

3. William Miller- Truth Plain Upon Tables Commencement of the chain of truth

PIONEERS SOUND IN THE FAITH ACCORDING TO OUR FOUNDATIONAL TEACHINGS AS DEPICTED ON THE HABAKKUK TABLES (1843 & 1850 CHARTS)

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application **knows not** the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God. -- Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW 32.2} 1905- 50 years = 1855. **Notice year of Miller's ARSH article on next page: 1854!**

There are persons ready to catch up every new idea. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation are misinterpreted. These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy, and those who have not had a personal experience in this work, are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. {2SM 111.2}

The record of the experience through which the people of God passed in the early history of our work must be republished. Many of those who have since come into the truth are ignorant of the way in which the Lord wrought. The experience of William Miller and his associates, of Captain Joseph Bates, and of other pioneers in the Advent message, should be kept before our people {CW 145.2} 1903

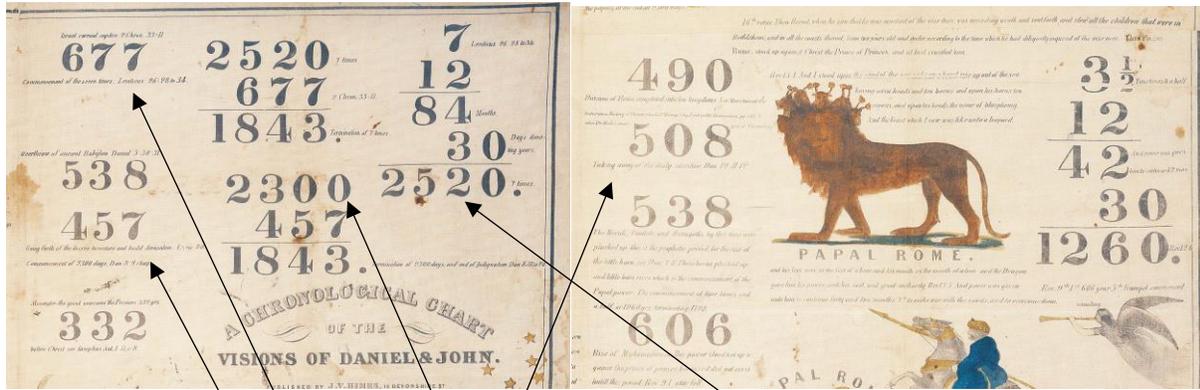
Per Sister White, William Miller was given "commencement of perfect chain of **truth** by God's angel":

To William Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. Angels of God repeatedly visited that chosen one, to guide his mind and open to his understanding prophecies which had ever been dark to God's people. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to 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 in its beauty and glory. He saw that one portion of Scripture explains another, and when one passage was closed to his understanding, he found in another part of the Word that which explained it. He regarded the sacred Word of God with joy, and with the deepest respect and awe. {SR 356.3}

Please note according to the prophet above:

- 1) Miller was given the commencement (beginning) dates (plural)
- 2) God's angel gave Miller these commencement dates
- 3) These commencement dates are **TRUTH**; Miller's understanding of these dates contain no error.
- 4) The prophet calls them a **PERFECT chain of truth**. A perfect chain implies these commencement dates are connected.
- 5) Please note the prophet says **he was given the commencement (beginning) dates of truth; not the concluding (ending) dates** which is important to keep in mind as we know 2 of the 3 concluding commencement dates [677 BC & 457 BC] were off by one year (ending in 1844 rather than 1843 and the correct ending/ concluding date was discovered after the great disappointment of Oct 1844). The 3rd concluding commencement date [508 AD] was accurate (ending in 1843).

1843 Chart



Miller defines the three commencement dates he was given:

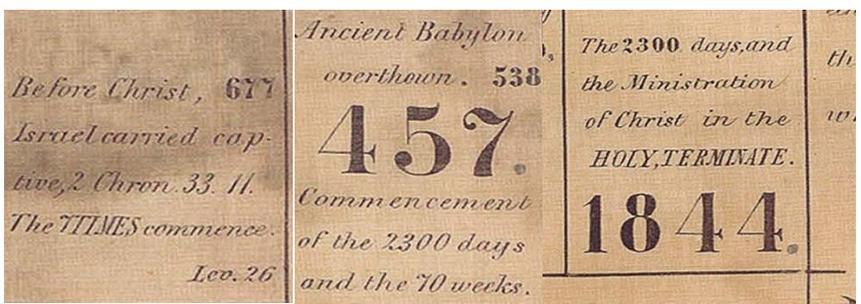
William Miller From a farther study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the **seven times [2520]** of **Gentile supremacy must commence** when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh, which the best chronologers assigned to **B.C. 677**; that **the 2300 days commenced** with the **seventy weeks**, which the best chronologers dated from **B.C. 457**; and that the **1335 days commencing** with the **taking away of the daily**, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, [Dan. xii, 11.] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, **after the taking away of Pagan abominations**, and which, according to the best historians I could consult, should be dated from about **A.D. 508**. **Reckoning all these prophetic periods from the several dates assigned by the best chronologers for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned, they all would terminate together, about A.D. 1843.** I was thus brought, in 1818, at the close of my two years study of the Scriptures, to the solemn conclusion, that in **about** twenty-five years from that time all the affairs of our present state would be wound up. " Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, April 18, 1854.

