbols. **The great kingdoms that have ruled the world obtained their dominion by conquest and revolution, and they were presented to the prophet Daniel as beasts of prey, rising when the "four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea."** [Daniel 7:2.] But the beast with horns like a lamb is seen "coming up out of the earth;" [Revelation 13:11.] signifying that instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented arose in territory previously unoccupied, and grew up gradually and peacefully. {4SP 276.2}

Review and Herald

The kingdom of Judah, prosperous throughout the times of Hezekiah, was once more brought low during the long years of Manasseh's wicked reign, when paganism was revived, and many of the people were led into idolatry. "Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen." 2 Chronicles 33:9. The glorious light of former generations was followed by the darkness of superstition and error. Gross evils sprang up and flourished,—tyranny, oppression, hatred of all that is good. Justice was perverted; violence prevailed. {RH July 8, 1915, par. 1}

And thus the 2520 years of captivity **curse** fell upon southern tribe of Judah from 677BC to 1844 AD

1888 Great Controversy

This is a remarkable quote about how Sunday came about; through what we call today, "Easter Sunrise Service"

The spirit of concession to paganism opened the way for a still further disregard of Heaven's authority. **Satan tampered with the fourth commandment also, and essayed to set aside the ancient Sabbath, the day which God had blessed and sanctified, and in its stead to exalt the festival observed by the heathen as "the venerable day of the sun."** This change was not at first attempted openly. In the first centuries the true Sabbath had been kept by all Christians. They were jealous for the honor of God, and, believing that his law is immutable, they zealously guarded the sacredness of its precepts. But with great subtlety, Satan worked through his agents to bring about his object. **That the attention of the people might be called to the Sunday, it was made a festival in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Religious services were held upon it;** yet it was regarded as a day of recreation, the Sabbath being still sacredly observed. {4SP 55.1}

But there came a time when paganism in the Roman empire fell before the advancing form of Christianity. Then, as is stated on page 54, **"paganism had given place to the papacy.** The dragon had given to the beast his power, and his seat, and great authority." That is, Satan **then began to work through the papacy, just as he had formerly worked through paganism.** But the papacy is not represented by the dragon, because it is necessary to introduce another symbol in order to show the change in the form of the opposition to God. **Previous to the rise of the papacy, all opposition to the law of God had been in the form of paganism,**—God had been openly defied; but from that time the opposition was carried on under the guise of professed allegiance to him. **The papacy, however, was no less the instrument of Satan than was pagan Rome; for all the power, the seat, and the great authority of the papacy, were given it by the dragon.** And so, although the pope professes to be the vicegerent of Christ, he is, in reality, the vicegerent of Satan—he is antichrist. {GC88 680.1}

508 AD

Pagan Rome → Papal Rome- 538 AD
(dragon) 508AD

Page 54 of 1888 Great Controversy as referenced in quote above:

The arch-deceiver had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the Christian world under his banner, and to exercise his power through his vicegerent, the proud pontiff who claimed to be the representative of Christ. **Through half-converted pagans, ambitious prelates, and world-loving churchmen, he accomplished his purpose.** Vast councils were held, from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. **Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.** {GC88 53.2}

The great apostate had succeeded in exalting himself “above all that is called God, or that is worshiped.” [2 Thessalonians 2:4.] He had dared to change the only precept of the divine law that unmistakably points all mankind to the true and living God. In the fourth commandment, God is revealed as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and is thereby distinguished from all false gods. It was as a memorial of the work of creation that the seventh day was sanctified as a rest-day for man. It was designed to keep the living God ever before the minds of men as the source of being and the object of reverence and worship. Satan strives to turn men from their allegiance to God, and from rendering obedience to his law; therefore he directs his efforts especially against that commandment which points to God as the Creator. {GC88 53.3}

Protestants now urge that the resurrection of Christ on Sunday made it the Christian Sabbath. But Scripture evidence is lacking. No such honor was given to the day by Christ or his apostles. **The observance of Sunday as a Christian institution had its origin in that “mystery of lawlessness” [2 Thessalonians 2:7, Revised Version.]** which, even in Paul’s day, had begun its work. Where and when did the Lord adopt this child of the papacy? What valid reason can be given for a change which the Scriptures do not sanction? {GC88 54.1}

