

IT'S DECISION TIME!



A study of William Miller
and the Prophetic Charts of 1843, 1850 and 1863



Matt. 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and **understandeth** it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.



My people **are destroyed** for lack of knowledge: **because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee**, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6

WE MUST NEVER REJECT TRUTH!

2 Thessalonians 2:8 -12 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, by the introduction of false theories, **these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand.** They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. . . . **Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments.** Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . . {Testimonies to Ministers M 112.1}

Satan is not asleep; he is wide awake to make of no effect the sure word of prophecy. With skill and deceptive power he is working to counterwork the expressed will of God, made plain in His word. For years Satan has been gaining control of human minds through subtle sophistries that he has devised to take the place of the truth. {CCh 342.5}

The subtlety of Satan will not decrease, but the wisdom given to men through a living connection with the Source of all light and divine knowledge will be proportionate to his arts and wiles. {RH, August 4, 1910 par. 5}

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From the Leaders of the Newport WA

Seventh-day Adventist Church

(February 2012)

Why this paper?

For many months our local church has experienced conflict and division because certain teachings advocated by Jeff Pippenger and his supporters have been earnestly (and sincerely) presented to our members, and even to first-time visitors, as being part of a Latter Rain, Present Truth, Life or Death Message *from God*. We have even been told that if we don't believe these teachings *we are resisting the Holy Spirit and are in danger of losing our souls*. Honestly, such a situation demands that we take a decided position, on one side or the other. We simply can't remain neutral. To begin with, we want to affirm our belief in the latter rain (Rev. 18:1), in "present truth" (2 Pet. 1:12), and in life or death matters. But we also believe this inspired warning from Ellen White:

They must choose truth or falsehood

After nearly two hours of discussion during which it became clear that no easy resolution was possible, and because Pastor Fleck and the majority of the elders realized that The Jeff Pippenger Movement and Message was really not compatible with the mission of the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church (which seeks unity in the spreading of the Three Angel's Messages to the world), Pastor Fleck declared, "I hate doing this, but something has to happen." He then read from The Church Manual. It states that, after Matthew 18 has been carefully and prayerfully followed, these are legitimate reasons for church discipline:

9. Adhering to or taking part in a divisive or disloyal movement or organization. (see p. 59)
10. Persistent refusal to recognize properly constituted church authority or to submit to the order and discipline of the church. Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, 18th edition, revised 2010, p. 62.

Our actions in Newport

"We cannot go on like this," stated Pastor Fleck. "We cannot focus on our mission to reach our community when there is so much division."

Two options were then presented by Pastor Fleck to the group:

1. Respect the counsel of the pastor and board of elders to not promote the specific ideas listed above (Points 1-3) as testing "new light" or "Life or Death Present Truth" in our church either by word of mouth or by the passing out of material.
2. If you cannot conscientiously accept option 1, submit a letter to the pastor requesting that your name be removed from church membership.

If you refuse options 1 and 2, then the pastor and the board of elders will recommend to the church board that it recommend to the church at a duly called church business meeting that the names of those who continue to promote these teachings, be removed from church membership.

It was then suggested that a period of a week be given to each person to contemplate and pray about this extremely serious decision, which must be made.

THESE ARE THE POINTS ¹⁻³ THEY MENTION ON THIS WEBPAGE THAT CHURCH MEMBERS MUST DECIDE ON

- 1) **The pioneer view of “the daily”** (Dan. 8:12) has been promoted by Jeff Pippenger supporters as part of a Latter Rain, Present Truth, Life or Death Message from God. To clarify, we have not taken a position stating that the pioneer view is wrong, nor do we have any burden to oppose those who think they were right. Nor will we ever forbid honest belief and inquiry either way.
- 2) **The idea that probation closes early for the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the commencement of the Sunday Law** has been promoted by Jeff Pippenger supporters as part of a Latter Rain, Present Truth, Life or Death Message from God. This teaching is not clearly taught in the Bible or SOP. Yes, “judgment begins at the house of God” (1 Pet. 4:17), and yes, Daniel 11:40-45 portrays events leading to the close of probation, but
- 3) **The idea that a “2520 year prophecy” exists in Leviticus 26** has also been promoted by Jeff Pippenger supporters as part of a Latter Rain, Present Truth, Life or Death Message from God. We acknowledge that many Millerites believed the 2520 theory, that it was listed on their 1843 and 1850 “charts,” and that Ellen White stated that the Lord directed those charts. We believe this. Yet we also know that post-1844 “Adventists” who became “Seventh-day Adventists” not only laid aside some ideas as unbiblical, but also accepted new ones that in 1844 they did not hold (such as the Sabbath, the heavenly sanctuary truth, and the non-immortality of the soul).

Church stipulates what can be done in private

Because it was brought to our attention a week after the January 25 meeting that there remained some confusion about exactly what the Newport church leadership was really asking of its members and how they were to respond, **we will here clarify our request:**

Revised, Resolved

That the members of the Newport WA Seventh-day Adventist Church involved in this controversy make a choice, either to support our church's **God-ordained** mission and goal of focusing our attention on reaching our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ and The Three Angels Messages (Rev. 14:6-12; 9T 19), and to seek unity with us in such a holy endeavor (see John 17:21-23), **OR** to continue promoting The Jeff Pippenger Movement with its Latter Rain, Present Truth, Life or Death Messages (specifically, but not limited to, Points 1-3 listed above), which we honestly believe are not only divisive in nature, but are also unsupported by the Bible, by a careful study of the writings of Ellen White, and by the fundamental teachings of the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you chose the first option, then you will not promote Mr. Pippenger's material on our church premises, or privately.

Again, The Church Manual specifies these as legitimate reasons for church discipline:

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10. Persistent refusal to recognize properly constituted church authority or to submit to the order and discipline of the church. *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, 18th edition, revised 2010, p. 62.*

If you are a member of our Newport church and were at that January 25th meeting, we request that you please indicate your decision in writing, one way or the other, to the pastor no later than Wednesday, February 15th.

We love you and sincerely hope you make the decision to move forward with us!

Seeking peace and unity in Jesus,

Ron Fleck, Newport Pastor

Ron Fleck, Newport Pastor

Randy Bierwagen, Newport Head Elder

Dwain Hendrickson, Newport Elder

Charles Lawson, Newport Elder

Gilbert Navarro, Newport Elder

Steve Wohlberg, Newport Elder

**This is
coming
your way!**

Our doctrinal stand on Points 1-4 have been read and affirmed by:

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TO KEEP FROM BEING DECEIVED WE MUST HEED THE WARNINGS

The omega {of apostasy} will follow, and **will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning** God has given. {1SM 200.1}

When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. **To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test.** At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.--5T 136 (1882).

