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## In Gethsemane

*The Signs of the Times, December 9, 1897*

“The heavenly universe had watched with intense interest the entire life of Christ, every step from the manger to the present awful scene. And what a scene was this for ten thousand times ten thousands of angels, of cherubim and seraphim, to look upon. They beheld the Son of God, their loved Commander, in his superhuman agony apparently dying on the field of battle to save a lost and perishing world. All heaven had listened to that prayer of Christ. His soul agony, which three times forced from his pale and quivering lips the cry, ‘O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt,’ convulsed all heaven. They saw their Lord inclosed by legions of Satanic forces, his human nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. Everywhere he may look is a horror of great darkness beyond the measurement of human minds. **And there was silence in heaven;** no harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as they watched in silent grief the Father separating his beams of light, love, and glory, from the beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive sin is in his sight.

“In the supreme crisis, when heart and soul are breaking under the load of sin, Gabriel is sent to strengthen the divine Sufferer, and brace him to tread his blood-stained path. And while the angel supports his fainting form, Christ takes the bitter cup, and consents to drink its contents. Before the suffering One comes up the wail of a lost and perishing world, and the words come from the blood-stained lips. ‘Nevertheless, if man must perish unless I drink this bitter cup, thy will, not mine, be done.’

“Prophecy had declared that the ‘mighty One,’ the holy One from Mount Paran, was to tread the winepress alone; ‘of the people there was none’ with him. His own arm brought salvation; he was ready for the sacrifice. The fearful crisis was past. That agony which none but God could endure, Christ had borne.”

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In our previous four newsletters, (with the exception of the November issue) we have been dealing with the churches and seals in the book of Revelation. We have been preparing a series of arguments that will allow us to identify what takes place when the seventh seal is opened in Revelation chapter eight.

**And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.**

**And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.**

**And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.**

**And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. Revelation 8:1–6.**

These verses are describing Christ's intercessory work in the heavenly sanctuary. We do not wish to lead you to believe that we possess a complete understanding of everything that is addressed within these verses. We understand enough of the book of Revelation to know that humanly we only recognize a small part of the inspired prophetic testimony.

**"In the Revelation are portrayed the deep things of God. The very name given to its inspired pages, 'the Revelation,' contradicts the statement that this is a sealed book. A revelation is something revealed. The Lord Himself revealed to His servant the mysteries contained in this book, and He designs that they shall be open to the study of all. **Its truths are addressed to those living in the****

**last days of this earth's history**, as well as to those living in the days of John. Some of the scenes depicted in this prophecy are in the past, some are now taking place; some bring to view the close of the great conflict between the powers of darkness and the Prince of heaven, and some reveal the triumphs and joys of the redeemed in the earth made new.

**"Let none think, because they cannot explain the meaning of every symbol in the Revelation, that it is useless for them to search this book in an effort to know the meaning of the truth it contains. The One who revealed these mysteries to John will give to the diligent searcher for truth a foretaste of heavenly things. Those whose hearts are open to the reception of truth will be enabled to understand its teachings, and will be granted the blessing promised to those who 'hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.'" *Acts of the Apostles*, 584.**

## **Silence in Heaven**

Before we deal with the opening of the seventh seal we will consider some of the truths identified in the verse. We will begin with touching upon the silence in heaven.

**And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. Revelation 8:1.**

Uriah Smith deals with a traditional discussion of this verse and qualifies his thoughts as "conjecture."

"The series of seven seals is here resumed and concluded. The sixth chapter closed with the events of the sixth seal, and the eighth commences with the opening of the seventh seal; hence the seventh chapter stands parenthetically between the sixth and seventh seals, from which it appears that the sealing work of that chapter belongs to the sixth seal.

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“Silence in Heaven. Concerning the cause of this silence, only conjecture can be offered,—a conjecture, however, which is supported by the events of the sixth seal. That seal does not bring us to the second advent, although it embraces events that transpire in close connection therewith. It introduces the fearful commotions of the elements, described as the rolling of the heavens together as a scroll, caused by the voice of God, the breaking up of the surface of the earth, and the confession on the part of the wicked that the great day of God’s wrath is come. They are doubtless in momentary expectation of seeing the King appear in, to them, unendurable glory. But the seal stops just short of that event. The personal appearing of Christ must therefore be allotted to the next seal. But when the Lord appears, he comes with all the holy angels with him. Matthew 25:31. And when all the heavenly harpers leave the courts above to come down with their divine Lord, as he descends to gather the fruit of his redeeming work, will there not be silence in heaven?”

“The length of this period of silence, if we consider it prophetic time, would be about seven days.” Uriah Smith, *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 476.

Smith’s reasoning is often coupled with Sister White’s following statement.

“We all entered the cloud together, and were **seven days ascending to the sea of glass**, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory.” *Early Writings*, 16.

The logic is that when Christ with all the angels return there is then silence in heaven while the redeemed take a week, or a half an

hour in prophetic time to ascend to the sea of glass. The problem with this revolves around the future application of prophetic time that came to a conclusion in 1844. What justification do we have to return to the year/day principle at the Second Coming of Christ? If the year/day principle is re-instated at the Second Coming, then how do we define the one thousand years of Revelation twenty?

**And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. Revelation 20:2.**

Certainly the thousand years is not three-hundred and sixty thousand years. Smith had it right when he assigns the thought on the silence in heaven to conjecture. When we move away from the necessity of identifying the half an hour as prophetic time and consider the verses as an illustration of Christ’s intercessory work, we then find a possible application for the silence. At the great events connected with salvation history such as the cross, the Day of Atonement and the Second Coming the angel’s stop and behold the sacred event in silence as they consider the scene. This was the case at the cross.