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Appendix Note 2. Page 54—In the twelfth chapter of Revelation we have as a symbol a great red dragon. In the ninth verse of that chapter this symbol is explained as follows: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Undoubtedly the dragon primarily represents Satan. But Satan does not appear upon the earth in person; he works through agents. It was in the person of wicked men that he sought to destroy Jesus as soon as he was born. **Wherever Satan has been able to control a government so fully that it would carry out his designs, that nation became, for the time, Satan’s representative.** This was the case with all the great heathen nations. For instance, see Ezekiel 28, where Satan is represented as actual king of Tyre. This was because he fully controlled that government. In the first centuries of the Christian era, Rome, **of all the pagan nations,** was Satan’s chief agent in opposing the gospel, and was therefore **represented by the dragon.** {GC88 679.4}

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The beast which is A symbol of the papacy is introduced in Revelation 13; And following it, in the same line of prophecy, "another beast" is seen "coming up," [Revelation 13:11-14.] Which exercises "all the power of the first beast before him," that is, in his sight. This other beast must therefore be a persecuting power also; and this is shown in that "it spake as a dragon." The papacy received all its power from Satan, and the two-horned beast exercises the same power; **it also becomes** the direct agent of Satan. And its Satanic character is further shown in that it enforces the worship of the image of the beast, by means of false miracles. "He doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do." {GC88 680.2}

The first persecuting power is represented by the dragon itself; in heathenism there was open alliance with Satan, and open defiance of God. In **the second persecuting power, the dragon is masked;** but the spirit of Satan actuates it,—the dragon supplies the motive power. In **the third persecuting power, all traces of the dragon are absent,** and a lamb-like beast appears; but when it speaks, **its dragon voice betrays the Satanic power concealed under a fair exterior, and shows it to be of the same family as the two preceding powers.** In all the opposition to Christ and his pure religion, "that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan,"—"the god of this world,"—is the moving power; earthly persecuting powers are simply instruments in his hands. {GC88 680.3}

Pagan Rome

Papal Rome

Protestant Rome (USA Apostate Protestantism)

▶ **Do you see how the dragon MOVES** through prophetic history from one persecuting power to another?

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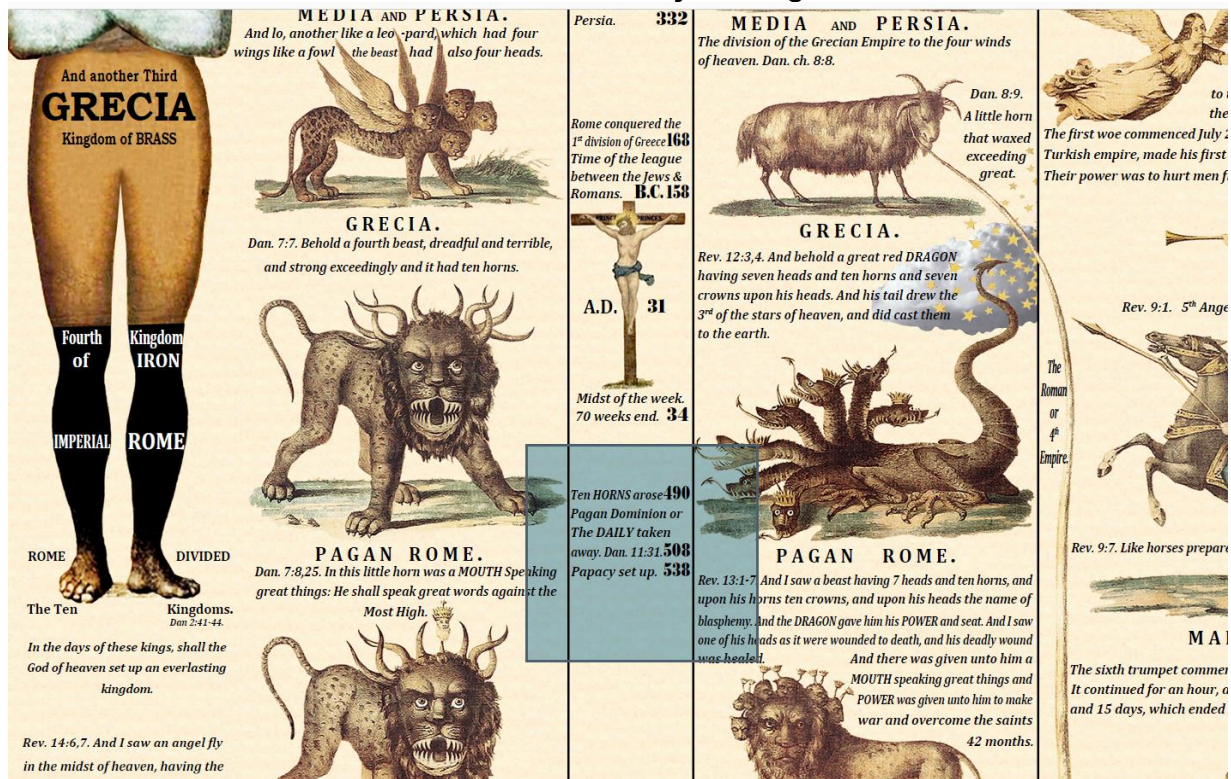
But the stern **tracings of the prophetic pencil** reveal a change in this peaceful scene. The beast with lamb-like horns **speaks with the voice of a dragon,** and "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." **The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed.** Prophecy declares that this power will say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast." [Revelation 13:14.] {4SP 277.2}

