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nd he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.'

"The duty of the disciple of Christ is revealed in these words. To preach to all nations repentance and remission of sins; to present Jesus as the sin-pardoning Redeemer. The hearts of sinners must be melted into contrition, before God will hear their prayer. When the soul is emptied of its defilement, Jesus will take possession, and pardon and peace that floweth like a river will be enjoyed.

"The followers of Christ will have trials and conflicts while on earth, but we have a sure refuge in every storm. Jesus has told us, 'In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.' The forces of Satan are marshaled against us. He is a diligent foe, but in following the warning of Christ we shall find safety. 'Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.' There are foes to be resisted and overcome, but Jesus is by our side, ready to strengthen for every effort and brace for duty.

"We have a great work to do to be witnesses to the fulfillment of God's word; and to 'be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us,' will require a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. We need in these times of peace to become familiar with the prophecies that foretell the events to take place in our time, that, like the disciples, our minds will need only to be refreshed to become encouraged, and that the very trial which seems to confuse us may become a tower of strength, and an evidence that God is fulfilling the sure word of prophecy." *The Signs of the Times*, January 20, 1888.

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Readers' Response

Hi There,

I haven't been lazy. I've been learning Daniel 11 for myself and lots of other good stuff. Before work I study for an hour, then leave about 6:30 am for work, returning home about 9 am. First thing I do is hit the books again until 2 pm, when I leave for the afternoon route. Afterwards its back to the books and computer. I love it. I am having the best time of my life. My living room and dining room are partially finished painting and wallpapering. I have done nothing else to spruce up the place because I don't have "time" tee hee.

Just yesterday two things came to my attention. Many of us, including me, have listened to Pippenger teach extensively, over and over, but when he is finished we walk out and nothing sticks in the mind. When we try to explain what we just heard some of us can't. It is as if he was talking to the air. I now know why. It is because we aren't studying on our own. We leave it to Pippenger to do all the research and study. Next time I sit through a prophecy school I will be checking everything Jeff says against what my own studies have taught me! I'm no dummy anymore. tee hee.

The other thing is the spirit of rebellion. I never thought of myself as a rebellious person until two days ago. The Lord in a mild subtle way opened my mind. As you well know I am overweight. I love to eat. I hate rebellion and only associated it with others. The Lord showed me when I refuse to obey His health principles (no excuse for SDA's to not know what they are) I am deliberately disobeying and therefore am in rebellion. I don't like that thought because those who deliberately disobey turn away the Holy Spirit. This is a big wake up call to me. God is blessing me with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

I am praying to the Lord about what to do for my future. It looks like both of my daughters will be getting married this coming year. More on that later. The Lord has been good to them and provided both of them with wonderful Christian young men. As you probably know, they never dated, but chose instead to wait for the one right man. God has not let them down.

Can hardly wait to share a few things I have come across but I am going to get my ducks all lined up in a row first. I get excited and jump the gun but not this time. One thing I know for sure is that there is plenty of good reason why God has given us clues with the "line upon line" statements. The fact that Ellen White said that the figures on the 1843 chart were as God wanted them made me ask myself why and I began searching...Later

L.N.—TN

Dear Jeff and Kathy,

Your newsletters and other materials continue to be a rich blessing to us. Especially the 2004 and 2006 Prophecy School DVD's. Also, the meetings at Blythe and Diamond Lake. We listen to them over and over comparing them to scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. The Bible is coming to life more and more!

We are sharing these materials with other families and some of them are really taking hold as they follow along. It gives us so much joy as we are each learning to grasp further light and build upon the foundation and light God has already given. Thank you for allowing Him to use you as a tool to teach others what you have been learning. We realize we must each test everything to the Word of God ourselves but your studies definitely stimulate and guide us to further investigation and understanding. Kindly send us the Boise, Idaho DVD series. May God continue His protective care over you. In Christian love.

M. & G.P.—WA

Dear Kathy and Jeff,

I hope all is well! I've been listening again to the Overflowing Scourge series. I feel so blessed and thankful that God gave me those first two tapes. My step-mother had one on the Overflowing Scourge and one on Adventism's Parable. She was listening to one of them one day while I was at their house. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. She let me borrow them and I called Kathy and got both series. I've not been the same since. I believe it is the present truth message for this time. I praise God every day for the truth and for you who were willing to sacrifice to get the messages out. I pray God will bless you abundantly.