“But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour’s agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. **There was silence in heaven.** No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in **silent** grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin.” *The Desire of Ages*, 693.

There was a marked silence during the Day of Atonement.

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“On the one day of the year appointed for ministry in the most holy place, the high priest with trembling entered God’s presence, while clouds of incense veiled the glory from his sight. **Throughout the courts of the temple every sound was hushed. No priests ministered at the altars. The host of worshipers, bowed in silent awe, offered their petitions for God’s mercy.**” *The Ministry of Healing*, 437.

There is silence when considering who can stand through the great time of trouble.

“Before His presence ‘all faces are turned into paleness;’ upon the rejecters of God’s mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. ‘The heart melteth, and the knees smite together, . . . and the faces of them all gather blackness.’ Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10. The righteous cry with trembling: ‘Who shall be able to stand?’ **The angels’ song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence.** Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth.” *The Great Controversy*, 641.

As we proceed in this study we will identify that it is as the seventh seal is opening that God’s seals His people and pours His Spirit out upon them. Certainly this event is of such importance that it would be plausible to expect that once again the angels will behold that action in silence. This thought may also be conjecture, but it is a possibility that is consistent with the significance associated with the sealing of the 144,000.

In verses three through five is an illustration of Christ’s work of intercession.

**And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given**

**unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.**

## Prayer and Pentecost

The incense represents the prayers of God’s people.

“The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, and which can alone make the worship of sinful beings acceptable to God. Before the veil of the most holy place was an altar of perpetual intercession, before the holy, an altar of continual atonement. By blood and by incense God was to be approached—symbols pointing to the great Mediator, through whom sinners may approach Jehovah, and through whom alone mercy and salvation can be granted to the repentant, believing soul.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 353.

It is in answer to prayer that God works revival and reformation in individuals and within His church. The verses we are considering are identifying the sealing of the 144,000 and the latter rain, for this is the primary subject of all prophetic history. The revival of the 144,000 is brought about when God’s people begin to earnestly seek for this reality through prayer.

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14.**

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The healing of the land is synonymous with the Lord choosing and rebuilding Jerusalem. The revival of the latter rain time period during the development of the 144,000 will be accomplished through a work of prayer.

**Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. Zechariah 10:1.**

Those that ask for the latter rain in the time of the latter rain must understand that they are in the time of the latter rain in order to fulfill the meaning of this verse.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. **A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.**” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 121.

In response to the prayers of His people the censor is filled with fire and cast unto the earth. The fire represents the Holy Spirit.

“It was a sin in the ancient economy to offer a sacrifice upon the wrong altar, or to allow incense to be kindled from a strange fire. We are in danger of commingling the sacred and the common. The holy fire from God is to be used with our offerings. The true altar is Christ, and **the true fire is the Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit is to inspire, to teach, to lead, and to

guide men, and make them safe counselors. If we turn aside from God’s chosen ones, we are in danger of inquiring from strange gods, and of offering upon a strange altar.” *Ye Shall Receive Power*, 178.

**For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29.**

The fire of the Holy Spirit represents purification.

“**The live coal is symbolical of purification.** If it touches the lips, no impure word will fall from them. The live coal also symbolizes the potency of the efforts of the servants of the Lord.” *Review and Herald*, October 16, 1888.

The fire of the Holy Spirit that is poured upon God’s people in answer to their prayers accomplishes a work of revival and reformation among God’s people, but the very same fire brings judgment upon those who reject Christ’s offer of mercy. Christ’s intercessory work includes His dealings with the wicked.

“I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance, said John; ‘but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with **the Holy Ghost and with fire.**’ Matthew 3:11, R. V., margin. The prophet Isaiah had declared that the Lord would cleanse His people from their iniquities ‘by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.’ The word of the Lord to Israel was, ‘I will turn My hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin.’ Isaiah 4:4; 1:25. To sin, wherever found, ‘our God is a consuming fire.’ Hebrews 12:29. In all who submit to His power the Spirit of God will consume sin. But if men cling to sin, they become identified with it. Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy them. Jacob, after his night of wrestling with the Angel, exclaimed, ‘I have

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seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.’ Genesis 32:30.

“Jacob had been guilty of a great sin in his conduct toward Esau; but he had repented. His transgression had been forgiven, and his sin purged; therefore he could endure the revelation of God’s presence. But wherever men came before God while willfully cherishing evil, they were destroyed. At the second advent of Christ the wicked shall be consumed ‘with the Spirit of His mouth,’ and destroyed ‘with the brightness of His coming.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:8. **The light of the glory of God, which imparts life to the righteous, will slay the wicked.**” *The Desire of Ages*, 107.

**Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Romans 12:19–20.**

Verses three through five illustrate of Christ’s work of intercession during the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the time of the latter rain, for all the prophets are speaking of the end of the world, and this fact most certainly holds true of the prophet John in the book of Revelation. The opening of the seventh seal is identifying Christ’s intercessory work during the time of the latter rain. When the seventh seal is opened, the latter rain is poured out; therefore when the seventh seal is opened the 144,000 are sealed.

“Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11). ‘Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which

are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into’ (1 Peter 1:12).” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338.

In Revelation eight we see Christ accomplishing His intercessory work as He opens the seventh and final seal. The opening of the seals began in chapter six, and the introduction to the removing of the seals begins in chapter four. In chapter four and five we see the throne room scene and we believe that this scene took place during the Pentecostal inauguration that was marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in 31AD. James White develops at least part of this logic.

“QUESTION. Can you tell who the four and twenty elders are, spoken of in Revelation 4:10? I. B. H.