When our brethren do this, their councils will be honored by the presence of Christ. Their missionary spirit will not be confined to a few places, but will reach out to diffuse the light everywhere. There is a world to be warned. **Our great defense against the principles and practices of paganism or the papacy is to be living epistles of Bible religion. Shall we not represent Christ in all things?** {Lt83-1896.37}

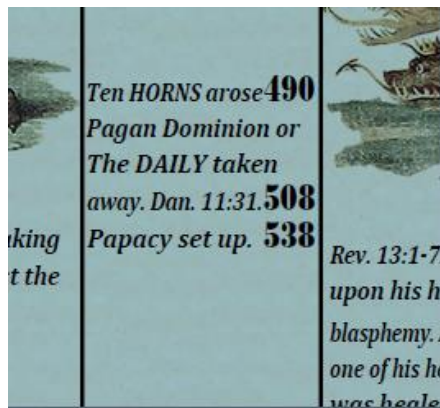
Be still, and know that I [am] God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Ps 46:10

1850 chart shows “daily” is Paganism



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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.” {13MR 359.1}

THE PIONEER UNDERSTANDING

“As we approach the year A. D. 508, we behold a mighty crisis ripening between Catholicism and the pagan influences still existing in the empire. Up to the time of the conversion of Clovis, king of France, in A. D. 496, the French and other nations of Western Rome were pagan; but following that event, the efforts to convert idolaters to Romanism were crowned with great success. . . .

“From the time when those successes were fully accomplished, in A. D. 508, the papacy was triumphant so far as paganism was concerned; for though the latter doubtless retarded the progress of the Catholic faith, yet it had not the power, if it had the disposition, to suppress the faith, and hinder the encroachment of the Roman pontiff. When the prominent powers of Europe gave up their attachment to paganism, it was only to perpetuate its abominations in another form; for Christianity as exhibited in the Roman Catholic Church was, and is, only paganism baptized. . . .

“We think it clear that the daily was taken away by A. D. 508. This was preparatory to the setting up, which was a separate and subsequent event. Of this prophetic narrative now leads us to speak.

“*Papacy Sets Up an Abomination*—‘They shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.’ Having shown quite fully what we think constitutes the taking away of the daily, or paganism, we inquire, When was the abomination that maketh desolate, or the papacy, placed, or set up? The little horn that had eyes like the eyes of man was not slow to see when the way was open for his advancement and elevation. From the year 508 his progress toward universal supremacy was without parallel.” *The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation*, Uriah Smith, page 271–273.

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“[Elder Prescott] It will prove to be a **great mistake** if you agitate at this time the question regarding the ‘daily,’ which has been occupying much of your attention of late. **I have been shown** that the result of your making this question a prominent issue would be that the minds of a large number will be directed to an unnecessary controversy, and that **questioning and confusion** will be developed in our ranks. Cannot you see that if this question is agitated now minds would be unfavorably impressed, and many who should be seeking most earnestly for the saving grace of Christ would be drawn into controversy? There are some who would make capital of this matter to turn souls away from the truth. My brother, let us be slow to raise questions that will be a **source of temptation to our people**.