K.S.—OR

Jeff,

I am really enjoying Manjit Biant's presentations. I'm thinking it may be helpful to God's people if you can get his older brother's courtship and marriage compilation and make it into a booklet for sale. Prayer request: I'm working with a Mormon offshoot guy here, and if what this guy already believes about the 2300 days and Catholicism is true of all Mormons we SDA's may have more of an "in" to these people than any other church. Happy Sabbath. Blessings! P.R.—CA

The following email was sent to us. We would like to use this email as an open forum response. After you have read the email please send us your response to the question in a brief and clear manner. You are welcome to email us at:

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We will print your responses to this question in an upcoming newsletter for the benefit of all of our readers. Not only will the readers benefit but those of you who respond will be better prepared for this type of question if it should arise again. We look forward to your replies! Here is the question:

Hello Friend,

I hope this email finds you healthy and well. I just had a quick question for you. It may be very obvious but I haven't seen it yet. When referring to the daily of Daniel, William Miller says that it was only found in the book of Daniel and I understand that to mean that it was used as a noun unlike the rest of the places where it's found in the Bible. My question is this, what determines that it is a noun vs. an adjective? I understand that sacrifice is supplied...is that being removed from view then what is to help us see that it is a noun? Your help would be appreciated. God bless and keep you and yours.

Anonymous—

Africa Ministry

A close friend is requesting our continued support for his ministry in Africa. He works as a pastor and teaches the present truth message as shared by *Future for America*. Due to his position and out of concern for his family we are not including his name or exact region where he is located. There is a great need for financial support of this ministry.

The country he resides in has little infrastructure and is reliant on international trade, finances, and technology. This means that basic resources we take for granted are hard to come by. We ask for your support in giving the final warning message to Africa. Any donations the Lord impresses you to give should be marked Africa Ministry and sent to *Future for America*.

As we reside in the glorious land of America, let us use these fleeting days of abundance to sound the trumpets in Africa. We are richly blessed with food, water, healthcare, and education. These brothers and sisters in Africa do not have the many opportunities we have enjoyed our whole life. Please, help this ministry, as they have requested our support during their time of need.

Grace, from London, shared her booklet with us. It is dealing with the seven thunders, the repeats of the Millerite history, the closed door, and the history we are living in today. We are blessed to have been able to turn her booklet into an article to share with you in this newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the reading of this material and gain a blessing.

The Seven Thunders

Past History Will Be Repeated

The aim of this article is to investigate the events that transpired from 1798 to 1844 and show through scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy that the events that took place during this time period will be repeated. The reason we are looking at this time period is because this portion of history declares a repetition of events that will take place at the end of the world. In order to understand where we are in history, and what the Lord is doing for us at this moment in time, it is essential and of the most solemn importance that we understand our history. Ellen White tells us, "we have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teachings in our past history." Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, 196. The wise man Solomon tells us that there is "nothing new under the sun." The Spirit of the Lord testifying through the prophet Isaiah says: "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first and I am the last: and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them." Isaiah 44:6-7.

"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me." Isaiah 45:21.

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Isaiah 46:9, 10.

Read and understand these three quotations carefully. One of the arguments the Bible uses to identify that Christ is the true and only God is His ability to portray the events at the end of the world with the history of the beginning of the world. And just as Christ is able to place the end of the world with the beginning of the world, this article will show how Christ is now portraying the end of Adventism with the beginning of Adventism.

Locating the Three Angels Messages

1798 is the year that paved the way for the entrance of the first angel's message. This was the year a portion of the book of Daniel was opened. This portion relates to the 2300day prophecy as this was the vision that Daniel did not understand. "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days: then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, (mareh) and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man." Daniel 8: 15, 16. There are two different Hebrew words Daniel uses for vision: chazon, which refers to the entire vision, and mareh, which is specific for that portion of the vision just quoted. This same Hebrew word, mareh is used again in Daniel 8: 26, 27: "And the vision (mareh) of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision (chazon); for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision (mareh), but none understood it. This vision Daniel never understood because it was sealed to his understanding, it was not for his time. Again Daniel is told: "But thou O Daniel shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

A careful analysis of scripture clearly identifies the time of the end as 1798. This was the year that ended the 1260-year rule of Papal Rome, making way for a mighty reformation. We identify 1798 as the beginning of the first angel's message because of the historical pattern the Bible builds upon. If we study the story of Elijah, we find that Elijah predicts there will be no rain for 3½ years due to the national apostasy of the children of Israel. After the 3½ years had expired Elijah returned, and he called for a mighty reformation amongst the professed people of God. Sister White commenting on this history writes: "With the slaying of the prophets of Baal, the way was opened for carrying forward a mighty spiritual reformation among the ten tribes of the northern Kingdom. Elijah had set before the people their apostasy; he had called them to humble their hearts and turn to the Lord." Prophets and Kings, 155.