It interesting to note Miller says in quote above, they would all terminate "about." Also note Miller's statement of his position was published in **1854** in the ARSH which is **AFTER** the great disappointment of Oct. **1844** which means the pioneers still held on to these commencement dates as truth of which is also clearly depicted on the 1843 and 1850 charts.

This is what God's angel gave Miller as the commencement of the chain of truth above:

- 1) **B.C. 677** which is the commencement of the 2520, **[thought to end in 1843 at first but learned later it ended in 1844] ENDING DATE CORRECTED TO 1844 ON THE 1850 CHART**
- 2) **B.C. 457** which commenced the 2300 days, **[thought to end in 1843 at first but learned later it ended in 1844] ENDING DATE CORRECTED TO 1844 ON THE 1850 CHART**
- 3) **A.D. 508** which was the commencement of the 1335 days. **[As taught from the beginning, ended in 1843] SAME ENDING DATE ON THE 1850 CHART**

1850 Chart; correction of 677 BC and 457 BC ending dates to 1844



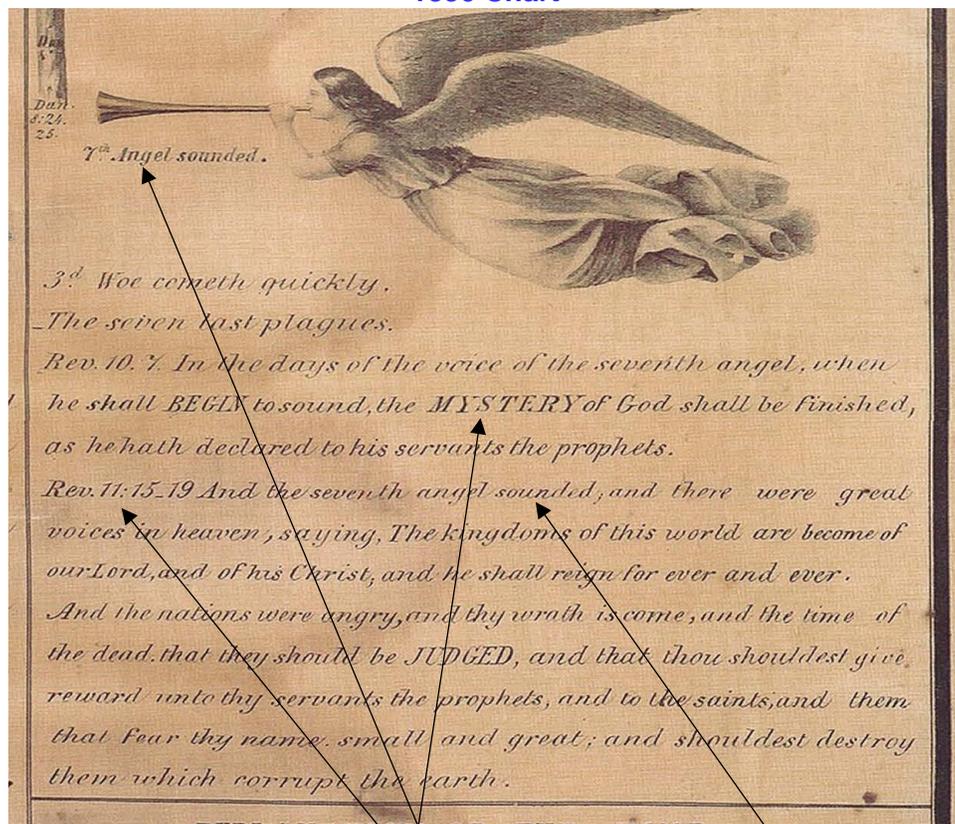
What did Miller teach regarding each of these three commencement dates of **truth** that he was given?

- 1) **B.C. 677**- "when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation at the captivity of Manasseh" {ARSH April 18, 1854}
- 2) **B.C. 457**- "the 2300 days commenced with the seventy weeks" {ARSH April 18, 1854}
- 3) **A.D. 508**- "the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, [Dan. xii, 11,] were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the taking away of Pagan abominations" {ARSH April 18, 1854}

Note: Satan has sought to destroy ALL THREE commencement dates of truth leading men to believe these truths are/were erroneous teachings or to believe a wrong interpretation contrary to the original foundational (WAYMARK) teachings. Satan has also sought to destroy the prophecies of the 7 trumpets. Many Adventists are erroneously placing the trumpets in the future! The first 6 trumpets have been fulfilled and we are NOW in the sounding of the 7th trumpet.