“**I have had no special light on the point presented for discussion and I do not see the need of this discussion.** But I am instructed to tell you that this small matter upon which you are concentrating your thought will become a great mountain unless you determine to let it alone. I have been instructed that **the Lord has not placed upon you the burden you are now carrying regarding this matter**, and that it is not profitable for you to spend so much time and attention in its consideration. You are not using wisely the time God is giving you by thus devoting it to such jots and tittles, when you can be speaking words that will confirm the people of God in the faith they hold. **God has not placed upon any of His ministers the work of sowing seeds that will produce confusion and unbelief.**

“You suppose that a mistake has been made in the view that has been held by some of our brethren in regard to the sanctuary question. There have been different opinions regarding the daily, and there will continue to be. **If the Lord has seen fit to let this matter rest for so many years without correcting the same, would it not be wisdom on your part to refrain from presenting your views concerning it? I advise you not to present your ideas before our churches, but to let this matter alone**, because at this period of our history the enemy will be served by an attack made on us regarding our disagreement on this point if it is made prominent, and this will lead to a worse issue.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 12, 225.

THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION

“God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. But Satan is a vigilant, unsleeping foe, ever at work upon human minds, seeking a soil in which he can sow his tares. If he finds any whom he can press into his service, he will suggest ideas and false theories, and make them zealous in advocating error. The truth not only converts, but works the purification of its receiver. Jesus has warned us to beware of false teachers. From the beginning of our work, men have arisen from time to time, advocating theories that were new and startling. But if those who claim to believe the truth would go to those who have had experience, would go to the word of God in a teachable, humble spirit, and examine their theories in the light of truth and with the aid of the brethren who have been diligent Bible students, and at the same time make supplication unto God, asking, Is this the way of the Lord, or is it a false path in which Satan would lead me? they would receive light, and would escape out of the net of the fowler.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 54.

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(A.G. Daniells was elected president of the General Conference in 1901. This suggests that this document was written in 1910, a time when Mrs. White was very concerned about Daniells' neglect of the cities and his involvement in the controversy over the 'Daily'.)

“At this stage of our experience we are not to have our minds drawn away from the special light given [us] to consider at the important gathering of our conference. And there was **Brother Daniells, whose mind the enemy was working;** and your mind **and Elder Prescott's mind were being worked by the angels that were expelled from heaven.** Satan's work was to divert your minds that jots and tittles should be brought in which the Lord did not inspire you to bring in. They were not essential. But this meant much to the cause of truth. And the ideas of your minds, if you could be drawn away to jots or tittles, is a work of Satan's devising. To correct little things in the books written, you suppose would be doing a great work. But I am charged, Silence is eloquence.

“I am to say, Stop your picking flaws. If this purpose of the devil could only be carried out, then [it] appears to you [that] your work would be considered as most wonderful in conception. It was the enemy's plan to get all the supposed objectionable features where all classes of minds did not agree. And what then? The very work that pleases the devil would come to pass. There would be a representation given to the outsiders not of our faith just what would suit them, that would develop traits of character which would cause great confusion and occupy the golden moments which should be used zealously to bring the great message before the people. The presentations upon any subject we have worked upon could not all harmonize, and the results would be to confuse the minds of believers and unbelievers. This is the very thing that Satan had planned that should take place—anything that could be magnified as a disagreement.

“Read Ezekiel, chapter 28. Now, here is a grand work, where strange spirits can figure. But the Lord has a work to [be] done to save perishing souls; and the places which Satan, disguised, could fill in, bringing confusion into our ranks, he will do to perfection, and all those little differences will become enlarged, prominent.

“And I was shown from the first that the Lord had given neither Elders Daniells nor Prescott the burden of this work. **Should Satan's wiles be brought in, should this 'Daily' be such a great matter as to be brought in to confuse minds and hinder the advancement of the work at this important period of time? It should not,** whatever may be. This subject should not be introduced, for the spirit that would be brought in would be forbidding, and Lucifer is watching every movement. Satanic agencies would commence his work and there would be confusion brought into our ranks. You have no call to hunt up the difference of opinion that is not a testing question; but your silence is eloquence. I have the matter all plainly before me. If the devil could involve any one of our own people on these subjects, as he has proposed to do, Satan's

cause would triumph. Now the work without delay is to be taken up and not a [difference] of opinion expressed.