A Vision of Warning



“I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. Step by step had God brought them along, until he had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. Then I saw individuals as they approached the platform, before stepping upon it examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it.

Others commenced to find fault with the laying of the foundation of the platform. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform and examined it, then found fault with it, declaring it to be laid wrong.”

“I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform, and exhorted others who had stepped off to cease their complaints, for God was the master-builder, and they were fighting against him. They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union nearly all raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained, and left the platform, and again they with humble look stepped upon it.” 1 Spiritual Gifts 168

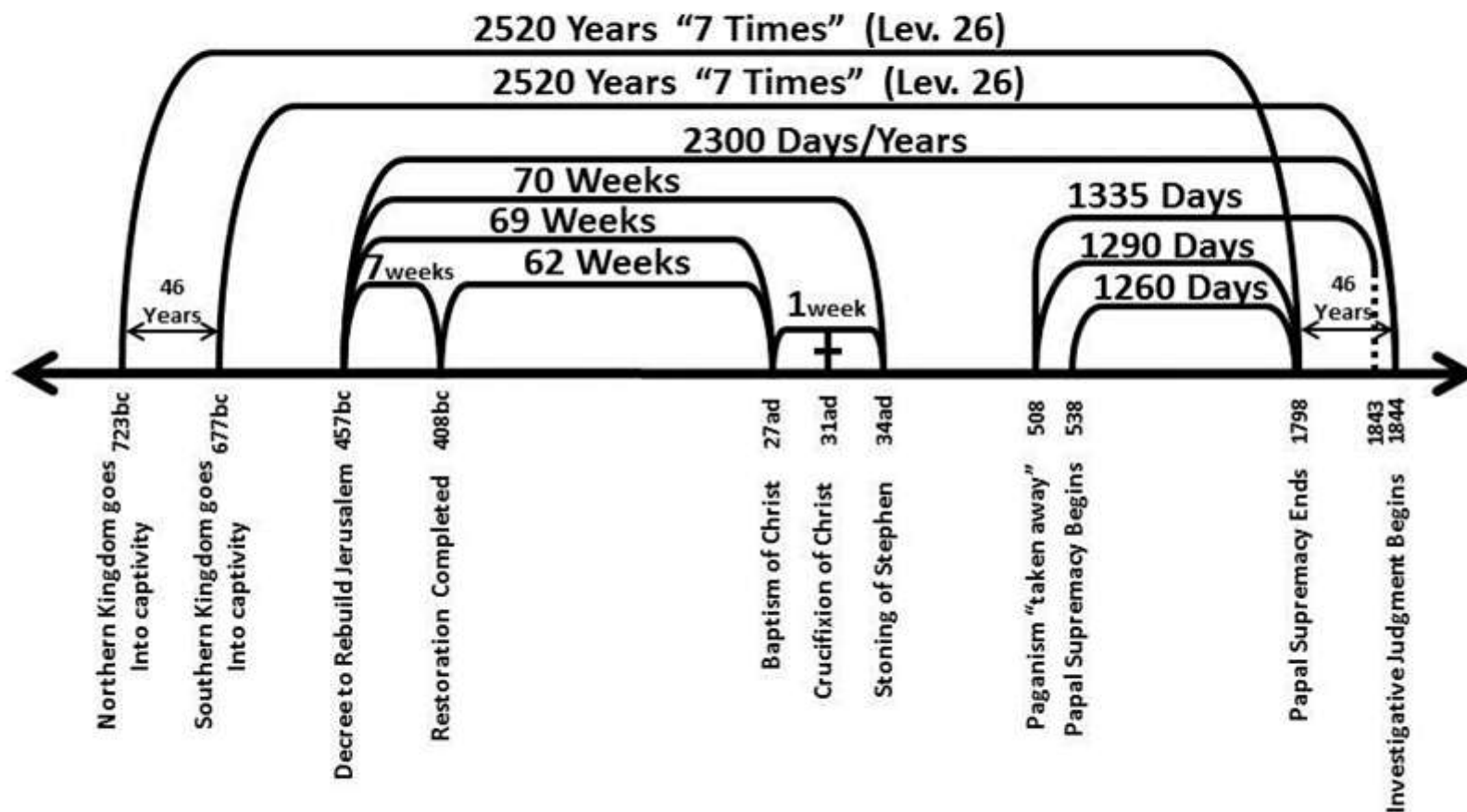


We are warned in the word of God that sleepless vigilance is the price of safety. Only in the straight path of truth and righteousness can we escape the tempter's power. But the world is ensnared. Satan's skill is exercised in devising plans and methods without number to accomplish his purposes. Dissimulation has become a fine art with him, and he **works in the guise of an angel of light**. God's eye alone discerns his schemes to contaminate the world with false and ruinous principles bearing on their face the appearance of genuine goodness. **He works to restrict religious liberty, and to bring into the religious world a species of slavery.** [SEE APPENDIX.] Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation **to bring men under the control of men**; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as day belongs to the methods of the prince of evil. **His methods are practiced even among Seventh-day Adventists, who claim to have advanced truth.** {TM 365.3}

If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become even leaders in evil practice; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God--they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconceptions of God they weaken the faith of others in the truth, and bring in false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. Anything that lowers man's conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgment, any device or precept that brings God's human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God; it separates the soul from God; for it leads away from the path of strict integrity and righteousness. {TM 366.1}

- God will not vindicate any device whereby man shall in the slightest degree rule or oppress his fellowmen.
- The only hope for fallen man is to look to Jesus and receive Him as the only Saviour. **As soon as man begins to make an iron rule for other men, as soon as he begins to harness up and drive men according to his own mind, he dishonors God and imperils his own soul and the souls of his brethren.** Sinful man can find hope and righteousness only in God, and no human being is righteous any longer than he has faith in God and maintains a vital connection with Him. A flower of the field must have its root in the soil; it must have air, dew, showers, and sunshine. It will flourish only as it receives these advantages, and all are from God. So with men. We receive from God that which ministers to the life of the soul. **We are warned not to trust in man, nor to make flesh our arm. A curse is pronounced upon all who do this.** {TM 366.2}