“ANSWER. These elders are brought to view in chapter five, in a manner which, I think, throws some light on the question as to who they are. This chapter gives a record of the events that introduced the opening of the seven seals; and the part which these elders acted in those scenes, settles some important facts concerning them. By the seven seals, the same as by the seven trumpets, is undoubtedly brought to view a series of events, transpiring in **consecutive order**, and covering **the whole gospel dispensation**. The first of these seals, according to general interpretation, was opened, and the events brought to view under it, transpired, near **the commencement of this dispensation**.

“With this fact vividly in mind, that **the opening of the first of these seals is far in the past**, let it be noticed that it is before the opening of any of the seals that these elders are seen acting a part in heaven. When the challenge was issued through heaven and earth [verse 2], Who is worthy to open

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the book and to loose the seals thereof? and while John was weeping much because no one was found worthy to open and read the book [verse 4], one of the elders said unto him, 'Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.' Again, when the Lamb had taken the book from the hand of Him that sat on the throne, previous to his opening the seals thereof, the elders break forth into a new song, saying, 'Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.' Verses 8–9. This testimony shows unmistakably that those elders were in heaven, personally acting their part **previous to the opening of any of the seals**. The expression, 'Thou wast slain,' locates the time of this song **subsequent** to the crucifixion of Christ; **it was sung therefore at some point between that event and the opening of the first seal**. The transaction which called forth this song of honor to the Lamb, was his taking the book preparatory to opening its seven seals. The events of these seals all transpire previous to the redemption of the church. The church therefore will never sing such a song as this. They will never ascribe honor to him because he is worthy to do (an expression which looks into the future) something which already had been done and finished more than eighteen centuries previous to that time. The conclusion is therefore unavoidable that these elders are not introduced here merely as representatives of other persons, representing the church, for instance, and singing the song which the redeemed will sing; but that they were literally and personally present in heaven, at the time when brought to view, that the song they sung, was called forth by their own personal feelings on that occasion, and that the facts they state were true of themselves individually and then. And what was one of the facts which they stated? It was this: 'Thou hast redeemed us to God by

thy blood.' The twenty-four elders were therefore some who had been redeemed from the earth at that time.

"Thus far the conclusions arrived at seem to be necessary and scriptural. The twenty-four elders are persons who have at some time been redeemed from the earth. Perhaps this is a sufficient answer. But there are two other queries that may arise on this subject, which can be readily answered by at least plausible conjecture. 1. Where have we any intimation that any persons have ever been redeemed from the earth; and 2. If these are twenty-four persons who have been so redeemed how can they say that they were redeemed from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation?

"In reference to the first of these queries it may be said that there is more than intimation that a number of saints have already been redeemed. It is said that at the resurrection of Christ many of the saints that slept arose and came out of their graves. Matthew 27:50–53. And when he ascended up on high we are told that he led captivity captive, or as the margin reads, a multitude of captives. To identify the twenty-four elders with a portion of this company is the most natural and probable disposition of the matter.

"In reference to the second query, these persons may have been selected from different ages since the creation of the world, those most eminent in piety and the service of God being taken from each age. In this way they could be said to be redeemed out of every kindred, people, and nation. It may be proper to add that this exposition of the twenty-four elders is an individual opinion, for which the writer holds no one responsible but himself. James White, *Review and Herald*, November 26, 1861.

James White's opinion concerning the elders is sound, but what we wish to recognize from his analysis is the logic that places the event described in chapters four and five after



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the cross and just prior to the opening of the first seal. In a previous article we identified that the pioneers correctly identified that the first four seals repeat and enlarge upon the first four churches. Therefore it is logical to mark the throne room scene as a description of the inauguration of the heavenly sanctuary at Pentecost, which came after the cross and began the history represented by the church of Ephesus. The inauguration was marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that empowered the work of the disciples during the history represented by the church of Ephesus and the white horse of the first seal. It was at the Pentecostal inauguration that Christ received His authority to open the seven seals.

“In the words of David referred to by Peter—‘The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool,’ the Father is called Lord, who said unto Christ, who is also Lord, and equal with the Father, ‘Sit thou on my right hand.’ ‘Therefore,’ said Peter, ‘let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.’

“David called the Messiah, in his divine character, Lord, although, after the flesh, he was the son of David by direct descent. David, by prophetic foresight, saw Christ enter into the heavens, and take his position at the right hand of God. The demonstration witnessed by the Jews at the Pentecost was an exhibition of the power of that very Jesus whom the priests and rulers had contemptuously rejected and crucified. According to his promise he had sent the Holy Spirit from Heaven to his followers, as a token that he had, as priest and king, received all authority in Heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over his people.” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 3, 271.

The token that all authority had been given to Christ at the Pentecostal inauguration was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All authority had been given to Christ at Pentecost, and that included the authority to open the book that was sealed with seven seals.

**And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Revelation 5:5.**

Chapter four and five take place during the Pentecostal inauguration and it is at this point that Christ unseals the Bible to His disciples. The unsealing is represented by His work in removing the seven seals and is also represented by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

“‘These things have I spoken unto you in parables,’ He said; ‘but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in parables, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.’ John 16:25, margin.

**“When on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples, they understood the truths that Christ had spoken in parables. The teachings that had been mysteries to them were made clear. The understanding that came to them with the outpouring of the Spirit made them ashamed of their fanciful theories. Their suppositions and interpretations were foolishness when compared with the knowledge of heavenly things which they now received. They were led by the Spirit, and light shone into their once darkened understanding.”** *Testimonies*, volume 8, 267.