Please note below Miller's comments on the sounding of the 7th trumpet according to their understanding at that time (1842- BEFORE the 1844 disappointment) that the earth was the sanctuary and that the Lord would return in 1844. Even though they learned later that the earth was not the sanctuary and thus why the Lord did not return, Miller still had the correct view of the 7th trumpet! That it would usher in the second coming. Amazing. After 1844 disappointment is when they came to understand there was a heavenly sanctuary to be cleansed and that the 7th trumpet began to sound in 1844.

1850 Chart



The apostle here represents the end as coming when Christ will deliver up his mediatorial kingdom, after he has put all enemies under his feet: this accomplished, his mediatorial work is done; his embassy is completed; his mission, therefore, comes to an end." 2 Again; Rev.x.7: "**But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**" When the sixth trumpet hath ceased to sound, the seventh begins, and "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall BEGIN to sound, the mystery of God [or dispensation of grace] shall be finished." It would appear from this, that upon the fall of the Turkish empire, which will take place on the closing up of the "sixth vial" and "trumpet," that the day of probation will close. Again, Rev.xi.15: "And the seventh angel sounded; and

there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." This most certainly closes up the gospel dispensation, and brings us to the glorified state; for we are to "reign forever and ever." This will take place when the seventh angel shall sound. Here we have this most solemn and momentous subject, as brought to view in the book of Revelation. There is one other passage that we quote, which has an important bearing upon this subject. Matt.xxv.10-12: "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the DOOR WAS SHUT." We learn that the preparation was made by the wise when the midnight cry was given: but the foolish deferred the matter until it was too late, for while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, "and the door was shut." "Afterwards, the foolish virgins came, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not." This is the time referred to in Rev.xxii.11: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." {1842 WiM, MWV1 251.1}

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. He which testifieth these things saith, SURELY; I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." {1842 WiM, MWV1 252.1}

"The last three trumpets will claim our attention in this discourse; the first four having their accomplishment under Rome Pagan; to the last three under Rome Papal. These three trumpets and three woes are a description of the judgments that God has sent and will send on this Papal beast. the abomination of the whole earth. Therefore we see the propriety of the language of our text, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth," meaning the worshippers of this Papal beast, the followers of this abomination. The fifth trumpet alludes to the rise of the Turkish empire under Ottoman, at the downfall of the Saracens. Ottoman uniting under his government the four contending nations of Mahometans, which had long contended for the power during the reign of the Saracen empire, viz., the Saracens, Tartars, Arabs, and Turks...."(1842 WiM, MWV2 115.4) *note this was taught by Miller and written in 1842 (between 1840-1844)*



"For by pestilence, famine, and the sword, will God plead with all flesh." Some say the time is too short now for all this to be done before 1843. But we ought to remember that God has said, "**A short work will the Lord make upon the earth.**" Rom.ix.28. And if the destruction of Jerusalem was a type of the end of the world, as we generally believe it was, then this would all be performed in two or three years, at most. To say positively when the door will be shut, I cannot; for I do not know how much time may be included in the words "when the seventh trump begins to sound." That the seventh trump has begun to sound, I have little or no doubt; and how long beginning to sound may last, whether one month, six months, or a year, I cannot tell. At any rate, **it will do us no harm to be ready.** God says, Rev.x.7, "**But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**" And Paul tells us, in his epistle to the Ephesians, iii.4-9, "Whereby, when ye read, **ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ,** which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." {1842 WiM, MWV1 238.1}

What the mystery of God is, which God hath revealed to his holy prophets and apostles - that **it is the gospel preached unto the Gentiles. Then "time shall be no longer," means gospel time, and "the mystery of God shall be finished," means the preaching of the gospel to the world shall be completed.** This agrees with Matt.xxiv.14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." {1842 WiM, MWV1 239.1}

Now read Crosier's Day-Star, Extra Feb. 7, 1846 article on the cleansing of the Sanctuary to read more about the mystery -- Sister White said Crosier had the true light on the cleansing of the Sanctuary!