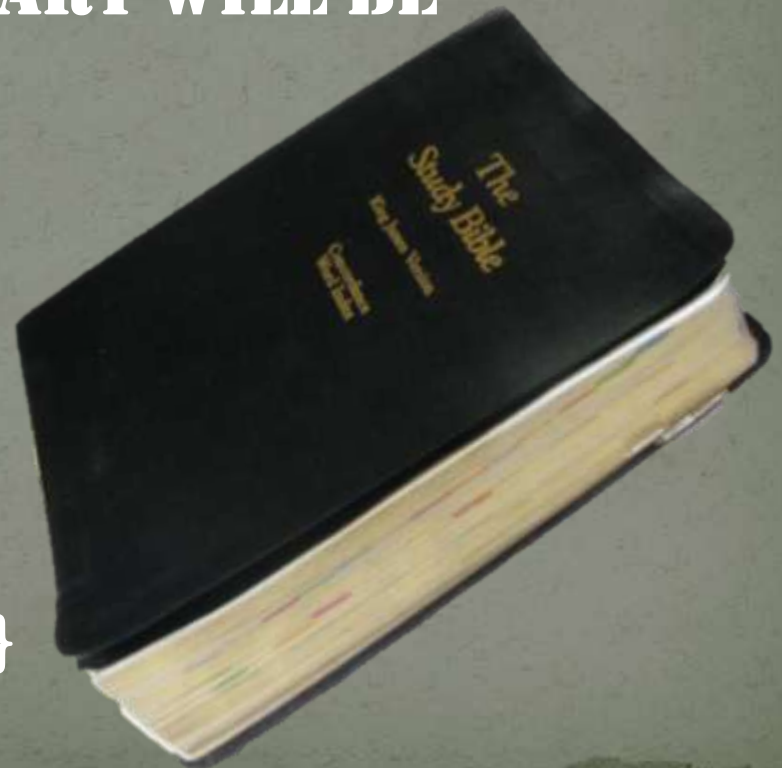
AN OVERVEIW OF PROPHECIES TO BE DISCUSSED



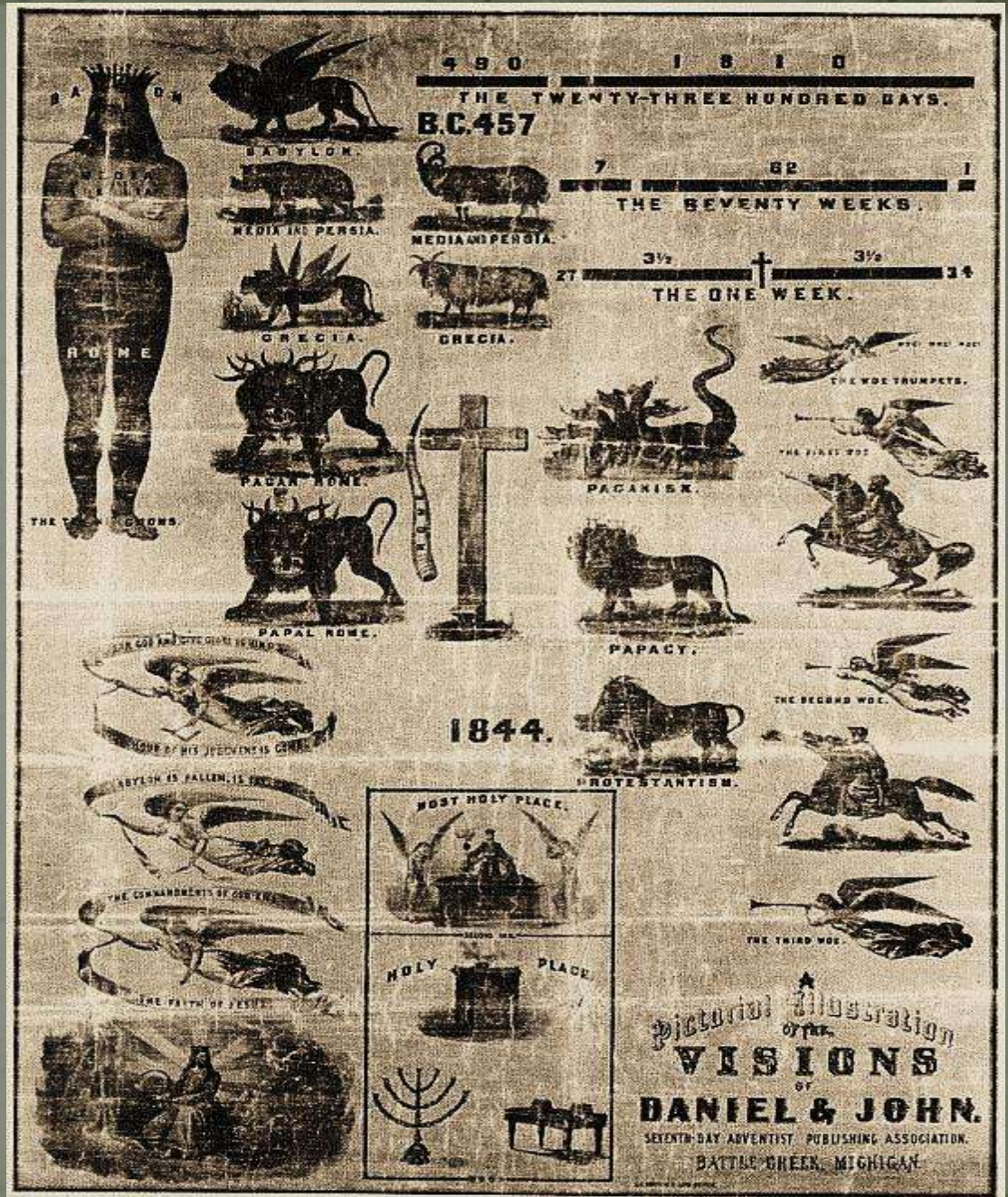
**AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHARTS FROM THE SPIRIT
OF PROPHECY AND HISTORY**

**THE BIBLE IS A CHART, SHOWING US THE
WAYMARKS OF TRUTH. THOSE WHO ARE
ACQUAINTED WITH THIS CHART WILL BE
ENABLED TO TREAD WITH
CERTAINTY IN THE PATH
OF DUTY, WHEREVER THEY
MAY BE CALLED TO GO.**

{RH, JUNE 11, 1908 PAR. 3}



1863
 Chart
 Published
 by Review
 and
 Herald
 and James
 White



1843 chart
 designed by
 Charles Fitch
 It became the
 standard
 Millerite
 chart
 Published by
 Joshua Himes
 (Miller started the
 chart plan in the
 movement)



The 2520 year prophecy is found at the top right hand corner of the chart. ↓



It is the longest time prophecy in the Bible reaching from the earliest date on the chart, 677 BC, to the latest date on the chart, 1843 AD. (1844) Comes from Leviticus 26:18,21,24,28

WE READ AGAIN

I have seen that the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed. Then I saw in relation to the "daily" (Daniel 8:12) that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the "daily"; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test.