At the Pentecostal inauguration Christ received all authority, including the authority to open the understanding of the Bible to His followers. This represented by the removing of the seven seals, but that action was

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accomplished because the prayers of His people had first ascended to the sanctuary where He could perform His work of intercession.

“After the ascension of Christ, the Holy Spirit did not immediately descend. There were ten days after His ascension before the Holy Spirit was given. This time was devoted by the disciples to most earnest preparation for receiving so precious an endowment. The rich treasures of heaven were poured out to them after they had searched their own hearts diligently and had sacrificed every idol. They were before God, humbling their souls, strengthening their faith, confessing their sins. And their hearts were in harmony with one another. ‘And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting’ (Acts 2:1, 2). The church needs a similar experience right here at the great heart of the work. Are we searching our hearts, preparing for the heavenly grace to be received? The Lord is waiting to be gracious.” *This Day With God*, 10.

The opening of the understanding of the Bible to the disciples on Pentecost was illustrated by the Lion of the tribe of Judah removing the seven seals from the sealed book, but we have previously contended that the removing of the seventh seal in chapter eight takes place not at Pentecost, but during the latter rain sealing time of the 144,000. Is this a contradiction?

Revelation four through eight is identifying Christ’s intercessory work with particular emphasis upon His work in accomplishing a revival and reformation among His people through the unsealing of His prophetic word. He accomplished this work at Pentecost and He repeats this work during the latter rain. His

intercessory work is not limited by time. He secured the right to accomplish His work of intercession at the cross and we have been informed that he was slain from the foundation of the world.

**And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8.**

Christ’s work of redemption is not restricted by time. The work He accomplished at Pentecost prefigured the work He accomplishes in the sealing of the 144,000.

“Then the glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost bounds of the inhabited world. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Believers were reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price. The prophecy was fulfilled, The weak shall be ‘as David,’ and the house of David ‘as the angel of the Lord.’ Zechariah 12:8. Every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of benevolence and love. One interest prevailed. One object swallowed up all others. All hearts beat in harmony. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ’s character, and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom. ‘The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. . . . With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all.’ Acts 4:32, 33. ‘And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.’ Acts 2:47. The Spirit of Christ animated the whole congregation; for they had found the pearl of great price.

**“These scenes are to be repeated, and with greater power.** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the former rain, but the latter rain will be more abundant. The Spirit awaits our demand and reception. Christ is again to be revealed in

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His fullness by the Holy Spirit's power. Men will discern the value of the precious pearl, and with the apostle Paul they will say, 'What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.' Philipians 3:7, 8." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 121.

The scenes of Pentecost are represented in Revelation chapters four through eight and those scenes are repeated during the latter rain. The scenes in those chapters are emphasizing how Christ unseals prophetic light unto His people in order to accomplish the work of carrying His message to the world. The illustration in those chapters identifies a progressive revelation of truth as represented by the removing of seven seals one at a time. The scenes also include the participation of God's people as they seek the Lord through prayer and in response to those prayers "fire" that is the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them. In the midst of this intercessory scene there are seven angels with seven trumpets preparing to sound.

Those trumpets are marking the work of judgment that is carried out against the system of false priest craft that exists within those histories. We will deal with this aspect of Christ's intercessory work in a future article.

## **The Sunday Law and the Close of Probation**

Dear Jeff:

I was just rereading your February 2008, newsletter on the latter rain, which I am enjoying, but certain questions keep coming to my mind. The main one is that of the Sunday law and the close of probation. Where does this doctrine come from and do we have *Spirit of*

*Prophecy* or scripture quotes to shed light on this subject? Does the Sunday law start the close for Adventism or is this the close for Adventism? What is our responsibility before, during and after the close of probation? Thanks for your time and the efforts of *Future for America*. Your brother in Christ. EC—FL

Brother EC:

By now you have probably forgot that you emailed this question, seeing as you mailed it eight months ago. I guess that tells you how far behind I am and I offer my apologies. Probation closes progressively beginning with the house of God.

It also closes in conjunction with the Sunday law test, but the Sunday law test is also progressive. It begins in the United States then every other country follows the example of the United States. Therefore it is important to identify one qualification concerning the close of probation for Seventh-day Adventists. When the Sunday law arrives in the United States, probation closes for Seventh-day Adventists in the United States. Then the test comes to the other countries of the world and probation then closes for Seventh-day Adventists living in those countries.

It is also necessary to define the Sunday law as the Sunday law that persecutes a person for keeping Sabbath and forces a person to observe Sunday. A law forbidding people to buy gasoline on Sunday is a Sunday law, but it is not the Sunday law that fulfills Revelation 13:11.

One other point to note is that the Sunday law is simply where we demonstrate the character we have developed in our previous hours of probation. The Sunday law is the crisis where we reveal what has previously been hidden. We will have developed a character

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either for the seal of God or the mark of the beast before the Sunday law crisis. The following quotations are some that establish these points.

**The test begins within Adventism:**

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.

**The test is progressive:**

“As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the Papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, **the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example.**” *Testimonies*, volume 6, 18.

“**Foreign nations will follow the example of the United States. Though she leads out**, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.” *Ibid.*, 395.

**The Sunday law:**

“A time is coming when the law of God is, **in a special sense**, to be made void in our land. The rulers of our nation will, by legislative enactments, enforce the Sunday law, and thus God’s people be brought into great peril. When our nation, in its legislative councils, shall enact laws to bind the consciences of men in regard to their religious privileges, enforcing Sunday observance, and bringing oppressive power to bear against those who keep the seventh-day Sabbath, the law of God will, to all intents and purposes, be made void in our land; and national apostasy will be followed by national ruin.” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 977.