SUMMARY OF THE 1843 & 1850 HABAkkUK TABLES (CHARTS):

- 1) **2520 year prophecy** (Fall of 2 Southern tribes of Judah) (677 B.C- 1844) King of Assyria takes Manasseh captive and bounds him in Babylon (**2Chron 33:11**), and even though he repented it was too late for the kingdom of Judah, for the Kingdom was no longer sovereign.
- 2) **Rise and Fall of Kingdoms:** Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome (Pagan), Rome (Papal), 10 Barbarian Kingdoms
- 3) **2300 year prophecy (457 BC-1844);** vision of the Sanctuary being trodden under foot by transgression of desolation (Dan 8:13-14); cleansing time of the sanctuary and judgment began upon termination of the 2300 year prophecy
- 4) **1290 year prophecy for paganism “daily”** to be taken out of the way so papacy could rule (508-1798)
- 5) **1260 year prophecy for paganism (“the daily”)** to rule from 723 BC-538
- 6) **1260 year prophecy; papal rule (“abomination of desolation”)** from 538 AD- 1798
- 7) **1335 year prophecy (508 AD-1843);** blessing to follow disappointment; more light on the heavenly sanctuary and Christ’s ministerial work in heaven.
- 8) **490 year/ 70 week prophecy (457 BC-34);** Prophecy for the Jews. Messiah’s ministry was during 69th week of which He was cut off in the midst of the week
- 9) **150 year prophecy (1299-1449); 5th trumpet/ 1st woe** (Revelation 9:1-11)
Othman, founder of Ottoman Empire (Islam) combined Muslim forces to conquer Byzantine (Eastern Rome) Empire (Greek division) based in Turkey.
Note: Trumpets 1-4 (Revelation 8) met their fulfillment in the wars of the Goths, Vandals, Huns etc. which divided Western Rome into 10 kingdoms. Ten kingdoms are listed on the 1843 chart.
- 10) **391 year/ 15 day prophecy (1449-1840); 6th trumpet/ 2nd woe** (Revelation 9:12-21); **aka The Eastern Question.** The four principal sultans of which the Ottoman Empire was composed slayed a third part of men, a third part of the Roman Empire. The eastern “City of the Caesars,” Constantinople was conquered and became the seat of the Ottoman Empire; the Ottoman Empire supremacy ceased on August 11, 1840. (see 1850 chart)
- 11) **7th trumpet/ 3rd woe;** continuation of The Eastern Question (1844 to future fulfillment) Foretold as an event, NOT a “time” prophecy: When the Ottoman Turk (Islam) moves his capital to Jerusalem, then we know probation is soon to close (Michael stands up)!! (see 1850 chart and pioneer writings)
- 12) **The Three Angel’s Messages** (future) Warning inhabitants to come out of confusion (error) or receive the plagues delivered by Islam.
- 13) **Second Coming/ sickle (reaping) angels**

What does the prophet Habakkuk say we should do when we are argued with regarding any of these time prophecies on the charts? Take them to the tables (1843 and 1850 charts!)

Let us ever hold in remembrance the cheering message, “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.... The just shall live by his faith.”

Habakkuk 2:3, 4. {RH July 15, 1915, par. 3}

Habakkuk 2:1-4

*I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and **what I shall answer when I am reproved [argued with].** And the LORD answered me, and said, **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.***

*Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith.***

“It was the united testimony of Second Advent lecturers and papers, when standing on ‘the original faith,’ that the publication of the chart was a fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:2, 3. — 6BIO 255.5.



WILLIAM MILLER'S DREAM & THE INTERPRETATION OF IT

1 I dreamed that God, by an unseen hand, sent me a curiously wrought casket about ten inches long by six square, made of ebony and pearls curiously inlaid. To the casket there was a key attached. I immediately took the key and opened the casket, when, to my wonder and surprise, I found it filled with all sorts and sizes of jewels, diamonds, precious stones, and gold and silver coin of every dimension and value, beautifully arranged in their several places in the casket; and thus arranged they reflected a light and glory equaled only to the sun. {EW 81.2}

2 I thought it was not my duty to enjoy this wonderful sight alone, although my heart was overjoyed at the brilliancy, beauty, and value of its contents. I therefore placed it on a center table in my room and gave out word that all who had a desire might come and see the most glorious and brilliant sight ever seen by man in this life. {EW 81.3}

3 The people began to come in, at first few in number, but increasing to a crowd. When they first looked into the casket, they would wonder and shout for joy. But when the spectators increased, everyone would begin to trouble the jewels, taking them out of the casket and scattering them on the table. {EW 82.1}

4 I began to think that the owner would require the casket and the jewels again at my hand; and if I suffered them to be scattered, I could never place them in their places in the casket again as before; and felt I should never be able to meet the accountability, for it would be immense. I then began to plead with the people not to handle them, nor to take them out of the casket; but the more I pleaded, the more they scattered; and now they seemed to scatter them all over the room, on the floor and on every piece of furniture in the room. {EW 82.2}

5 I then saw that among the genuine jewels and coin they had scattered an innumerable quantity of spurious jewels and counterfeit coin. I was highly incensed at their base conduct and ingratitude, and reproved and reproached them for it; but the more I reproved, the more they scattered the spurious jewels and false coin among the genuine. {EW 82.3}

