

Day/ Year Principle

Samuel Sheffield Snow (1806-1890). Infidel turned Advent preacher. Prior to 1839 Snow was in his own words "a callous and hardened Infidel." He read a book by William Miller in 1839 and was convicted of the truth of the advent prophecy and of Scripture as God's word. He for a time joined the Congregational Church, but withdrew to devote himself to the advent message. After studying the prophetic calculations, in early 1844 before the spring date the Advent believers were looking toward, he presented arguments that the prophetic date actually pointed to the fall of the year. **He used the Kara`ite calendar to come up with October 22. This became the beginning of the "seventh month movement" that galvanized Millerite Adventism in August, 1844, beginning at the Millerite camp meeting at Exeter, New Hampshire. He published his views in The True Midnight Cry.**

MIDNIGHT CRY DAY/ YEAR PRINCIPLE ILLUSTRATED

Samuel Snow
delivers message

<u>DAY</u> →	sunset	Midnight Cry	sunrise	sunset
<u>YEAR</u> →	April	July	October	April

Samuel Snow delivered the Midnight Cry in July at the Exeter Camp meeting; hence why they called it the Midnight Cry! What message was given to us? The Calendar. What Calendar led us to the understanding and date of October 22, 1844? The Karaite Calendar. They (our pioneers) determined this date according to the Barley harvest in Jerusalem.

Bates was one of the important leaders in the Exeter (New Hampshire) camp meeting in **August, 1844**, when the **"true midnight cry" was first presented**. Bates, it happened, was the preacher chosen for that morning's service at the camp. He was exhorting his hearers to be faithful and calmly assuring them that God was simply testing them, that they were in the tarrying time, and similar sentiments, when **Samuel S. Snow rode into the camp on horseback. Taking a seat beside his sister, Mrs. John Couch, Snow reiterated his conviction that Christ would appear at the time appointed. Greatly stirred, Mrs. Couch startled the audience by rising and declaring, "Here is a man with a message from God!"** (The full story appears in chapter 38.) {1954 LEF, PFF4 549.1} Prophetic Faith of our Fathers, Vol. 4

There the eyes of all were turned to the date October 22, and conviction gripped the camp that this would be the day of Christ's emergence from the heaven of heavens, or holy of holies. From this encampment men went forth everywhere with the zeal of crusaders to warn men in the few weeks that remained. Bates's later activities—his acceptance and proclamation of the seventh-day Sabbath, his participation in the 1848 Sabbath conferences, and related matters, must be reserved for their chronological place. He was a great trail blazer, holding key positions all through the Advent Movement, from 1840 on. His Second Advent Way Marks and High Heaps (1847) was a short history of the advent cause from 1840 to 1847, the first of its kind. {1954 LEF, PFF4 549.2}

Side Note: The very last Spirit of Prophecy article in the Review and Herald published before Ellen White died was her article on Josiah finding the book of the law. Very interesting!

Arise up and stand, behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the
Lord **2 Esdras 2:38**