**There is a settling into the truth before the test:**

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be

moved—**just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.** Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.” *The Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1161.

**The Sunday law is where we manifest our characters:**

“**When the law of God is being made void**, when His name is dishonored, when it is considered disloyal to the laws of the land to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, when wolves in sheep’s clothing, through blindness of mind and hardness of heart, are seeking to compel the conscience, shall we give up our loyalty to God? No, no. The wrongdoer is filled with a Satanic hatred against those who are loyal to the commandments of God, but the value of God’s law as a rule of conduct must be made **manifest**. The zeal of those who obey the Lord will be increased as the world and the church unite in making void the law. They will say with the Psalmist, ‘I love thy commandments above gold; yea above fine gold’ [Psalm 119:127]. This is what will be sure to occur when the law of God is made void by a national act. **When Sunday is exalted and sustained by law**, then the principle that actuates the people of God will be made **manifest**, as the principle of the three Hebrews was made manifest when Nebuchadnezzar commanded them to worship the golden image in the plain of Dura. We can see what our duty is when the truth is overborne by falsehood.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 71.

“As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it **manifest** that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, will, under one pretext or another, go out from us. Not having received the love of the truth, they will be

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taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith. But, on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front. In view of the common peril, strife for supremacy will cease; there will be no disputing as to who shall be accounted greatest. No one of the true believers will say: 'I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas.' The testimony of one and all will be: 'I cleave unto Christ; I rejoice in Him as my personal Saviour.'" *Testimonies*, volume 6, 400–401.

"We are now living in a most perilous time, and not one of us should be tardy in seeking a preparation for the coming of Christ. Let none follow the example of the foolish virgins, and think that it will be safe to wait until **the crisis** comes before gaining a preparation of character to stand in that time. It will be too late to seek for the righteousness of Christ when the guests are called in and examined. Now is the time to put on the righteousness of Christ,—the wedding garment that will fit you to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. In the parable, the foolish virgins are represented as begging for oil, and failing to receive it at their request. This is symbolic of those who have not prepared themselves by developing a character to stand in a time of crisis. It is as if they should go to their neighbors and say, Give me your character, or I shall be lost. Those that were wise could not impart their oil to the flickering lamps of the foolish virgins. Character is not transferable. It is not to be bought or sold; it is to be acquired. The Lord has given to every individual an opportunity to obtain a righteous character through the hours of probation; but he has not provided a way by which one human agent may impart to another the character which he has

developed by going through hard experiences, by learning lessons from the great Teacher, so that he can **manifest** patience under trial, and exercise faith so that he can remove mountains of impossibility. It is impossible to impart the fragrance of love,—to give to another gentleness, tact, and perseverance. It is impossible for one human heart to pour into another the love of God and humanity.

"But the day is coming, and it is close upon us, when every phase of character will be revealed by special temptation. Those who remain true to principle, who exercise faith to the end, will be **those who have proved true under test and trial during the previous hours of their probation**, and have formed characters after the likeness of Christ. It will be those who have cultivated close acquaintance with Christ, who, through his wisdom and grace, are partakers of the divine nature. But no human being can give to another, heart-devotion and noble qualities of mind, and supply his deficiencies with moral power. We can each do much for each other by giving to men a Christlike example, thus influencing them to go to Christ for the righteousness without which they cannot stand in the judgment. Men should prayerfully consider the important matter of character-building, and frame their characters after the divine model." *The Youth's Instructor*, January 16, 1896.

"**Character is revealed by a crisis.** When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,' the sleeping virgins roused from their slumbers, and it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares, but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. Character is revealed by circumstances. Emergencies bring out the true metal of character. Some sudden and unlooked-for calamity, bereavement, or crisis, some unexpected sickness or anguish, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will bring out the true inwardness

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of the character. It will be made **manifest** whether or not there is any real faith in the promises of the word of God. It will be made **manifest** whether or not the soul is sustained by grace, whether there is oil in the vessel with the lamp.

“Testing times come to all. How do we conduct ourselves under the test and proving of God? Do our lamps go out? or do we still keep them burning? Are we prepared for every emergency by our connection with Him who is full of grace and truth? The five wise virgins could not impart their character to the five foolish virgins. Character must be formed by us as individuals.” *Review and Herald*, October 17, 1895.

“Here the discourse was broken in upon by questions from one who had kept the Sabbath a short time, but who had recently given it up. Rising in the congregation, he said, ‘This Sabbath question has been a great trouble to me during the last year, and now I would like to ask a question: Is the observance of the Sabbath necessary to my salvation? Answer, yes or no.’ I answered promptly, This is an important question, and demands something more full than yes or no. All will be judged according to the light that has shone upon them. If they have light upon the Sabbath, they cannot be saved in rejecting that light. But none will be held accountable for light which they have never received. I then quoted the words of Christ, ‘If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin.’ It was with the greatest difficulty, however, that I made these remarks; for the questioner kept jumping to his feet, and interrupting me, and in the most excited manner and with the most violent gestures demanding that the answer be yes or no.” *Historical Sketches*, 234.

Hope this helps. Jeff

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## Two 2520's?

Hello Jeff:

I had a few questions. Do you think there could be two 2520s for Babylon since there is two for Gods people? In Daniel 4 Nebuchadnezzar was humbled (was fallen) for seven years equaling 2520 days. In Daniel 5 the writing on the wall adds up to the same 2520. Could both be relating to Babylon is fallen, is fallen in the second angel's message; one is a personal (local) application to Nebuchadnezzar and the other one is a (global) Belshazzar?