6 I then became vexed in my physical soul and began to use physical force to push them out of the room; but while I was pushing out one, three more would enter and bring in dirt and shavings and sand and all manner of rubbish, until they covered every one of the true jewels, diamonds, and coins, which were all excluded from sight. They also tore in pieces my casket and scattered it among the rubbish. I thought no man regarded my sorrow or my anger. I became wholly discouraged and disheartened, and sat down and wept. {EW 82.4}

7 While I was thus weeping and mourning for my great loss and accountability, I remembered God, and earnestly prayed that He would send me help. {EW 83.1}

8 Immediately the door opened, and a man entered the room, when the people all left it; and he, having a dirt brush in his hand, opened the windows, and began to brush the dirt and rubbish from the room. {EW 83.2}

9 I cried to him to forbear, for there were some precious jewels scattered among the rubbish. {EW 83.3}

10 He told me to "fear not," for he would "take care of them". {EW 83.4}

11 Then, while he brushed the dirt and rubbish, false jewels and counterfeit coin, all rose and went out of the window like a cloud, and the wind carried them away. In the bustle I closed my eyes for a moment; when I opened them, the rubbish was all gone. The precious jewels, the diamonds, the gold and silver coins, lay scattered in profusion all over the room. {EW 83.5}

12 He then placed on the table a casket, much larger and more beautiful than the former, and gathered up the jewels, the diamonds, the coins, by the handful, and cast them into the casket, till not one was left, although some of the diamonds were not bigger than the point of a pin. {EW 83.6}

13 He then called upon me to "come and see." {EW 83.7}

14 I looked into the casket, but my eyes were dazzled with the sight. They shone with ten times their former glory. I thought they had been scoured in the sand by the feet of those wicked persons who had scattered and trod them in the dust. They were arranged in beautiful order in the casket, everyone in its place, without any visible pains of the man who cast them in. I shouted with very joy, and that shout awoke me. {EW 83.8}

THE INTERPRETATION TO THE SYMBOLISM OF MILLER'S DREAM

William Miller's dream represents the scattering that comes into Adventism, the foundational truths of Adventism are scattered and they are to be re-established: returning to the old paths and raising up of the foundations of many generations.

At the time of the end in 1798, the book of Daniel was unsealed. Sister White says the Books of Daniel and Revelation complement each other—each bringing the other to perfection. The unsealing of the book of Daniel is also identified in the book of Revelation Chapter 5 onward. When the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Christ), begins to unseal the Bible, He is unsealing the prophetic truths (day for year principle) that brought about the Millerite Great Advent Religious Awakening.

PARAGRAPH 1:

THE CASKET = A Treasure Chest which is The Word of God. The 1843 chart is the casket of truths given to God's people in these last days!

- Proverbs 2:3-6

The Bible is a field where are concealed heavenly treasures, and they will remain hidden until, by diligent mining, they are discovered and brought to light. The Bible is a casket containing jewels of inestimable value, which should be so presented as to be seen in their intrinsic luster. But the beauty and excellence of these diamonds of truth are not discerned by the natural eye. The lovely things of the material world are not seen until the sun, dispelling the darkness, floods them with its light. And so with the treasures of God's word; they are not appreciated until they are revealed by the Sun of Righteousness. {CT 421.2}.

EBONY & PEARLS = Bitter/ sweet Millerite experience

Ebony is a very hard, black wood while pearls are bright and glorious—to me I see a parallel in this to the 'sweet in the mouth and bitter in the belly' experience.

10 INCHES LONG BY 6 SQUARED = $10 \times 6 \times 6 = 360$. 360 days in a Biblical Year.... (GC 335)

To the casket was attached a key that unlocked the Bible to Miller's understanding were the rules of interpretation he employed in his studies of God's Word..... including the time prophecies regarding the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

In the year **1840** another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of

the Turks [5th trumpet], and that the 391 years, fifteen days [6th trumpet], commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case.—Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, August 1, 1840. {GC 334.4}

All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches. {21MR 437.1} Aug 14, 1898

THE KEY = The 14 Rules of Interpretation by Miller used to interpret Bible prophecy

Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel's message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted. In the little book entitled "Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology," Father Miller gives the following simple but intelligent and important rules for Bible study and interpretation:- {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 23}

"1. Every word must have its proper bearing on the subject presented in the Bible; 2. All Scripture is necessary, and may be understood by diligent application and study; 3. Nothing revealed in Scripture can or will be hid from those who ask in faith, not wavering; 4. To understand doctrine, bring all the scriptures together on the subject you wish to know, then let every word have its proper influence; and if you can form your theory without a contradiction, you cannot be in error; 5. Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself... {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 24}

The above is a portion of these rules; and in our study of the Bible we shall all do well to heed the principles set forth. {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25}

The Bible is its own expositor. One passage will prove to be a key that will unlock other passages, and in this way light will be shed upon the hidden meaning of the word. By scriptures will be made evident. {CE 85.1}

...The Testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as scripture is explained by scripture..." {1SM 42.2} 1903

THE JEWELS = The precious truths/prophecies from the Bible given by God to Miller as represented on the 1843 chart comparing different texts treating on the same subject, viewing their bearing on every side, the true meaning of the sanctuary.