It is the first angel's message that calls for a reformation requiring the professed people of God to humble their hearts and return to God, then follow the second and third angels. Not only can the three angel's message be located after 1844 but inspiration tells us that the three angel's message can be located throughout scripture: "The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104. "God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy and their work is not to cease." *Last Day Events*, 199.

The second angel's message is in contrast to the first, and is what automatically follows upon rejection of the first angel's message. The rejectors become Babylon. Babylon is associated with false worship and confusion. Then the third angel's message follows: it is a combination of the first and second angel's message. This will be discussed as the article continues.

In another place, the first angel's message is found just before the first coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist's ministry was to prepare the way for the Messiah with a message of reform. John is also referred to as Elijah because he came with a message of reform, not only proclaiming the coming of the Messiah, but also dress and health reform. Matthew 3:4.

"The prophet Malachi declares: 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.' Here the prophet describes the character of the work. Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent. The great subject of reform is to be agitated, and the public mind is to be stirred. Temperance in all things is to be connected with the message, to turn the people of God from their idolatry, their gluttony, and their extravagance in dress and other things." Testimonies for the Church, volume 3, 62.

The second angel's message automatically followed for those who rejected John's testimony. When the first message of reform is rejected; one will not be benefited by the second message. Sister White tells us in the following passage:

"I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah. Satan led on those who

rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place." Early Writings, 259.

Note that in Revelation 14:8, one of the characteristics of the second angels message is that "she makes all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." This fornication relates to the amalgamation of church and state. "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." Revelation 17:2. This was fulfilled when the church united with the state to crucify Jesus. It will be again fulfilled in our day when the church unites with the state to enforce the Sunday law.

So it is established, Elijah returns after the 3½ years to bring a reform among the children of Israel. So it is that after the 3½ times (1260 years) of Papal rule, Elijah returns in the personage of the saints to call for a reform among the professed

people of God—As in the days of ancient Israel under the rule of Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah returned after the 3½ years of drought, when God had said there would be no rain. So in the spiritual, Elijah returns at the end of the 3½ prophetic years of spiritual drought under the rule of Jezebel (the papacy). See Revelation 2:20.

William Miller, the messenger of the first angel's message, began to preach in 1831. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sack-cloth...these have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the day of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will." Revelation 11: 3, 6. (Here John is identifying the spiritual application with the literal by bringing the testimony of Elijah into view.)

When the book was open after 1798, three powers are identified: atheistic France (king of the south) gives the papacy (king of the north) a deadly wound and we have a new beast (kingdom) rising which is America. Bear these three powers in mind as they were again brought to view later in history.

The first angel's message was empowered in 1840. It was at this point that Josiah Litch, using the year-day principle, predicted the exact date when the Ottoman Empire would fall. And it was from this point that the message went to the world. This event is signified in Revelation 10 when the angel stands with one foot on the land and the other on the sea, signifying the worldwide extent of the proclamation of the message. "The angel's position with one foot on the sea, the other on the land signifies the wide extent of the proclamation of the message. It will cross the broad waters and be proclaimed in other countries, even to all the world." Manuscript Releases, volume 1, 100.

Sister White also tells us, "The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel." *The Great Controversy*, 611. We can see that a great religious awakening took place among those who proclaimed this message. *Early Writings*, 232.

The second angel's message was a call out of Babylon. Babylon is fallen because it rejects the first angel's message. "As the churches refused to receive the first angel's message, they rejected the light from heaven and fell from the favor of God. They trusted to their own strength, and by opposing the first message placed themselves where they could not see the light of the second angel's message. But the beloved of God, who were oppressed, accepted the message, 'Babylon is fallen,' and left the churches." *Early Writings*, 237.

The second angel's message arrived in 1842 when the organized churches closed their doors to William Miller. "In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures in Portland. I felt it a great privilege to attend these lectures, for I had fallen under discouragements and did not feel prepared to meet my Saviour. This second course created much more excitement in the city than the first. With few exceptions the different denominations closed the doors of their churches against Mr. Miller." *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 1, 21.

The second angel's message closed when the third angel's message arrived on October 22, 1844. "Near the close of the second angel's message, I saw a great light from heaven shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!'" *Early Writings*, 238.