{EW 74}



The “Daily” pertains to 508 when paganism was taken away – Daniel 8:13, Daniel 12:11



Ellen White in regards to the false idea that the daily is not paganism, but Christ ministry in the sanctuary



“Now I am to tell them [that] when **I was shown this matter**, when Elder Daniels was lifting up his voice like a trumpet in **advocating his ideas of the "Daily,"** the after results were presented. **Our people were becoming confused.** I saw the result, and then there were given me cautions that if Elder Daniels without respect to the outcome should thus be impressed and let himself believe he was under the inspiration of God, skepticism would be sown among our ranks everywhere, and we should be where Satan would carry his messages. Set unbelief and skepticism would be sown in human minds, and strange crops of evil would take the place of truth”.--Ms 67, 1910, pp. 1-8.



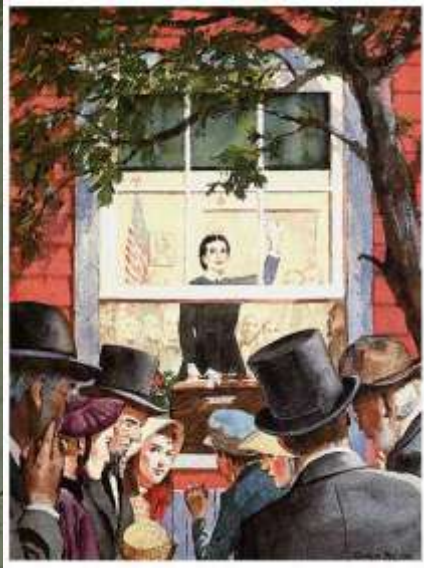
Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. **As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the prophetic chart, which was generally regarded by Adventists as a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk, "to write the vision and make it plain upon tables."** No one, however, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the prophet: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.]

{4SP 241.2}



John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into ALL truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.





Then I saw Laodiceans. They will make a mighty effort. Will they get the victory? One who has the truth will chase a thousand, and two will put ten thousand to flight. They are coming to conclusions that bring them into close quarters and they cannot tell where they be themselves, for they are lost in the foggy, terrible fear that takes hold of them. Anguish of spirit will seize them. Dare they admit that the door is shut? **The sin against the Holy Ghost was to ascribe to Satan what belongs to God, or what the Holy Ghost has done.** They said the shut door was of the devil, and now admit it is against their own lives. They shall die the death. Look ye at the Pattern. Follow Him, for He is meek and lowly in heart. Shut your eyes to everything but the present, saving truth.--Ms 11, 1850, pp. 3, 4. (Vision at Paris, Maine, December 25, 1850.) {5MR 204.3}

The 2520 on the 1850 Chart

The same calculations as are found on the 1843 chart are found at the lower right hand corner of the 1850 chart.



EXPLANATION OF THE TIME.

A prophetic year or time is 360 days denoting, years. 7 times is $7 \times 360 = 2520$ yrs.

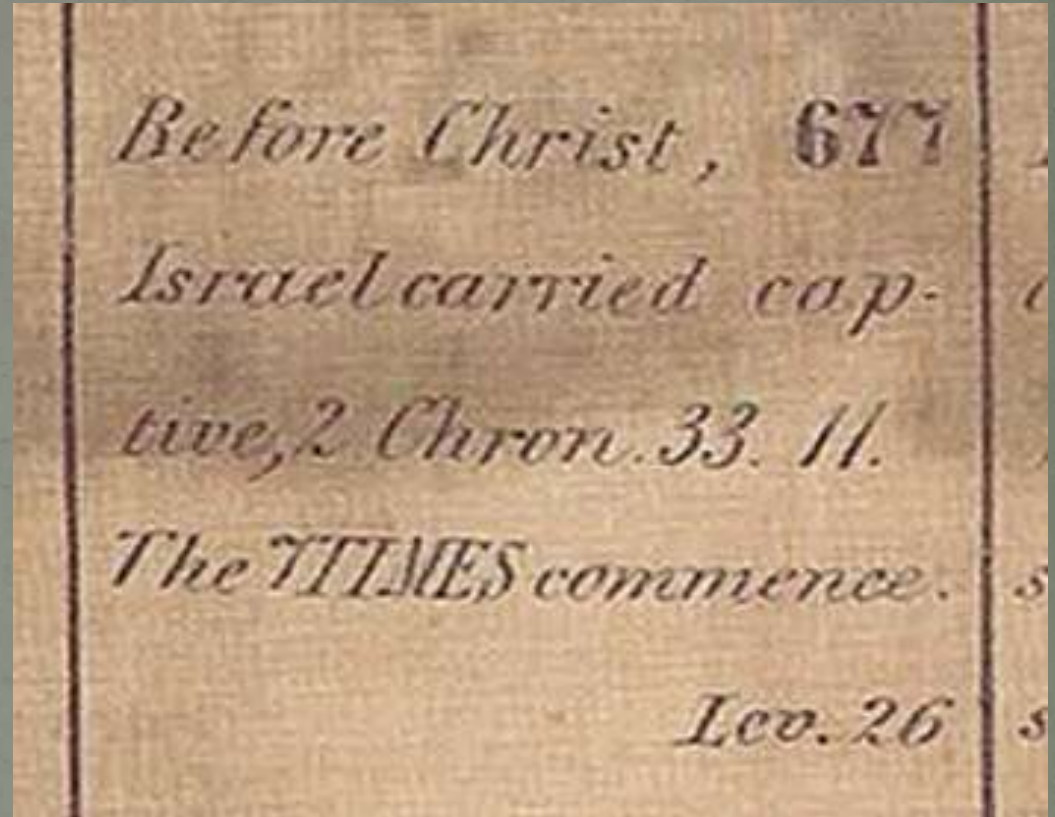
Time times and half, is $3\frac{1}{2} \times 360 = 1260$ yrs. 1 prophetic month, is 30 days, 30 years.

42 months, is $42 \times 30 = 1260$ yrs. A prophetic day, denotes 1 year, 1 hour, 15 days.

The treading down of Israel by the gentiles commenced before Christ.

677; 1843 years after Christ added to 677, make 2520 yrs, 7 times.

