

URIAH SMITH'S BOOK, DANIEL AND THE REVELATION ENDORSEMENTS

James White:

1867

At this time they received from the express office fifty copies of **Uriah Smith's Thoughts on Revelation**, just published in Battle Creek. Of this **precious addition** to the literature of the church James wrote: {2BIO 187.4}

These thoughts are not the fruit of one brain.... William Miller saw much. Others since have seen more. And as this open book contains more which bears directly upon **the present truth** than any other book of the Bible, **its clearest light is reserved for believers in the time of the third message**.—Ibid., July 16, 1867 {2BIO 187.5}

These thoughts are not the fruit of one brain. In the time of the end, the Revelation was to be unsealed and opened. And from, the open book, light has been shining. William Miller saw much. Others since have seen more.... This is a book of thoughts, **clothed in the author's happy style, plain, yet critical and practical coming down to the spiritual wants of the common people, yet elevated and dignified. This standard work should be in the library of every believer.**" 'The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald', July 16, 1867

Sister White's Endorsements:

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; for **through them the truth will reach many minds**. 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. . . . Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday-law movement would not be where it is today.- *Review and Herald, Feb. 16, 1905* {CM 123.1}

In the Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, and in **Daniel and the Revelation**, There is precious instruction. **These books must be regarded as of special importance**, and every effort should be made to get them to the people.- *Letter 229, 1903* {CM 123.2}

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.**- *Special Instruction Regarding Royalties, p.7 (1899)*{CM 123.3}

1899

The canvassing work is one of the Lord's appointed agencies for extending the knowledge of the truth for this time. Canvassers have an important work to do. The Lord can and will work through them if they will earnestly prepare themselves to do what they can. The effort made to circulate Christ's Object Lessons is demonstrating what can be done in the canvassing field. To those who are working with this book, I would say, After the immediate necessity is met, do not lose your zeal, feeling that there is no further need for special effort. Sell the book wherever you can, and bring our larger books to the notice of the people. {1MR 60.4}

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 60.5}

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.** 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.” {1MR 61.2}

God desires the light found in the books of Daniel and the Revelation to be presented in clear lines. It is painful to think of the many cheap theories picked up and presented to the people by ignorant, unprepared teachers. Those who present their human tests and the nonsensical ideas they have concocted in their own minds, show the character of the goods in their treasure house. They have laid in store shoddy material. Their great desire is to make a sensation. {1MR 62.3}

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}

Speaking of this great event Paul says, “I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in His times He shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting” (1 Timothy 6:13-16.) {1MR 63.2}

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} “

Now is come the time of the revelation of the grace of God. Now is the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. 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 those who need to understand the truth of the Word. This book should be highly appreciated. It covers much of the ground we have been over in our experience. If the youth will study this book and learn for themselves what is truth, they will be saved from many perils.”{1MR 63.4} 1901

We read in Peter, “There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Peter 2:1, 2). {1MR 64.1}

Many of these teachers who bring in heresies, and thus undermine the faith of some, are regarded as men of God, who walk in the light, and are seeking to deliver the church from wrong practices. But they are the servants of sin. {1MR 64.2}

We need intelligent canvassers, who are also evangelists, canvassers who will do all the good they possibly can as they visit from house to house. Canvassers may do a good work for God. The Lord has given great light to the world in the books Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Desire of Ages. These books should be pressed in everywhere. Those who handle these books should educate themselves for the work. As canvassers dwell upon the precious truths contained in these books, seeking to get the light before as many as possible, they are letting the light shine into many minds, and they may say, We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. {1MR 64.3}

“(For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Corinthians 6:2-10). {1MR 64.4}

Many who are serving as gospel ministers need to study the Word. **Revelation means something revealed, which all are to understand. Dig deep for the truth.** Plead with the Lord for an understanding of His Word. Those who feel their need of the special help of God will ask Him who is the Source of all wisdom to supply their necessities. Ask Him to enlighten your understanding, that you may know how to give light to others. Put your mind to the tax. **Never rest satisfied with a partial knowledge of the truth, pieced out with some weak suppositions. Hearken to Me,** ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged....For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody" (Isaiah 51:1, 3).—Manuscript 174, 1899, 1-8. ("Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," March 3, 1901.) {1MR 65.1}

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Washington, D. C.,
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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 the 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}

THE EASTERN QUESTION QUOTES

1877

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, as was the case last year. **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. It seemed to be just what they wanted to hear.** In the afternoon it was difficult for me 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 fully seated, the seats having comfortable backs. These were all filled, yet thousands stood about the tent, making a living wall several feet deep. {RH September 6, 1877, par. 11}

1877

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}

1877

When we arrived at the camp ground at Groveland, Mass., we found an excellent meeting in progress. There were forty-seven tents on the ground, besides three large tents, the one for the congregation being 80 x 125 feet in dimensions. The meetings on the Sabbath were of the deepest interest. The church was revived and strengthened, while sinners and backsliders were aroused to a sense of their danger. {LS 225.2}

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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. The Lord gave me great freedom in addressing that immense crowd upon the subject of Christian temperance. 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. {LS 225.4} 1915 (Heading: Chapter 37—Public Labors in 1877)

1881

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} 1881

1884 (This quote was released in 2015; see on EGW Estate website): 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}

1898

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 Daniel's 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

I feel very tender toward 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 that 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. {20MR 220.2} **Feb. 5, 1902**

Here is the first paragraph of one of Smith's articles to which Sister White is referring above in 20MR: (Notice, Sister White commented 9 days AFTER the article came out. Smith writes about the **Eastern Question- The 7th Trumpet!**). This prophecy is still FUTURE.

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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.