At this point the door closed in the parable of the ten virgins, and the door into the holy place closed in the message. The historical fulfillment of the first and second angel's messages can clearly be aligned with the parable of the ten virgins as a prophetic line in the history of 1840—1844. Here we have two classes of people being developed. We have those who follow Christ through faith into the most holy place, and those who reject the testimony of the first and second angel's messages and become Babylon or the synagogue of Satan, as described in Revelation 3:7-9. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

As the door shut in the holy place, simultaneously the door opened into the most holy place. "I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and

pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them." *Selected Messages*, book 1, 63.

Line upon line, precept upon precept must the word of God be studied. The first and second angel's messages are directly and specifically connected to the parable of the ten virgins. These passages cannot be separated. All the truths connected with the parable, and the truths connected with the three angels of Revelation 14, and the message to the church of Philadelphia are to be combined in order to establish the clearest understanding of the history represented. As the parable of the ten virgins illustrates the Millerite movement and was fulfilled in that time period, we are also informed that the parable of the ten virgins will illustrate the experience of the Adventist people. "I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel's message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time." The Review and Herald, August 19, 1890.

Notice that it was in 1842 that the churches experienced a moral fall. Not yet can it be said that the fall of Babylon has been completely accomplished. "Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished, throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future." *The Great Controversy*, 389.

"The coming of Christ, as announced by the first angel's message, was understood to be represented by the coming of the bridegroom. The widespread reformation under the proclamation of his soon coming, answered to the going forth of the virgins. In this parable, as in that of Matthew 24, two classes are represented. All had taken their lamps, the Bible, and by its light had gone forth to meet the Bridegroom. But while 'they that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them,' 'the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.' The latter class had received the grace of God, the regenerating, enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, which renders his Word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. In the fear of God they had studied the Scriptures to learn the truth, and had earnestly sought for purity of heart and life. These had a personal experience, a faith in God and in his Word, which could not be overthrown by disappointment and delay." The Great Controversy, 393.

Retracing the 7 Thunders

"The Lion hath roared; who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" Amos 3:8

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." Revelation 10:1-4

The seven thunders uttered by the mighty angel in Revelation 10:4 is another line of prophetic truth that portrays the identical history that took place between 1798 and 1844. "The special light given to John which

was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that time should be no longer." *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

If the seven thunders represent the historical events that took place during the first and second angels' messages, then from what we have already studied, they represent the Millerite time period as the Millerites lived and unknowingly proclaimed these messages. Not only do the seven thunders represent the delineation of events that transpired under the first and second angel's messages; inspiration informs us that the seven thunders also represent future events that will be disclosed in their order. "After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: 'Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.' These relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order." S.D.A. Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971.

Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little is how one must study the word of God to understand the grand truths of the Bible. If the seven thunders represent the first and second angel's messages which transpired from 1798—1844 and they also represent future events that were to be disclosed soon after the time of Sister White's writing, then it could only mean that

the seven thunders represent events that will happen at a later time in history. These events will follow in the same order as the events that transpired from 1798—1844. This repetition of the history represented by the seven thunders will once again fulfill the parable of the ten virgins and will posses the identical characteristics represented by the historical arrival of the first and second angel's messages.

Revelation 10 begins at 1840 and ends at 1844. The angel then tells John, "Thou must prophesy again before many people, nations, and tongues and kings." It all gets repeated! Toward the end of the world Christ will descend again and unseal a message in the book of Daniel that will empower His people to stand in the latter days.

The seven thunders were sealed to the Millerites because the angel tells John, "Seal up those things the seven thunders uttered and write them not." But later on, in the book of Revelation we are told these seven thunders will be unsealed just before the close of probation as John is told, "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:10, 11.

Notice that the angel tells John, "Seal not the sayings of this book." The only portion of scripture sealed in the book of Revelation is the seven thunders. We know this unsealing will take place just before the close of probation, because the moment Christ proclaims, "He that is unjust let him be unjust still..." is the time when probation closes. We have an understanding from the word of God that just before the close of probation an unsealing will occur. We don't have a specific

date when this will take place as the Millerites did because the angel declared in Revelation 10:6, "Time shall be no longer," indicating that after 1844, there will be no prophecy based on time.

Sister White writes, "This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844." S.D.A. Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971. After 1844 there will not be another message based on time. The history of God's leading of His people in the past will be repeated. This final message relating to the second coming of Christ is more powerful than any time setting because it is built on the prophets. It is built on history. History will be fulfilled to the letter. The truths which led the people in 1840—1844 will be repeated!