“Satan would inspire those men who have gone out from us to unite with evil angels and retard our work on unimportant questions, and what rejoicing [there] would be in the camp of the enemy. Press together, press together. Let every difference be buried. Our work now is to devote all our physical and brain-nerve power to put these differences out of the way, and all harmonize. If Satan could with his great unsanctified wisdom be permitted to get the least hold, [he would rejoice].

“Now, when I saw how you were working, my mind took in the whole situation and the results if you should go forward and give the parties that have left us the least chance to bring confusion into our ranks. Your lack of wisdom would be just what Satan would have it. Your loud proclamation was not under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I was instructed to say to you that your picking flaws in the writings of men that have been led of God is not inspired of God. And **if this is the wisdom that Elder Daniells would give to the people, by no means give him an official position, for he cannot reason from cause to effect.** Your silence on this subject is your wisdom. Now, everything like picking flaws in the publications of men who are not alive is not the work God has given any of you to do. For if these men—Elders Daniells and Prescott—had followed the directions given in working the cities, there would have been many, very many, convinced of the truth and converted, able men that [now] are in positions where they never will be reached.

“All the world is to be regarded as one great family. And when you have such a fountain of knowledge to draw from, why have you left the world to perish for years with the testimonies given by our Lord Jesus Christ? True religion teaches us to regard every man and woman as a person to whom we can do good.

“This has been in print many years: ‘A Balanced Mind,’ testimony to Elder Andrews. The mind may be cultivated to become a power to know when to speak and what burdens to take up and to bear, for Christ is your teacher. And I feared greatly for you [when I saw you] exalting your wisdom and pursuing a course to bring in differences of opinion. The Lord calls for wise men who can hold their peace when it [is] wisdom for them to do so. If you would be a whole man, you need sanctification through Jesus Christ. Now there is a work just started, and let wisdom be seen in every minister, in every president of [a] conference. But here was a work for you to take hold of years ago where you were needed to lift your voice for this very work. Christ gave all His people special directions what they shall do and the things they shall not do. And there is a little time left us to work out the righteousness of the Lord.

“You can understand the way of the Lord. I saw your purpose of carrying things after your own devising after you were placed as president. You had thought you would do wonderful things, which would be a work God had not placed in your hands to do. Now, your work is not to oppress but to release every necessity possible if the Lord has accepted you to serve. But you have very early given evidence that wisdom and sanctified judgment have not been manifested by you. You blazed out matters that would not be received unless the Lord should give light.

“**I have been instructed that such hasty movements should not have [been] made [such] as selecting you as president of the conference even another year.** But the Lord forbids any more such hasty transactions until the matter is brought before the Lord in prayer; and as you have had the message come to you that the work of the Lord resting upon the president is a most solemn responsibility, **you had no moral right to blaze out as you did upon the subject of the ‘Daily’ and suppose your influence would decide the question.** There was Elder Haskell, who has carried the heavy responsibilities, and there is Elder Irwin and several men I might mention who have the heavy responsibilities.

“Where was your respect for the men of age? What authority could you exercise without taking all the responsible men to weigh the matter? But let us now investigate the matter. We must now reconsider whether it is the Lord’s judgment, in the face of the work that has been neglected, of showing your zeal to carry the work even another year. If you should carry the work another year with the help that shall unite with you, there should be a change take place in you and Elder Prescott. And humble your own hearts before God. The Lord will have to see in you a showing of a different experience, for **if ever men needed to be reconverted at this present [time], it [is] Elder Daniells and Elder Prescott.**

“Seven men should be chosen that are men of wisdom and through the working of the grace of God [give] evidence [of] a reconversion. For any men who are so blinded that they cannot reason from cause to effect, that they would ignore the men who have borne the responsibilities of the work and these presidents of conferences, [that] men [who] carry the work for over two years should be disregarded and such an impulsive consequence take place that men would neglect the very work kept before them for years—work the cities—and no, or but very little, attention [be] given to the old men for counsel, but proclaim the things they choose to give the people, bears its own testimony of the unsafety of the men to be entrusted with such a grand and wonderful work.