- Proverbs 20:15; Proverbs 2:6; 3:13-15

If they entrench themselves in the belief that the whole truth has been revealed, they will be in danger of discarding precious jewels of truth that shall be discovered as men turn their attention to the searching of the rich mine of God's word. {CSW 32.1}

SCATTERED JEWELS = Messages given to Miller [the perfect Chain of Truth (EW 229.1)] that have been taken out of sight and order

God sent His angel to move upon the heart of a farmer who had not believed the Bible, to lead him to search the prophecies. The commencement of the chain of truth was given to 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... {EW 229.1}

Many will honestly search the word for light/as those in the past have searched it; and they see light in the word, but they did not pass over the ground in their experience, when these messages were first proclaimed. Not having had this experience, some do not appreciate the value of the truths that have been to us as waymarks, and that have made us a peculiar people what we are. They do not make a right application of the Scriptures, and thus they frame theories that are not correct. It is true that they quote an abundance of Scripture, and teach much that is true; but truth is so mixed with error as to lead to wrong conclusions. Yet because they can weave Scripture into their theories, they think they have a straight chain of truth. Many who did not have an experience in the rise of the

messages, accept these erroneous theories, and are led into false paths, backward instead of forward. This is the enemy's design." {17MR 12.4-.5} (see also EW 229.1) {Ms32-1896.21} Dec 6, 1896

While I am able to do this work, the people must have these things, to revive the past history, that they may see there is one straight chain of truth, without one heretical sentence, in that which I have written. This, I am instructed, is to be a living letter to all..." (3MR 245-246) 1905

How scattered? Through educational processes.

The jewels of truth lie scattered over the field of revelation; but they have been buried beneath human traditions, beneath the sayings and commandments of men, and the wisdom from heaven has been practically ignored... .. {CE 86.1}

...How little has been done by the church as a body professing to believe the Bible, to gather up THE SCATTERED JEWELS OF GOD'S WORD INTO ONE PERFECT CHAIN OF TRUTH? The jewels of truth do not lie upon the surface, as many suppose. The master mind in the confederacy of evil is ever at work to keep the truth out of sight, and to bring into full view the opinions of great men. The enemy is doing all in his power to obscure heaven's light through educational processes; for he does not mean that men shall hear the voice of the Lord, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it. {FE 187.3} 1893/94

BEAUTIFULLY ARRANGED = Perfect order

THIS BEAUTIFUL ARRANGEMENT REFLECTS A LIGHT AND GLORY = to the sun

THE SUN = a representation of Christ (Psalms 84:11)

These messages given to Miller represent The Rock of Ages

The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the platform on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages... {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 35}

PARAGRAPH 2:

NOT MILLER'S DUTY TO ENJOY THIS SIGHT ALONE = Miller Shared what he saw with those who would listen...

This sight Miller is referring to that he could not keep to himself = the prophetic periods of Bible prophecy. From 1830 – 1840 it was a few, but once the year-day principle was confirmed to the world, then the crowds would come to Miller's meetings.

"When, therefore, he found, in his study of the Bible, various chronological periods that, according to his understanding of them, extended to the second coming of Christ,... I could but regard the chronological portions of the Bible as being as much a portion of the word of God, and as much entitled to our serious consideration, as any other portion of the Scriptures. I therefore felt that in endeavoring to comprehend what God had in His mercy seen fit to reveal to us, I had no right to pass over the prophetic periods."-- Bliss, page 75. {GC 324.1-.2}

To Wm. Miller and his co-laborers it was given to preach the message in America, and the light kindled by their labors shone out to distant lands. The testimony of the Scriptures pointing to the coming of Christ in 1843, awakened widespread interest. Many were convinced that the arguments from the prophetic periods were correct, and, sacrificing their pride of opinion, they joyfully received the truth. Some ministers laid aside their sectarian views and feelings, left their salaries and their churches, and united in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. {4SP 222.3} 1884

TABLE = a **Chart** containing the messages taught by William Miller that was put together by Charles Fitch and Apollos Hale

As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to "write the vision, and make it plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it," had suggested to **Charles Fitch** the preparation of **a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation**. The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk... {GC1911 392.2}

...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**..." (4SP 241.2) 1884 Great Controversy

MOST GLORIOUS SIGHT = **The Understanding of the Prophetic periods** that showed the coming of Jesus