"There is a work of sacred importance for ministers and people to do. They are to study the history of the cause and people of God. They are not to forget the past dealing of God with His people. They are to revive and recount the truths that have come to seem of little value to those who do not know by personal experience of the power and brightness that accompanied them when they were first seen and understood. In all their original freshness and power these truths are to be given to the world." *Selected Messages*, book 1, 157.

"Temptations are being brought in by men who have been long in the truth. The truths that we received in 1841, '42, '43, and '44 are now to be studied and proclaimed. The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 317.

We have already established that 1798 is the year that paved the way for the first angel's message. It is in this year that the king of the south (atheistic France) gives the king of the north (papacy) a deadly wound. Daniel 11:40. There is also another nation that same year that is rising into power: the lamb-like beast that spake as a dragon. Daniel 11:13. This is America.

"'And he had two horns like a lamb.' The lamb-like horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as 'coming up' in 1798. The Christian exiles who first fled to America sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance, and they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. The Declaration of Independence sets forth the great truth that 'all men are created equal,' and endowed with the inalienable right to 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of selfgovernment, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and down-trodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth." The Great Controversy, 441.

We have three major powers coming into play in 1798: papal Rome, atheistic France, and America. This was repeated in 1989 where we have the same three powers brought into view: the king of the north (papacy) returning and using the arms of America to overthrow the king of the south (communist Russia, an atheistic beast that rose from the bottomless pit.)

History clearly identifies the French Revolution time period as being spearheaded by the Jacobin club in France, who were aristocratic terrorists. Karl Marx also became a member of this group then under the name "league of the just," and wrote what is famously known as "The Communist Manifesto." This atheistic beast from the bottomless pit spread its poison first in Europe during the French Revolution and from there to Russia to start the Bolshevik Revolution.

"The first Russian Marxist group was formed in 1883, the very year of Marx's death, by Lenin, who was a Russian Revolutionary exiled in Switzerland. Between 1900 and 1903 Lenin called his revolutionaries the Bolsheviks, who later renamed themselves Communists, after Marx's term in *The Communist Manifesto*." *The Communist Manifesto*, 37. (Also see, *Illuminati 666* by William J. Sutton.)

Another important point to recognize is that after 1798 papal Rome is grieved. She wants her power and world dominion back, and she can only obtain it in the same way she has in the past, by uprooting three obstacles. When Rome rose to power in the form of paganism, she had to uproot three obstacles. This is described in Daniel 8:9. "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land." These three geographical areas are identified as Egypt, Assyria, and Palestine.

Assyria was conquered in 65 BC, Egypt was completely subdued in 47 BC and made a province in 30 BC. Palestine was conquered in 63 BC. Before Palestine was conquered Rome entered into an alliance with the Jews in 161 BC, called the Jewish League. There is more about this in *Daniel and Revelation* by Uriah Smith, page 258. It was after conquering these three geographical areas that pagan Rome ruled the world. Luke 2:1.

This same history was repeated in the 6th century. Papal Rome was grieved after western Rome had been broken down by the barbarian tribes and sought to return by seeking intelligence with Clovis to uproot the three horns (three kingdoms) and then she is again able to rule the world supremely. Daniel 8:24, 25.

Ellen White, commenting on this history, writes, "We have no time to lose. Troublous times are before us. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place. The prophecy in the eleventh of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Much of the history that has taken place in fulfillment of this prophecy will be repeated. In the thirtieth verse a power is spoken of that 'shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." (Daniel 11:31-36, quoted.)

"Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 394.

The pioneers and Ellen White understood that Daniel 11 was fulfilled from verse 1 through the first phase of verse 40. That brings us to 1798, the time of the end. Therefore when Sister White speaks of the complete fulfillment of Daniel 11, she is speaking of verses 40 through 45. This history

which was soon to be repeated in our time has already begun its complete fulfillment in 1989 when Rome returns and has intelligence with USA to uproot the first obstacle, the king of the south or atheistic Communism.

We can now locate the first angel's message in 1989, clearly paralleling it with 1798, which paved the way for the first angel's message. A message of reform and preparation has already been underway to prepare God's professed people to make way for the Lord's soon appearing. Many remain ignorant of these truths. Revelation 3:17 says, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

"One important point of this story is the way in which the Scriptures identify the kings of the north and south. By comparing recorded history with the testimony of Daniel 11, historians and pioneers discovered that the king of the north was the kingdom which controlled the geographical area of Babylon. They also discovered that the king of the south was the kingdom which controlled the geographical area of Egypt. This principle in Daniel 11 brings together the testimony of scripture with the record of history. This geographical key is the rule which we will apply to Daniel 11:40-45 as we begin to identify who are the kings of the north and the south. This historical truth is, no doubt, one of the clues which the Spirit of Prophecy intended to direct us to the time when this prophecy was to come to its complete fulfillment." The Time of the End, 12.