You couldn't justly put times attached to them, due to the fact that the prophetic time would end up past the "time no longer" period 1844. And I know there is not time prophecy past this point. If this is not correct then what is the relation or are they one and the same? What do you think?

Also when you were in Eatonville you mentioned to me that the papacy was always the eight. Could you repeat all the information on that? I see the eight horn in Daniel 7 but what about the others? Thanks, BH—WA

Brother BH:

I have been buried here, sorry. I think the two 2520's for Babylon are primarily providing a second witness to the two prophecies against the northern and southern kingdom of Israel. Other than Nebuchadnezzar's time period, I am not sure that we should expect to see a time element in Daniel five. The words that convey the time in chapter five were interpreted by Daniel and perhaps that is all there is. I am not sure.

Concerning the papacy being eighth, there are a few illustrations in biblical prophecy that Rome comes up eighth and is of the seven. This fact is used to identify papal Rome as the eighth head in Revelation 17:11, where it states: And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

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If we can see that Rome comes up eighth and is of the seven two or three times then the Bible has established that the eighth head in Revelation 17:11 is modern Rome. This is important for you have some voices suggesting the eighth head is Satan and other erroneous ideas.

In Daniel seven, pagan Rome divides into ten nations. Three of those nations are plucked up in order to place the papacy on the throne of the earth. Therefore papal Rome came up eighth in Daniel seven. Not only did she come up eighth, but she rose in Italy, which was one of the seven remaining nations, so she came up eighth and was of the seven.

Sister White informs us that the kingdoms of history (not prophecy) is Assyria, Egypt, Israel, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, pagan Rome and papal Rome. In history papal Rome came up eighth and came out of pagan Rome, so it was of the seven.

“The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’” *Education*, 179.

Unfortunately when the modern theologians identify the kingdoms of history they leave off Israel in direct contradiction to the Spirit of Prophecy. Go figure.

In Daniel eight the Medes and Persian are the ram with two horns, then Alexander the great represented by the goat, has one horn that is broken, and when he died and four other horns then come up. That is seven horns. The little horn of verse nine is pagan and papal Rome, and it comes up eighth and is of the seven.

In Revelation thirteen the papal beast in the first three verses has seven heads, but one of the heads is wounded. Then the deadly wound

is healed, thus identifying an eighth head. The eighth head is modern Rome and she came out of the seven heads, so she is of the seven. Hope this helps. Jeff

Jeff:

Quick question: If the first and second woe was the Ottoman's, shouldn't we expect Turkey to be the third woe too. If we are going to say the characteristics of the first and second have to match the third, then this is a pretty major just to be a “coincidence” (that first and second were both exactly the same nation). Thanks and God bless, AS—UK

Brother AS: The first woe was Islam of Arabia, and the second Islam of the Ottomans, thus the third woe is Islam worldwide. Arabian Islam and Ottoman Islam are two different cultures. Jeff

Dear Jeff:

In my study today I read Luke 11:30—For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. And also in Matthew 12:40—For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Jonah 1:17 says—Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 2:10 says—And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

I am wondering if you have done any study on that prophecy as it relates to us? I heard a preacher say he believes we will be in the time of trouble for 3 1/2 years. But when you said that the whole Bible fits into the last six verses of Daniel 11, I believe it. It is all for us in the last days. But I just wondered if you had any information on this for our day?

Our new study group begins January 6 and is expected to be every Tuesday in my home. I plan to prepare study guide materials for this

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group. Please pray for our little group here in Canada. Thanks PV—Canada

Sister PV:

“The subject of Nineveh, her lengthened probation, and the consequent grief of Jonah, was presented to me as a parallel case with our own disappointment in 1844.” *Life Sketches*, 204.

We will continue to keep you and your work in prayer. Greetings to I. Jeff

### Re-applying the 1335

Hi Jeff:

I’m sorry to keep bothering you with questions, but the only other people I know who study your material don’t seem to be answering my questions, so you are the only one. If you are very busy and know of someone else less busy who can answer questions on your material, feel free to refer me to them.

QUESTION: Does this SOP quote not seem to say that the 1335 has a future application as well as a past?

“One week ago, last Sabbath, we had a very interesting meeting. Brother Hewitt from Dead River was there. He came with a message to the effect that the destruction of the wicked and the sleep of the dead was an abomination within a shut door that a woman Jezebel, a prophetess had brought in and he believed that I was that woman, Jezebel. We told him of some of his errors in the past, that the **1335 days were ended** and numerous errors of his. It had but little effect. His darkness was felt upon the meeting and it dragged.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 208.

Thanks and God bless, AS—UK

Brother AS:

No, it does not say that there is a future application. A friend emailed me yesterday. He had just come across that quote and passed it on to me. You will see our dialogue. Note first what Sister White said concerning the 1850 Nichol’s chart:

“I saw the chart-making business was all wrong. It originated with Brother Rhodes and was followed out by Brother Case. Means has been spent in making charts and forming uncouth disgusting images to represent angels and the glorious Jesus. Such things I saw were displeasing to God. **I saw that God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols. I saw that there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible, and if this chart is designed for God’s people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359.