The 2520 on the 1850 Chart



At the very top of the central column is the same 677 BC date with Bible texts 2 Chronicles 33:11 and Leviticus 26

THE WARNING

“I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, and would give no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked upon them with approbation. I was shown three steps--one, two and three--the first, second and third angels' messages. Said the angel, Woe to him who shall move a block, or stir a pin in these messages. The true understanding of these messages is of vital importance. The destiny of souls hangs upon the manner in which they are received.” 1 Spiritual Gifts 168



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... I saw that the charts ordered by God struck the mind favorably, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven. Manuscript 1, 1853, pp. 6, 7. {13MR 359.1} }



An advertisement from the Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald

THE NEW CHART, published by Bro. Otis Nichols in 1850, has been found to be a great help in examining the **evidences of our position**, and in teaching them to others. **We esteem it a TREASURE. It is valuable**, because it beautifully illustrates the most sublime and important truths of Revelation, which are particularly applicable to the present time. {December 9, 1851 JWe, ARSH 64.25} Those who wish to obtain this Chart should address Otis Nichols, Dorchester, Mass. Price \$2. If more is received for this Chart than its actual cost, it will be used in publishing the "Review and Herald." The publisher gives \$75. {December 9, 1851 JWe, ARSH 64.26}



“Monday we returned to Dorchester where our dear Brother Nichols and family live. There in the night God gave me a very interesting vision, the most of which you will see in the paper. **God shewed me the necessity of getting out a chart.** I saw it was needed and that the truth made plain upon tables would effect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of the truth. {15MR 210.4}

Written November 1, 1850, to Brother and Sister Loveland in Johnston, Vermont. **The postscript following Ellen White's name was written by James White.]** I hope to send you some papers soon. **The chart is being executed in Boston. God is in it.** Bro.

Nichols has the charge of it. I do want to see you, but I do not see how we can leave here at present. Let me say to you all, follow the light given at Sutton. Amen. Be strong. {15MR 213} Much love to every whole-hearted soul in your little band.--

James White.”

James White later writes against the 2520, though even he doesn't declare it to be DANGEROUS!





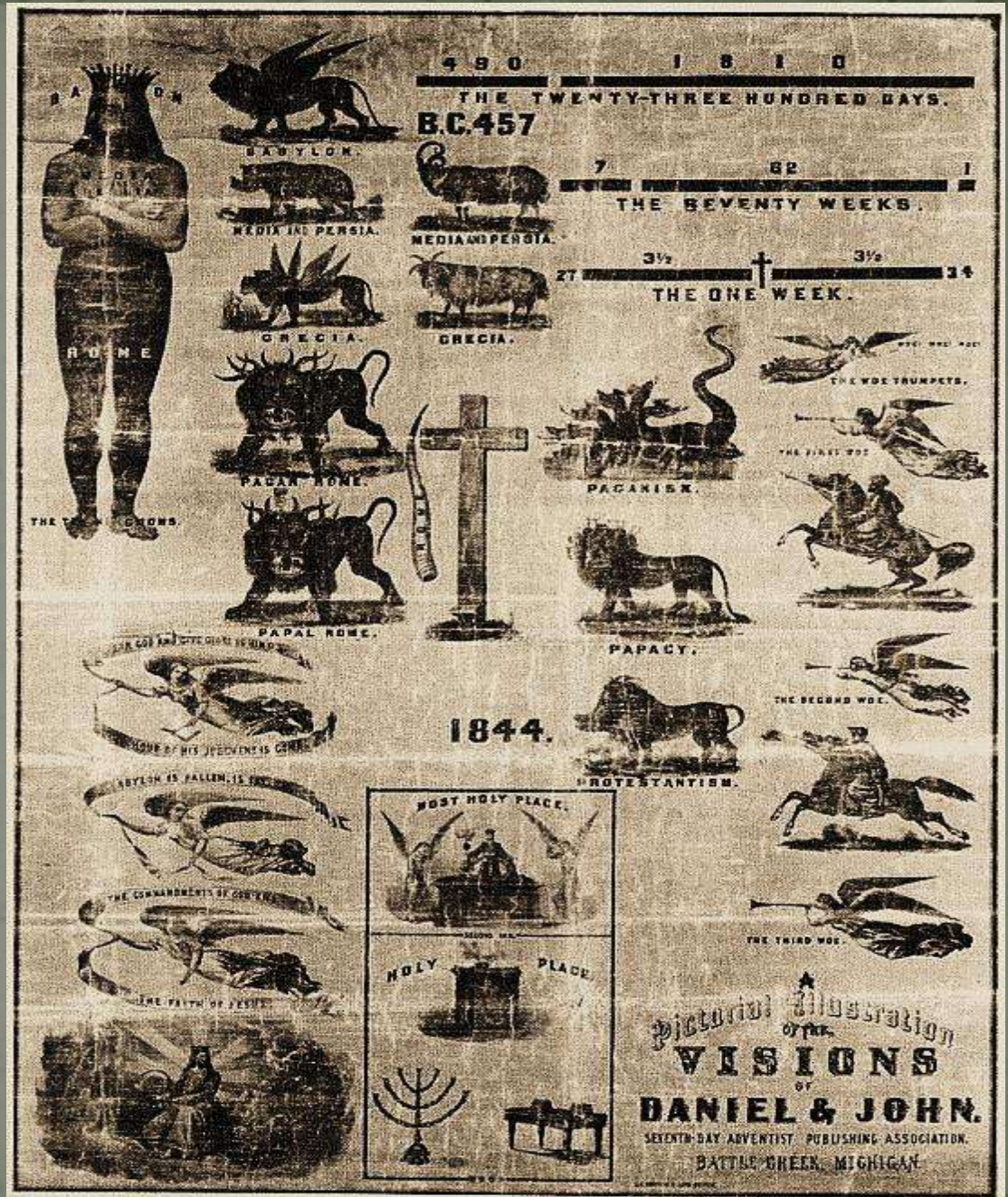
**Prov. 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king:
and meddle not with them that are given to change:**

**Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore
ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

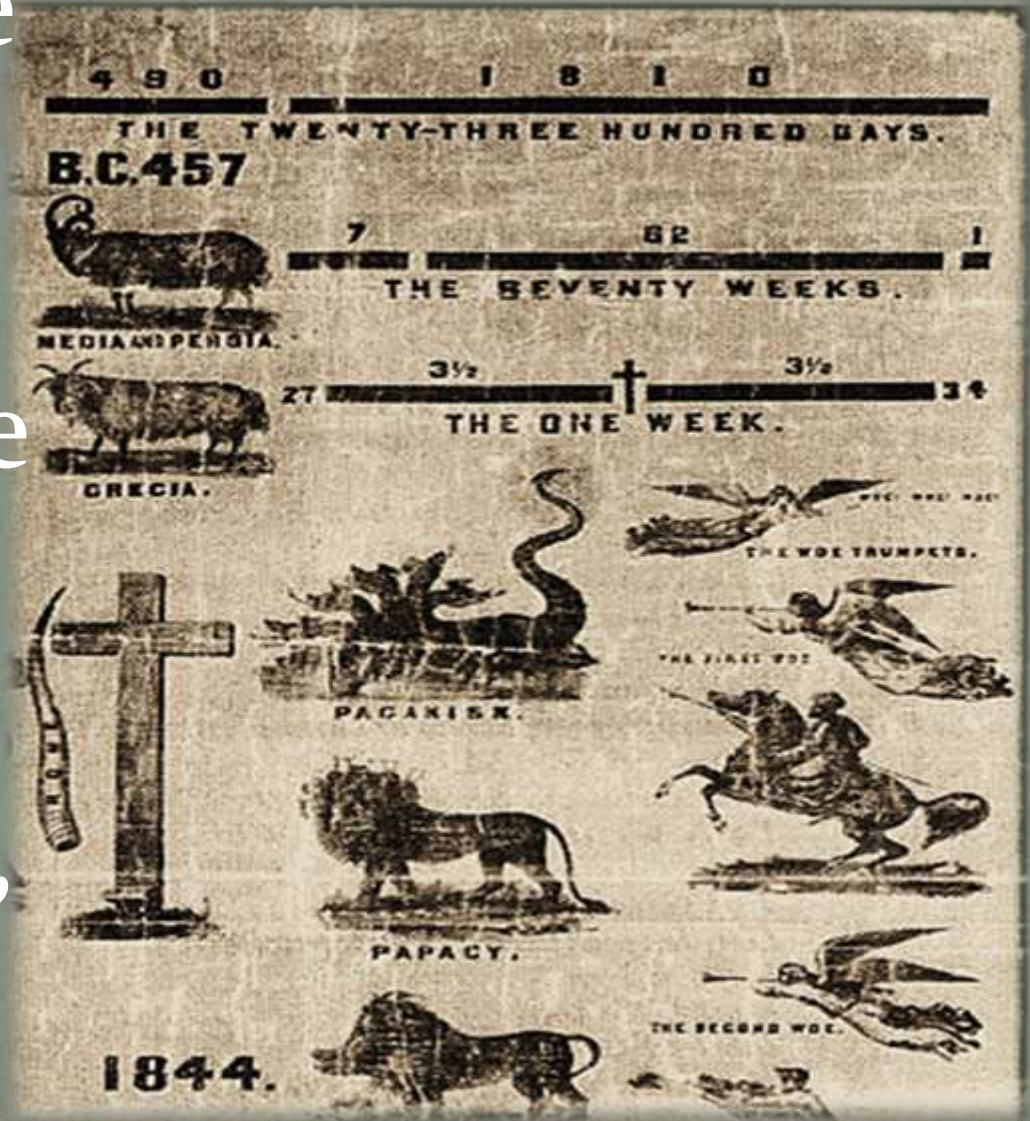
**Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie;
neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he
said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and
shall he not make it good?**

1863 Chart

Published
by Review
and
Herald
and James
White



Almost all the
dates and
time
prophecies are
gone
Including
2520, the 1335,
the 1260, the
1290



Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald Advertisement



THE charts are both in the hands of the artist, and the work on them is progressing as fast as possible. We shall probably have some of them ready by the middle of October.

The prophetic chart will be much improved in arrangement from the one in use. The sanctuary and angels will be larger and bolder, so that all the figures upon the chart can be seen equally plain. From what we have already seen of the work, we judge that it will be a beautifully executed thing. The price of this chart, with a key or book of explanations, will be \$2.

[The key was written by Uriah Smith]

The Law-of-God chart will be the same size of the prophetic chart, beautifully executed, with the tables of the testimony on the left hand of the short commandments, and the ark of the testimony on the right. The price of this chart will be \$1,50. These will be becoming ornaments to the best room of any believing family, and will serve as a happy INTRODUCTION to the subject of present truth to those who call on them. {October 6, 1863 JWe, ARSH 152}



We shall not hold our peace upon this subject...Send in your orders... **we will send you** a package of books containing four volumes of Spiritual Gifts, How to Live, Appeal to Youth, Appeal to Mothers, Sabbath Readings, **and the two large charts, with Key of Explanation.** 1T 689 (1868)



????You can hang up the charts,???? and show them the truth, as it is there illustrated. You can teach them, if you have a mind thus to do, by explaining prophetic history, and tracing down prophecies, that the end of all things is at hand. You can impress them with the sacredness of the law of God, and show them its claims upon them. {RH, March 29, 1870 par. 14

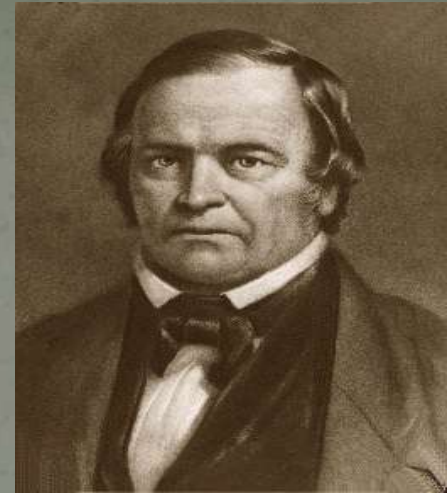


William Miller

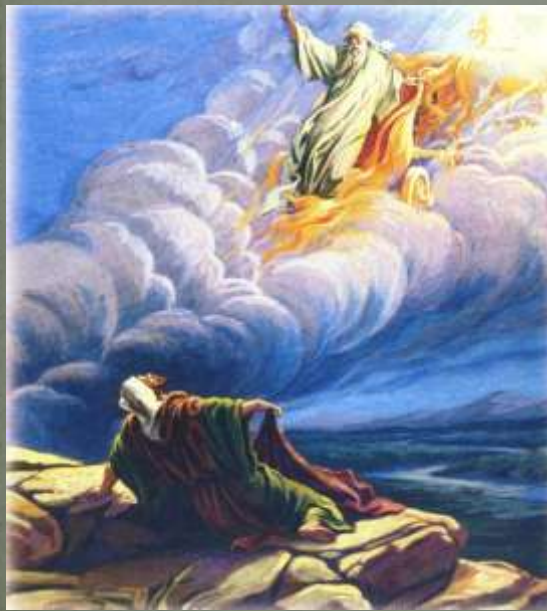




William Miller



“I saw that **God sent his angel** to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, and led him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, and **guided his mind**, and opened his understanding to prophecies which had ever been dark to God’s people.”