To fully understand this history of pagan and papal Rome, consider Uriah Smith's comments on Daniel 8:9 and 11:16. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that, "The grand instruction contained in *Daniel and Revelation* has been eagerly perused by many

in Australia. This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. It is God's helping hand." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 444.

"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." Colporteur Ministry, 123.

"Much ignorance of Scripture prevails, even among those that preach the Word. Well-educated, intelligent men preach at the Word, and around the Word, but they do not touch the inner meaning of the Word. They do not present truth in its genuine simplicity. These men, considering themselves authority, tell their hearers that they cannot understand either Daniel or Revelation.

"Many ministers make no effort to explain Revelation. They call it an unprofitable book to study. They regard it as a sealed book, because it contains the record of figures and symbols. But the very name that has been given it, 'Revelation,' is a denial of this supposition. Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. The teachings of this book are

definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same line of prophecy is taken up as in Daniel. Some prophecies God has repeated, thus showing that importance must be given to them. The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence." *Manuscript Releases*, volume 8, 413.

The next key event that took place in the Millerite time period was when the great Christian nations came together to decide the fate of the Ottoman Empire after Josiah Litch's successful prediction using the day for a year principle. "At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the Advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." The Great Controversy, 334.

This movement is signified in Revelation 10 when the mighty angel, who instructed John, comes down. It "was no less a personage than Jesus Christ came down setting his right foot on the sea and his left upon dry land." *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971. This event parallels the event that took place on September 11, 2001. All the Christian nations came together to decide the fate of Islam.

The church of Josiah Litch's day and age was the church of Philadelphia and awake; the church of our day is that of Laodicea, and we are asleep! As Christ came down in Revelation 10 to empower the message to prepare for His coming in 1844, so Christ has now come in Revelation 18 to empower the people for His second coming.

Christ has already allowed light to shine on this history through His word. There are two parts to the angel of Revelation 18. John

first sees the angel coming down and is lightened with his glory. The second part is when the other voice calls people out of Babylon. This call out of Babylon relates to the time when the Sunday law is fully enacted and when the third angel's message is proclaimed worldwide. These angels represent a work that the people of God are doing. If they are not proclaimed through you and me, then the people do not hear them.

"During the past fifty years of my life, I have had precious opportunities to obtain an experience. I have had an experience in the first, second, and third angels' messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth's history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages in their order." Selected Messages, book 2, 387.

"The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, uttering a solemn proclamation. Their voices are not heard by the inhabitants of earth, save through the people who carry forward the work as the messengers of God. Those who search the Scriptures understand the messages given by the angels, and take up the cry, proclaiming the warning to the world. The three messages for this time are of most solemn import, and it is of the greatest consequence to those who hear whether or not they act upon the light given." *The Review and Herald*, July 7, 1891.

As already established in the Millerite history, the second angel's message came into history in 1842 when the organized churches

closed their doors to the Millerite message. This has already begun to fulfill on an individual basis in that many within Adventism are already rejecting this increase of knowledge that has come from the books of Daniel and Revelation. By opposing this first message of reform to prepare them for the coming of the Lord, they are placing themselves where they cannot see the light of the second angel's message.

History will be repeated to the very letter. Just as the religious leaders in the time of Christ's first advent and in the time of the Millerites rejected the present truth message, which was needful for the people to stand just before their probation closed, so it will be in our time. Scripture makes it so clear that the huge majority of ministers will not comprehend this wonderful light which is to come from heaven. Just as Christ did in the past, He will raise up a humble man to proclaim this message which is needed for the people to stand and make preparations for the Lord's coming.

"Satan's attacks against the advocates of the truth will wax more bitter and determined to the very close of time. As in Christ's day the chief priests and rulers stirred up the people against Him, so today the religious leaders will excite bitterness and prejudice against the truth for this time. The people will be led to acts of violence and opposition which they would never have thought of had they not been imbued with the animosity of professed Christians against the truth." Counsels to Writers and Editors, 58.

Not only will ministers reject this message, but many within Adventism will reject it as well. "There is to be in the Seventh-day Adventist churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the

door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. 'Why,' they say, 'should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?' *Last Day Events*, 209.