Dear Jeff,

As per your statement about re-applying the 1335 at the end, I stumbled across this quote. “We told him [Brother H] of some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended, and numerous [other] errors of his.” Letter 28, 1850. God Bless. RM—TN

Brother RM:

This quote is the second most used to uphold the application of the 1335 at the end of the world in a day for a day fashion. Those that do so, insist that the quote is stating that they told Brother Hewitt that he was in error for teaching that the 1335 had ended in 1843. The true reading of the quote is that they told him of many of his errors, one of which was re-applying the 1335 at the end of the world, for the 1335 had already ended in 1843. The interaction with Brother Hewitt took place at Otis Nichol’s home on the very weekend when James and Ellen White were putting their final approval upon the Nichol’s 1850 chart, just prior to its first printing. The pioneer understanding of the 1335 is upheld on the chart, so there would be no way that they would be marking the end of the 1335 in 1843 on the chart, and on the same weekend telling Brother Hewitt that he was in error for doing so. Jeff



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Dear Jeff,

That is the way I read the quote. I am speechless again. The English is plain it is telling him that he had made a mistake and in particular the 1335. Thanks for the additional explanation. God Bless. RM—TN

Hi Jeff:

Sorry to press you Jeff but a sincere question. How do Sister White's words, "some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended", translate to your interpretation, "one of [his errors] was re-applying the 1335 at the end of the world?" I can only understand EGW to be saying that it is an error to say the 1335 days have ended. AS—UK

Brother AS:

You can read it either way, but to suggest that she is saying he was teaching that the 1335 ended in the past, and that was it error for him to do so, stands in contradiction with all her statements against applying the time prophecies at the end of the world. More specifically she had just placed her seal of approval on the 1850 chart which identifies the 1335 as being fulfilled in 1843. You tell me why she and her husband would approve the printing of a chart that identified the 1335 as being fulfilled in 1843 and on the very same weekend rebuke someone for doing the same thing? It depends on what you wish to see. Jeff

Brother Jeff:

Oh I see! I'm so sorry. I just re-read the quote and it struck me that while it could be saying, "One of his errors is that the 1335 is ended," it also could be saying, "We told him that the 1335 was ended." Grammatically it can be read either way, but the latter only just struck me now. Thanks Jeff. AS—UK

Brother Jeff:

I've been studying the 28th and 29th chapters of Isaiah and a question has come to me

maybe you could explain. In chapter 28:1 we see the "scornful men" that are "overcome with wine." Now in chapter 29 I read that in Ariel (Jerusalem H740), "they are drunken, but NOT with wine; they stagger but not with strong drink." I have always understood that, and I still believe, these refer to the same people, that is—Jerusalem at the end of the world. So, why are they in Isaiah 28 drunken as a result of wine (false doctrine?) yet in 29 they are drunken but not as the result of wine but rather, it would appear, because the Lord hath poured out upon them the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed their eyes? Am I not seeing an obvious? Thanks. WS—VA

Brother WS:

I understand that Isaiah is simply clarifying what the drunkenness of the scornful men is. They are overcome with wine, or darkness. It is definitely the same people. In chapter twenty-eight Isaiah introduces the drunkards of Ephraim and in chapter twenty-nine he is being specific about what their drunkenness is. The passage does not deny itself, it is clarifying itself.

As I was looking at your question once again, I would also add that it is the false doctrine that creates the blindness and although these men choose the false doctrine over the truth, God does take responsibility for sending them delusion for their lack of loving the truth. Jeff

Brother Jeff:

Now that makes sense to me. I saw wine and almost immediately interpreted that as false doctrines yet Isaiah twenty-nine seemed to disagree. Thanks for your time, I'm trying so hard to allow God to teach me all that He can concerning these truths and I'm really covering a lot of ground fast. Thanks again friend. P.S. It was an awesome prophecy school. He did a great job! WS—VA

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Jeff:

Would you agree that the latter rain began to sprinkle for the Millerites as the increase of prophetic light in their “time of the end” began to unfold and that at the Exeter camp meeting it was poured out in greater force, possibly without measure, and that the experience which prepared the wise to enter by faith into the most holy place was accomplished as they brought “line upon line?” WS—VA

Brother WS:

Yes, with one qualification. In 1798, the time of the end there was an increase of knowledge that began and that was accomplished by the working of the Holy Spirit. But the actual outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the specific sense began on August 11, 1840 when Christ descended in Revelation ten with the book of Daniel open in His hand. Then the testing time and sprinkling began. The Midnight Cry at the Exeter camp meeting is where the Spirit was then poured out without measure. The sprinkling began in 1840, the full outpouring at the Midnight Cry. This application holds up with *The Great Controversy*, 611 which compares the Advent Movement of 1840 through 1844 with the latter rain of Revelation eighteen and Pentecost.

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. 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 work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

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## Future News 2008 Sales List

### DVDs

#### Prophecy School 2004

This series is a comprehensive prophecy study recorded during a week long prophecy school in 2004. The material is eye-opening and full of scripture, Spirit of Prophecy, and historical facts that lead down through prophecy to the end of time. The 40 hour set is an excellent source for personal enrichment or group studies.

◆ 2004 DVDs \$100

◆ Spiral Bound Notes \$23

#### Prophecy School 2006

The 2006 prophecy school was recorded then packaged as individual sets. Hear the heart-stirring messages by Jeff Pippenger and Jamal Sankey as they expound truth found in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Included in Jeff Pippenger’s presentations are Millerite history, the three dispensations, the role of Islam in Bible prophecy, and the prophetic pattern. Jamal Sankey’s studies cover many subjects encompassing the three tests, prophets of time, Daniel 11:40-45, and the scattering and gathering. The format of these presentations allow for a thorough understanding of prophecy whether purchased singly or as a group. Reference CDs are included with both series.

◆ Jeff Pippenger 2006 DVDs \$60

◆ Jamal Sankey 2006 DVDs \$40

#### Prophecy School 2007

“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,

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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.