“Christ is not dead. He will never suffer His work to be carried on in this strange way. Let the books alone. If any change is essential, God will have the harmony in that change consistent, but when a message has been entrusted to men with the large responsibilities involved, [God] demands faithfulness that will work by love and purify the soul. **Elders Daniells and Prescott both need reconversion.** A strange work has come in, and it is not in harmony with the work Christ came to our world to do; and all who are truly converted will work the works of Christ.

“We are every one [to] work out the work which shall glorify the Father. We have come to the crisis—either to conform to the character of Jesus Christ right in this preparatory time or not attempt [it]. Elder Daniells, [you are not] to feel at liberty to let your voice be heard on high as you have done under similar circumstances. And understand, the president of a conference is not a ruler. He works in connection with the wise men who occupy the position as presidents whom God has accepted. He has not liberty to meddle with the writings in printed books from the pens that God has accepted. They are no longer to bear sway unless they show less of the ruling, dominating power. The crisis has come, for God will be dishonored.

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“How does the Lord look upon the unworked cities? Christ is in heaven. Now its acknowledgment is to be, ‘There is no kingly rule.’ And now is the crisis of this world. Now I am the Power to save or to destroy. Now is the time when the destiny of all is in My hands. I have given My life to save the world. And ‘I, if I be lifted up,’ the saving grace I shall impart will prove that all who will be fashioned after the divine similitude and will be one with Me shall work as I work with My power of redeeming grace.’ Whoever will, [let him] take hold with his brethren to do the work given them to do when in responsible places under the counsel the Lord gives, and seek most earnestly to work in complete harmony with Him who so loved the world He gave His life a full sacrifice for the saving of the world.

“I speak to our ministers, that as they enter upon the work in our cities let there be a calm sacredness attending the ministry of the Word. We cannot make the proper impression upon the minds of the people if we . . .

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“I copy from my Diary. The truth as it is in Jesus—talk it, pray it, believe every word in its simplicity. What would you gain if mistakes are brought before the men who have departed from the faith and given heed to seducing spirits, men who were not long ago with us in the faith? Will you stand on the devil’s side? Give your attention to the unworked fields. A world-wide work is before us. I was given representations of John Kellogg. A very attractive personage was representing the ideas of the specious arguments that he was presenting, sentiments different from the genuine Bible truth. And **those who are hungering and thirsting after something new were advancing ideas [so specious] that Elder Prescott was in great danger. Elder Daniells was in great danger [of] becoming wrapped in a delusion** that if these sentiments could be spoken everywhere it would be as a new world.

“Yes, it would, but while their minds were thus absorbed **I was shown that Brother Daniells and Brother Prescott were weaving into their experience sentiments of a spiritual[istic] appearance and drawing our people to beautiful sentiments that would deceive, if possible, the very elect.** I have to trace with my pen [the fact] that these brethren would see defects in their delusive ideas that would place the truth in an uncertainty; and [yet] they [would] stand out as [if they had] great spiritual discernment. Now I am to tell them [that] when I was shown this matter, **when Elder Daniells was lifting up his voice like a trumpet**

in advocating his ideas of the 'Daily,' the after results were presented. Our people were becoming **confused**. I saw the result, and then there were given me cautions that if Elder Daniells without respect to the outcome should thus be impressed and let himself believe he was under the inspiration of God, skepticism would be sown among our ranks everywhere, and we should be where Satan would carry his messages. Set unbelief and skepticism would be sown in human minds, and strange crops of evil would take the place of truth." *Manuscript Release*, volume 20, 17–22.

One who would be a teacher of sacred things should not go forth to work with the people without a full assurance that he has the truth. He should not go forth feeling that perhaps the doctrines which he advocates may not all be substantiated by the Bible. Anything short of a full conviction that what he presents is truth will make his preaching powerless, unless he has the presumption to put forth mere assertions as conclusive evidence. This is unfair, and yet this has often been done by sharp debaters. You should give your authority to the people from God's Word. You should not believe any doctrine simply because another says it is truth. You should not believe it because Elder Smith, or Elder Kilgore, or Elder Van Horn, or Elder Haskell says it is truth, but because God's voice has declared it in His living Oracles. {1888 170.3}

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1896- **"the truth set forth by the very men God was leading"** ← **"believe on their word"**

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} Ms32-1896 (December 6, 1896) par. 25