He Shall Enter Into the Glorious Land

America is the glorious land because it is as ancient Palestine, a land set aside by God in which to worship Him freely and be the depositaries of His gospel. When describing ancient Israel's history the psalmist proclaims, "He rescued them from their servile state, that he might bring them to a good land—a land which in His providence He had prepared for them as a refuge from their enemies. He would bring them to Himself and encircle them in his everlasting arms; and in return for his goodness and mercy they were to exalt his name and make it glorious upon the earth." Psalm105:26, 27, 106:9.

Sister White describes the same history when she says, "In Egypt their taste had become perverted. God designed to restore their appetite to a pure, healthy state, in order that they might enjoy the simple fruits that were given to Adam and Eve in Eden. He was about to establish them in a second Eden, a goodly land, where they might enjoy the fruits and grains that He would provide for them. He purposed to remove the feverish diet upon which they had subsisted in Egypt; for He wished them to be in perfect health and soundness when they entered the goodly land to which He was leading them, so that the surrounding heathen nations might be

constrained to glorify the God of Israel, the God who had done so wonderful a work for His people. Unless the people who acknowledged Him as the God of heaven were in perfect soundness of health, His name could not be glorified." *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, volume 1, 1102.

So we see that Palestine was designed by the Lord as a fertile and prosperous land for ancient Israel to preserve among men the knowledge of God and so they can worship Him within the dictates of His law. The definition of the word *glorious* aptly describes Palestine and its purpose in the sense of prominence and beauty. So it is the same for America. Modern Israel will repeat the same histories as ancient Israel. The United States was set aside for God's people to flee from popery after the centuries persecution. It was designed by God to accomplish the same purpose as Palestine.

"The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines. Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God designed that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He designed that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges." *Maranatha*, 193.

"The United States is a land that has been under the special shield of the Omnipotent One. God has done great things for this country, but in the transgression of His law, men have been doing a work originated by the man of sin. Satan is working out his designs to involve the human family in disloyalty." *S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 975.

The United States was designed to be a modern day land of milk and honey, in order that God's people could proclaim the final warning message to the world and prepare the world for His second coming. God's people are as ancient Israel was in that they were preparing the way for the Lord's first coming. The prosperity, principles of government, and position as the melting pot for the world were designed to provide the same evangelistic advantages as were provided for ancient Israel through the glorious land of Palestine.

We know that ancient Israel failed miserably when the church united with the civil power to get Jesus crucified. So it will be in our time when the church unites with the civil power in order to enforce its dogmas and spurious Sabbath. It is when this amalgamation takes place that the second angel's message will be fulfilled perfectly.

The Shut Door

In the Millerite time period the second angel's message closed when the third angel's message arrived in October of 1844.

"Near the close of the second angel's message, I saw a great light from heaven shining upon the people of God. The rays of this light seemed bright as the sun. And I heard the voices of angels crying, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!" *Early Writings*, 238.

"As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world." *Early Writings*, 254.

It was in 1844 that the parable of the ten virgins closed. This will be fulfilled for Adventism at the Sunday law. However, there

will be some leeway for those who have not been aware that Sunday is the spurious Sabbath. This is why the angel of Revelation 18 cries "come out of her my people." Sister White tells us, "When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the Temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the Temple. So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches. The second angel's message is, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' Revelation 14:8. And in the loud cry of the third angel's message a voice is heard from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' Revelation 18:4, 5." Selected Messages, book 2, 118.

The first cleansing takes place in Adventism at the Sunday law. When Adventists choose to worship on Satan's spurious Sabbath instead of the true Sabbath of God, they receive the mark of the beast. God will make provision for those in Babylon who are unaware of the change that the papacy made to God's holy law.

"The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter." Christian Service, 56.

The door that is closed to those who would not enter is the door for the Seventhday Adventist church. It is at this point that the parable of the ten virgins, which represent Adventism, will be fulfilled to the very letter.

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17.

Judgment begins at the house of the Lord and is progressive. This is illustrated in Ezekiel and the Spirit of Prophecy: "The mark of deliverance has been set upon those 'that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done.' Now the angel of death goes forth, represented in Ezekiel's vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given: 'Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.' Says the prophet, 'They began at the ancient men which were before the house.' Ezekiel 9:1-6. The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together." The Great Controversy, 656.

"There was a shut door in Noah's day. There was at that time a withdrawal of the Spirit of God from the sinful race that perished in the waters of the Flood. God Himself gave the shut-door message to Noah: 'My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.' Genesis 6:3.

"There was a shut door in the days of Abraham. Mercy ceased to plead with the inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot, with his wife and two daughters, were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven.