From a further study of the Scriptures, I concluded that the seven times of Gentile supremacy must commence when the Jews ceased to be an independent nation, at the captivity of Manasseh, which the best chronologers assigned to B. C. 677; that the 2300 days commenced with the seventy weeks, which the best chronologers dated from B. C. 457; and that the 1335 days, commencing with the taking away of the daily, and the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate, Dan.12:11, were to be dated from the setting up of the Papal supremacy, after the taking away of Pagan abominations, and which, according to the best historians I could consult, should be dated from about A. D. 508. **Reckoning all these prophetic periods from the several dates assigned by the best chronologers for the events from which they should evidently be reckoned, they would all terminate together, about A. D. 1843. I was thus brought, in 1818, at the close of my two years' study of the Scriptures, to the solemn conclusion, that in about twenty-five years from that time all the affairs of our present state would be wound up; that all its pride and power, pomp and vanity, wickedness and oppression, would come to an end; and that, in the place of the kingdoms of this world, the peaceful and long-desired kingdom of the Messiah would be established under the whole heaven; that, in about twenty-five years, the glory of the Lord would be revealed, and all flesh see it together...** **The Bible was now to me a new book. It was indeed a feast of reason; all that was dark, mystical or obscure, to me, in its teachings, had been dissipated from my mind before the clear light that now dawned from its sacred pages; AND O, HOW BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS THE TRUTH APPEARED!**...{1853 SB, MWM 76.1-2}

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PARAGRAPH 3 -5:

William Miller gave his first sermon on the Second Advent on August 14 1831. The subject of his first exposition was Daniel 7 and 8. Showing that from the beginning prophecy was the heart of the Advent message.

God set His seal of approval upon Millers work through the conversion of souls who had backslidden from God. Following his initial presentations invitations to speak began to pour in from other localities and the work gradually expanded.

Up until 1840 the numbers that accepted the message of the Second Advent were comparatively few in light of the spectacular movements that followed. On August 11, 1840 the year-day principle was confirmed to the world through the fulfillment of a prophecy pertaining to Islam (the Second Woe of Revelation 9). See {GC 334.4} above under paragraph 21. It was following the fulfillment of this prophecy that large crowds began to enter the room to view the casket and the truths it contained.

As the crowds increased they began to scatter the genuine and introduce spurious jewels amongst them. If the genuine jewels represent the truths of the Bible – more specifically, the prophecies portrayed on the 1843 and 1850 charts, then it follows that the false jewels symbolize false doctrines and teachings – false prophecy.

The work of scattering began a few years after the culmination of the Second Advent movement on October 22, 1844.

PARAGRAPH 6 and 7:

Brothers and sisters, there are very few Seventh-day Adventists who can give Bible studies on the truths that are represented on that chart the way the pioneers understood them. They have been scattered and buried from sight and sealed up. Notice here he sits down and weeps like John who wept much in Revelation 5. Then the Lion of the tribe of Judah appeared to unseal the book. Miller here is describing a scattering, covering up and burying of the foundational truths of Adventism. And here Miller weeps just like John.

THE SAND/ DIRT/ SHAVINGS = Anything that takes away from the Messages given to Miller by God. **The dirt and shavings represent tradition and human interpretation**

The jewels of truth lie scattered over the field of revelation; but they **have been buried beneath human traditions, beneath the sayings and commandments of men**, and the wisdom from heaven has been practically ignored; for Satan has succeeded in making the world believe that the words and achievements of men are of great consequence... {CE 86.1}.

It is worth taking note of the fact that the dirt and shavings covered every one of the jewels until they were "all excluded from sight." Such has been the catastrophic effect of adopting historical critical and historical grammatical methods over the only Biblical method which is the proof-text method (Isaiah 28:9-12). If one begins with wrong premises, they will be led to wrong conclusions. And if our starting point – our very method of interpreting the Bible is erroneous, it follows that we will be led to erroneous beliefs regarding what the Bible teaches. The baleful harvest of false methods of interpretation can be seen in the present condition of our church where every wind of doctrine blows turning many out of the narrow way.

SAND ALSO = what the foolish virgins build their house upon

- Matthew 7:26-27

SO THE ROCK = All these messages from 1840-1844

The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off the platform on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. **Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to be as the Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me ever since it was given... {GCB, April 6, 1903 par. 35} (1903)

All the messages given from 1840-1844 are to be made forcible now, for there are many people who have lost their bearings. The messages are to go to all the churches. {21MR 437.1} (1906)

THE RUBBISH = Traditions, Maxims & Error

Rules set forth by our church on how to study are **undermining** the 14 Rules of Interpretation given to William Miller

This error teaches a **false** way of studying our messages

...He had to **take away the traditions and maxims, and to remove the rubbish**, and take the truth which had served in the enemy's lines to strengthen error, and bring error before the people... (MR 40.1)

WHAT IS A MAXIM?

From Noah Webster's Dictionary, 1828:

An established principle or proposition; a principle generally received or admitted as true.