As Elisha was called from following his oxen in the field, to receive the mantle of consecration to the prophetic office, so was William Miller called to leave his plow, and open to the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God. With trembling he entered upon his work, leading his hearers down, step by step, through the prophetic periods to the second appearing of Christ. With every effort he gained strength and courage as he saw the widespread interest excited by his words. {GC88 331.1}

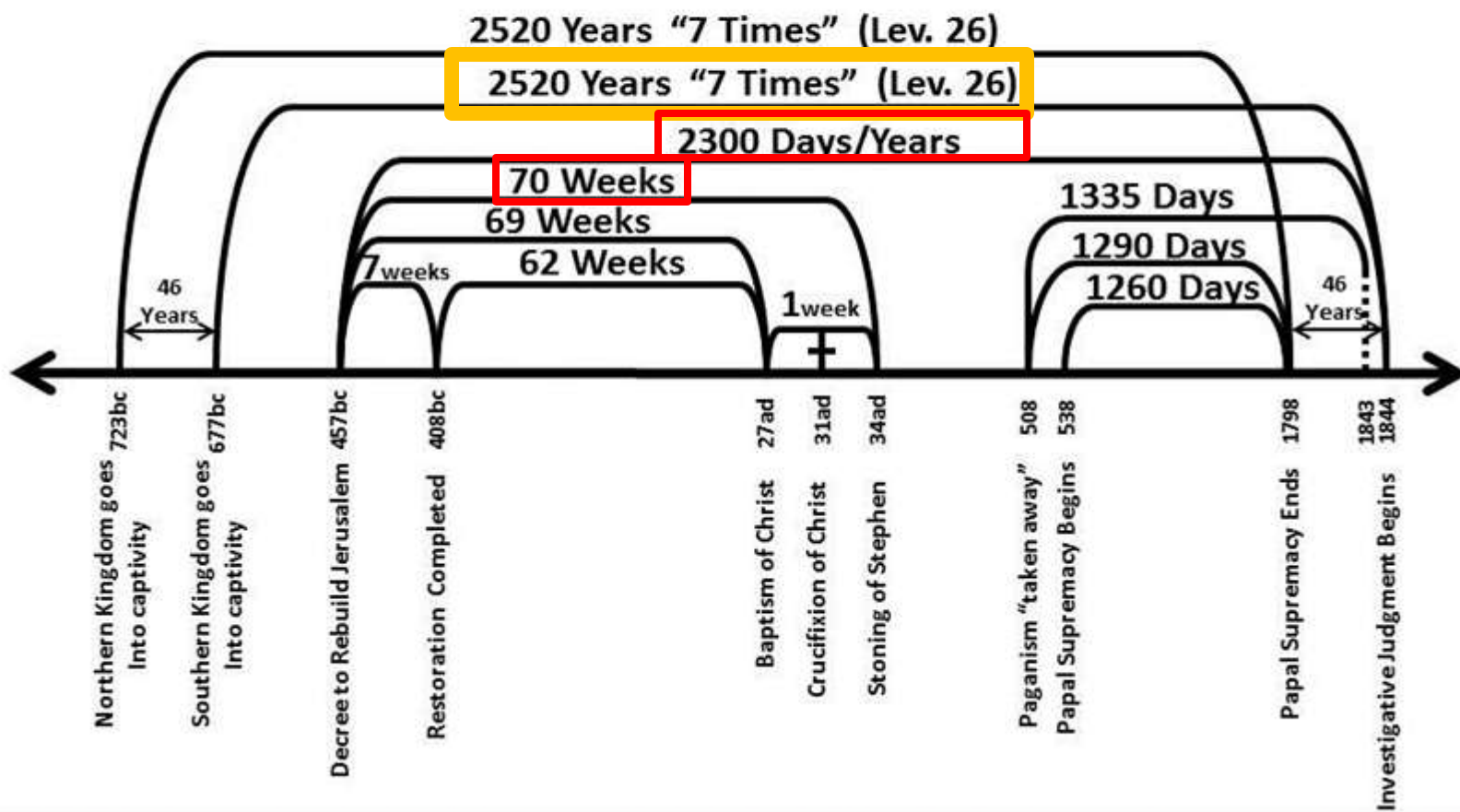
Some have even suggested that William Miller is the gathering prophet for the 2300 day prophecy. Ed Reid in his book Even at the Door states

“When I first began to look at these great epochs of time , I felt that Ellen White must be the present truth prophet for the 2300 days. However, God did not use Ellen White as a prophet until after the great Disappointment. She was actually a convert to Adventism through the work of another—William Miller. In fact, Ellen White herself says that Miller was the one who brought the present truth application of the 2300 days.” pg. 104

The experience of the disciples who preached the "gospel of the kingdom" at the first advent of Christ, had its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of His second advent. As the disciples went out preaching, "The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand," so Miller and his associates proclaimed that the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible was about to expire, that the judgment was at hand, and the everlasting kingdom was to be ushered in. The preaching of the disciples in regard to time was based on the seventy weeks of Daniel 9. **The message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14**, of which the seventy weeks form a part. The preaching of each was based upon the fulfillment of a different portion of the same great prophetic period. {GC 351.1}



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Two prophecies (plural) end in 1844 the 2300 and the 2520



To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the warning in America. This country became the center of the great Advent movement. It was here that the prophecy of the first angel's message had its most direct fulfillment. The writings of Miller and his associates were carried to distant lands. Wherever missionaries had penetrated in all the world, were sent the glad tidings of Christ's speedy return. Far and wide spread the message of the everlasting gospel, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come." **The testimony of the PROPHECIES which seemed to point to the coming of Christ in the spring of 1844 took deep hold of the minds of the people.** {GC88 368}



“The commencement of the chain of truth was given him, and he was led on to search for link after link, until he looked with wonder and admiration upon the word of God. He saw there a perfect chain of truth. That Word which he had regarded as uninspired, now opened before his vision with beauty and glory....”