"There was a shut door in Christ's day. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, 'Your house is left unto you desolate.' Matthew 23:38.

"Looking down the stream of time to the last days, the same infinite power proclaimed

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through John: 'These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.' Revelation 3:7.

"I was shown in vision, and I still believe, that there was a shut door in 1844. All who saw the light of the first and second angels' messages and rejected that light, were left in darkness. And those who accepted it and received the Holy Spirit which attended the proclamation of the message from heaven, and who afterward renounced their faith and pronounced their experience a delusion, thereby rejected the Spirit of God, and it no longer pleaded with them.

"Those who did not see the light, had not the guilt of its rejection. It was only the class who had despised the light from heaven that the Spirit of God could not reach. And this class included, as I have stated, both those who refused to accept the message when it was presented to them, and also those who, having received it, afterward renounced their faith. These might have a form of godliness, and profess to be followers of Christ; but having no living connection with God, they would be taken captive by the delusions of Satan. These two classes are brought to view in the vision those who declared the light which they had followed a delusion, and the wicked of the world who, having rejected the light, had been rejected of God. No reference is made to those who had not seen the light, and therefore were not guilty of its rejection." Selected Messages, book 1, 63.

The fact that the history of the Millerites is now begin fulfilled is demonstrating that not only are the seven thunders now unsealing, but that probation is about to close. Many of God's professed children are not ready. As we near the close of this world's history the prophecies recorded in Daniel demand our

special attention as they relate to the very time in which we are living. The Lion of the tribe of Judah is now unsealing the history represented by the seven thunders in order to acquaint His waiting saints with the message and work for our time. Many have no understanding of these truths.

"We have been looking many years for a Sunday law to be enacted in our land; and, now that the movement is right upon us, we ask: Will our people do their duty in the matter? Can we not assist in lifting the standard and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges? The time is fast approaching when those who choose to obey God rather than man will be made to feel the hand of oppression. Shall we then dishonor God by keeping silent while His holy commandments are trodden underfoot?

"While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed." *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 5, 716.

As in the days of Noah so shall it be at the time of the end. Remember that in Noah's time only eight souls were saved. As in the days of Christ's first advent, so shall it be at the time of the end. Remember that in the beginning of Christ's ministry thousands followed and after the purification process there were only 120 disciples left. As in the time of the Millerites so shall it be at the time of the end. Remember, only 50 people were left out of 50,000. Yes, so shall it be at the time of the end.

It is my prayer that you, reading this article, will not be one of the foolish virgins:

That you may be as the Berean's who received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so.

"Thus the substance of the second angel's message is again given to the world by that other angel who lightens the earth with his glory. These messages all blend in one, to come before the people in the closing days of this earth's history. All the world will be tested, and all that have been in the darkness of error in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will understand the last message of mercy that is to be given to men." *Selected Messages*, book 2, 116.

"The three angels' messages are to be combined, giving their threefold light to the world. In the Revelation, John says, 'I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.' This represents the giving of the last and threefold message of warning to the world." *Maranatha*, 173.

"I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is 'present truth' that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause." Early Writings, 63.

"The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the

third angel's message. And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today. The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advanced along the line of prophecy revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today. Those who passed over the ground step by step in the past history of our experience, seeing the chain of truth in the prophecies, were prepared to accept and obey every ray of light. They were praying, fasting, searching, digging for the truth as for hidden treasures, and the Holy Spirit, we know, was teaching and guiding us. Many theories were advanced, bearing a semblance of truth, but so mingled with misinterpreted and misapplied scriptures, that they led to dangerous errors. Very well do we know how every point of truth was established, and the seal set upon it by the Holy Spirit of God. And all the time voices were heard, 'Here is the truth,' 'I have the truth; follow me.' But the warnings came, 'Go not ye after them. I have not sent them, but they ran.' See Jeremiah 23:21." Selected Messages, book 2, 103.

"The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God's dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time." *The Great Controversy*, 343.

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"If the truth for this time, if the signs that are thickening on every hand, that testify that the end of all things is at hand, are not sufficient to arouse the sleeping energy of those who profess to know the truth, then darkness proportionate to the light which has been shining will overtake these souls. There is not the semblance of an excuse for their indifference that they will be able to present to God in the great day of final reckoning. There will be no reason to offer as to why they did not live and walk and work in the light of the sacred truth of the Word of God, and thus reveal to a sin-darkened world, through their conduct, their sympathy, and their zeal, that the power and reality of the gospel could not be controverted." *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

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