The 2007 Prophecy School is an excellent addition to the materials we record and produce dealing with prophecy and its connection to end times. This school featured Pastor Norberto Restrepo, Jamal Sankey, Manjit Biant, Russell Williams, Norberto Restrepo Jr., and Wesley Smith. Each speaker spoke using his own material yet the prophecy came through to the listener as a unified whole. The speakers, although they had not coordinated their messages in advance, shared truths that agreed and complimented each other perfectly while allowing for a variety of voices and presentation styles. In particular the early morning worship hour was a powerful manifestation of God’s saving message for His end time people. Pastor Norberto Restrepo opened the word of God each morning with such eloquence and conviction that many lives were renewed in Christ. You will find this series a valuable part of your studies as line upon line of prophecy is laid out for you to review and test. The 2007 Prophecy School is available as a complete series with 21 DVDs.

◆ **2007 DVDs \$100**

### **Prophecy School 2008**

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“But near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest ‘in the time of the latter rain.’ In response, ‘the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.’ ‘He will cause to come down . . . the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain,’ Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:23.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 55.

The most recent prophecy school is one you will not want to miss. Each of the four speakers arrived well prepared and with a message for God’s end time people. Duane Dewey spoke each morning about the forerunners of Adventism and the role of Millerite

history in our day. Randy Moeller shared messages on the 2520 prophecy found on the Millerite charts and Islam as seen through the Bible. Manuel Carrasco thoroughly covered Daniel 11:40-45 so that anyone can watch and understand the message contained in those 6 verses and then be prepared to share the message with others. Jeff Pippenger taught line upon line the compelling messages that lead to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah opening the seven seals. These messages deserve consideration and thought as the close of earth’s harvest is near. Each speaker is packaged individually or you can purchase the complete set. Notes are conveniently included on a CD for you to view or print. Duane Dewey’s presentations do not contain a CD with notes.

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- ◆ **Duane Dewey 2008 DVDs \$30**
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### **Eatonville~Jeff Pippenger**

The meetings held in Eatonville include subjects on the seven thunders, the 2300 days, Islam represented as the 3 woes, and early Adventist history. Each subject is studied in relation to the time of the end. The DVDs contain 2 studies with a total of 5 DVDs. That means that in only 10 studies you can gain an understanding of end time events like never before. We received an excellent response to these studies. Many people were excited about the material presented and asked for additional copies to be sent to family and friends. We know you will feel the same after studying and listening to the message from Eatonville.

◆ **Eatonville DVDs \$40**

### **Colton~Jeff Pippenger**

These meetings cover the same topics as presented in the Eatonville series. We offer these DVDs at a reduced rate due to the poor quality of filming. Although the filming was not professional quality the message is easy to hear and understand. Don’t pass these 14 DVDs up at this price.

◆ **Colton DVDs \$15**

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### **White Salmon~Jeff Pippenger**

“As we near the close of this world’s history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many, so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days, and He says, ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.’ Revelation 1:3.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 133.

The Washington meetings held at White Salmon are great material for first time listeners or as an overview preceding deeper study. White Salmon consists of 4 hours of studies. The rules of prophecy are reviewed and examined, fortifying the listener with means to build the foundations of truth.

◆ **White Salmon DVDs \$17**

### **Diamond Lake~Jeff Pippenger**

“From the light that God has given me, I know that His cause today is in great need of the living representative of Bible truth. The ordained ministers, alone, are not equal to the task. God is calling Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. There should be one hundred believers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is but one. Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before satanic opposition shall close up the way. Every agency must be set in operation, that present opportunities may be wisely improved.” *Medical Ministry*, 248.

These meetings held at Diamond Lake are 8 hours of current information regarding the present truth message and what we must learn to be saved. Although compact in size, these DVDs offer a thorough presentation of prophecy in an up-to-date fashion. The Diamond Lake DVD series will be a gem to add to your studies. Don’t miss this selection.

◆ **Diamond Lake DVDs \$35**

### **Boise & Blythe~Jeff Pippenger**

“In this age the Lord is sending his servants with no ordinary message, but with special truths that must come before believers of every rank and tongue. Many of our church-members have never studied fully into the more sure word of prophecy, and do not understand the facts that have made us what we are. All should bring into exercise the powers of the intellect, that they may clearly understand the different phases of present truth, and especially the subjects of prophecy which were opened to us when the message of Christ’s soon coming was first heralded.” *Review and Herald*, April 2, 1908.

The Idaho meetings are a study of the “repeats” associated with the Millerite time period. The California meetings are a study connecting the 1843 chart to present day truth. While the sets are valuable in and of themselves, they are best when viewed as a whole unit. Each DVD set has the notes included on a reference CD for ease of copying and studying.

◆ **Boise DVDs \$50**

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"There is need of a much closer study of the word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work. We may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

"The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The visions he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel, the great rivers of Shinar, are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass.

"Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given.

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“Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,’ God declares, ‘and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.’ When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival. We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.

“In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. The veil whose apparent mystery has kept many from lifting it, God’s own hand has withdrawn from these portions of His word. The very name ‘Revelation’ contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. ‘Revelation’ means that something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without. We are to enter, not with careless, irreverent thoughts, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are nearing the time when the prophecies of the book of Revelation are to be fulfilled. . . .

“We have the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the spirit of prophecy. Priceless gems are to be found in the word of God. Those who search this word should keep the mind clear. Never should they indulge perverted appetite in eating or drinking.

“If they do this, the brain will be confused; they will be unable to bear the strain of digging deep to find out the meaning of those things which relate to the closing scenes of this earth’s history.

“When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They

will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart.

“The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those ‘that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.’

### **Result of True Study**

“One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

“A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the revelation made to John on the Isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time?

“‘And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.’

“It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days.”

*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, 115.

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