“He gained strength with every effort. He carried the people down through the prophecies to the second advent of Christ. **As John the Baptist heralded the first advent of Jesus, and prepared the way for his coming, so also, Wm. Miller and those who joined him, proclaimed the second advent of the Son of God.** “

Ellen G. White: *Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 1. 128



MILLER COMPARED TO NOAH



As God sent his servant to warn the world of the coming flood, so he sent chosen messengers to make known the nearness of the day of final judgment. But as Noah's contemporaries laughed to scorn the predictions of the solitary preacher of righteousness, so did many in Miller's day treat his words of warning. In their labors for the Protestant churches, Wm. Miller and his companions encountered a spirit of hatred and opposition little less bitter than that which Luther experienced from Rome. {4SP 210}



An upright, honest-hearted farmer, who had been led to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures, yet who sincerely desired to know the truth, was **the man specially chosen of God** to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming..
{GC88 317.2}

But angels watch the precious dust of this servant of God, and **he will come forth at the sound of the last trump.** {EW 258.2}



The 1335 which ends in 1843 states:

Daniel 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.



Charles Fitch



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



Charles Fitch

“While I was praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell upon me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for **the Advent people** in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, "Look again, and look a little higher." At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world . On this path the Advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. **They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry.** This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble...



“Others rashly denied the **light behind them** and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, **and they stumbled** and lost sight of the mark and of Jesus, **and fell off the path** down into the dark and wicked world below.”



Ellen G. White *Early Writings P. 14, 15*

Question: By undermining William Miller and the 1843 and 1850 charts, are we not only making fun of a man “chosen of God” who like Elisha was called to the “prophetic office”, but also rejecting not only the 2520 prophecy, but the 2300 days, the 1335 and also the authority of the Spirit of Prophecy? Are we denying the light behind us?

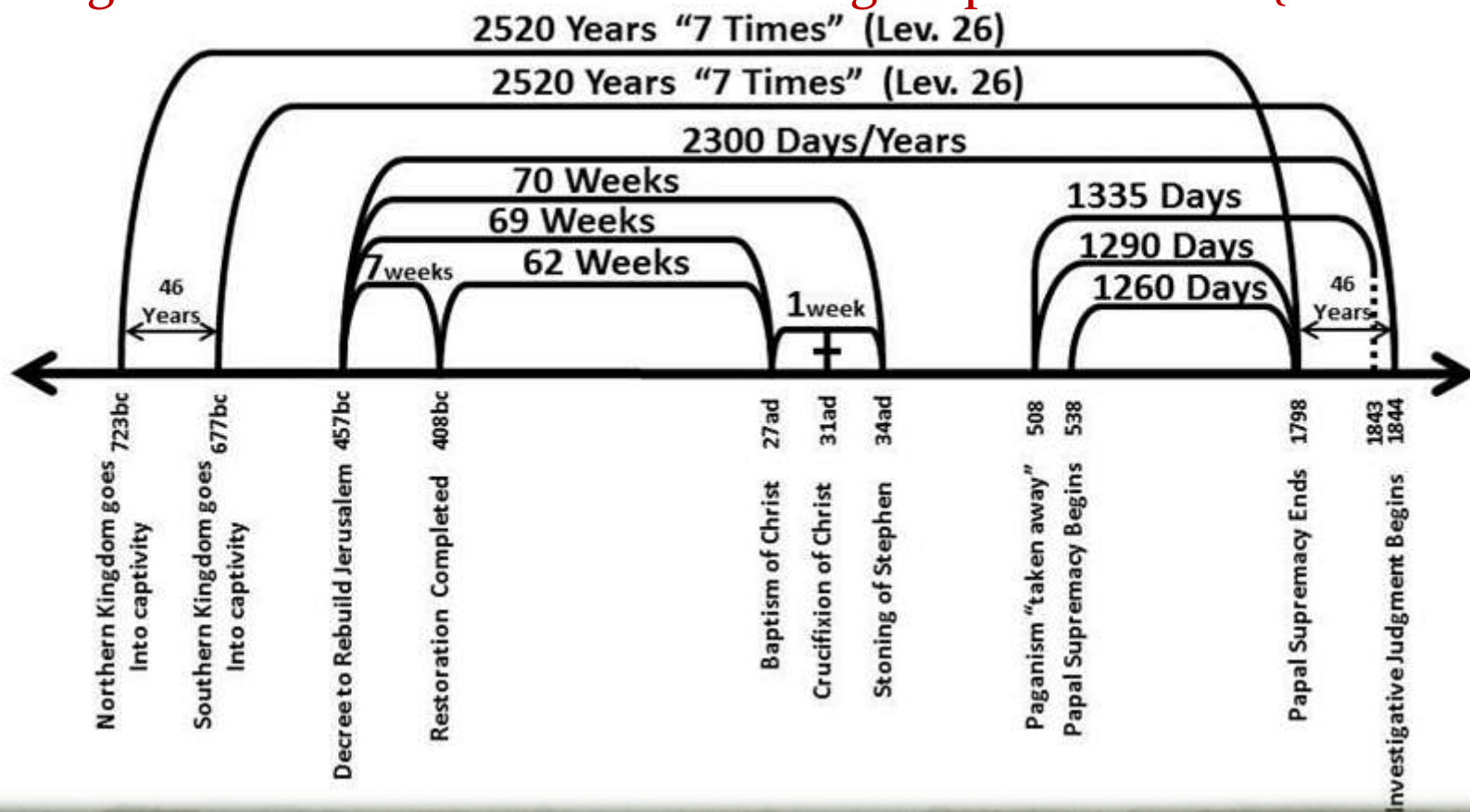
This study has not been exhaustive.

As a people, we are called individually to be students of prophecy.

(Counsels to Writers and Editors pg 41)



You and other of our brethren must accept the truth as God has given it to His students of prophecy, as they have been led by genuine, living experience, advancing point by point, tested, proved, and tried, until the truth is to them a reality. From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord's delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this message is proclaimed. {2SM 102.3}



Doctrines or Church Membership Do Not Take Place of Conversion.--All, high or low, if they are unconverted, are on one common platform. Men may turn from one doctrine to another. This is being done, and will be done. Papists may change from Catholicism to Protestantism; yet they may know nothing of the meaning of the words, "A new heart also will I give you." Accepting new theories, and uniting with a church, do not bring new life to anyone, even though the church with which he unites may be established on the true foundation. **CONNECTION WITH A CHURCH DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF CONVERSION.**

To subscribe the name to a church creed is not of the least value to anyone if the heart is not truly changed. . . .

{Evangelism 290.2}