TORE IN PIECES MY CASKET = Destruction of Word of God

Following the scattering of the true jewels and the introduction of the false, the casket – the Bible itself – is torn and scattered among the rubbish. The Bible was indeed subjected to such violence by the articles on inspiration penned by G. I. Butler (then conference president) in the Review and Herald in 1884. In them Butler promoted the idea that there are degrees of inspiration in the Bible. Some texts he saw as having the highest level of inspiration whilst others he viewed as “hardly inspired.* Notwithstanding the fact that the Bible says “every word of God is pure,” and “all scripture is given by inspiration of God” (Proverbs 30:5, 2 Timothy 3:15).

The work of tearing up the casket was continued through the introduction of corrupt Bible versions in the 1930s. As Miller fought with his very strength to arrest the work of destruction, faithful men were raised up to challenge the work of apostasy in their day. B. G. Wilkinson, the author of “Our Authorized Bible Vindicated”, was one such man. And his strong arguments in opposition to the tearing up of the casket (the King James Version Bible) are recorded in that volume.

* “The following year [1884] Butler, in a ten-part series in the Adventist Review 2, argued that the whole content of the Bible could be classified under five different “degrees” of inspiration and authority ranging from that which was inspired in the highest degree down to that which he “could hardly call inspired.” [George I. Butler, “Inspiration,” Advent Review and Sabbath Herald (hereafter RH), January 8, 1884, 24; January 15, 1884, 41; January 22, 1884, 57,58; January 29, 1884, 73,74; February 5, 1884, 89,90; April 15, 1884, 249,250; April 22, 1884, 265-267; May 6, 1884, 296, 297; May 27, 1884, 344-346; June 3, 1884, 361,362]. In spite of being accepted by many church members, these notions were strongly rejected by Ellen White (1889) [E. G. White, Selected Messages, (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1958), 1:23] and by others such as the author of an 1893 senior Sabbath School lesson.” Alberto R. Timm, Understanding Inspiration: The symphonic and wholistic nature of Scripture.

PARAGRAPH 8:

THE DIRT BRUSH MAN = Jesus

Christ was the originator of all the ancient gems of truth. Through the work of the enemy these truths had been displaced. They had been disconnected from their true position, and placed in the framework of error. Christ's work was to readjust and establish the precious gems in the framework of truth. The principles of truth which had been given by himself to bless the world had, through Satan's agency, been buried and had apparently become extinct. Christ rescued them from the rubbish of error, gave them a new, vital force, and commanded them to shine as precious jewels, and stand fast forever. {13MR 241.2}

...it was Jesus Christ who had the power of rescuing the truths from the rubbish, and again giving them to the world with more than their original freshness and power. {13MR 241.3} 1890}

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PARAGRAPH 9 and 10:

That Christ is the Man with the dirt-brush is revealed in the words “fear not.” It was Christ who told the beloved John to “fear not” in the first chapter of the Revelation. Revelation 1:10-17.

And it is Christ who admonishes believers to fear not for it is God's good pleasure to give them the kingdom. “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32.

PARAGRAPH 11:

These transactions point to a work of purification and restoration amongst God's people. Christ Himself is at the head of this work. The false teachings, traditions, and human interpretations that have hid the jewels of truth from sight will be swept away and the truth will be restored to its rightful place. This work is foretold by scripture in the return to the “old paths” (Jeremiah 6:16) and is prefigured by Elijah who would come to “restore all things” (Matthew 17:11, Mark 9:12). A return to the old paths in this day must of necessity be a return to the teachings on the 1843 and 1850 charts as the truths they portray are the “paths” that were laid at the beginning of the movement. They are the paths from which God's people have turned away.

THE WIND = Destruction

...John sees the elements of nature--earthquake, tempest, and political strife-- represented as being held by four angels. These winds are under control until God gives the word to let them go... {TM 444.3}

***Which wind? There are four different winds: North, South, East, or West?

More and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach... In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another--fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. {9T 97.1}

WIND ALSO = an angry horse which = Islam (Islam also Referred to as "east wind")

Angels are holding the four winds, represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose, and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path... {3SM 409.1}

Miller's associates taught that a horse represents Islam (ie see Daniel & the Revelation by Uriah Smith on Rev 9 to learn more)

The Arabian horse is the highest of all horses

The Arabian horse takes the lead throughout the world; and skill in horsemanship is the art and science of Arabia. And the barbed Arabs, swift as locusts and armed like scorpions, ready to dart away in a moment, were ever prepared unto battle. {July 22, 1858 UrSe, ARSH 75.4}

Winds and the horse are connected in Revelation 9, which is likened unto Islam (See Revelation 9:7, 14-16)

So when Islam is on the scene causing major destruction (as they were connected to 9/11) in America (the land chosen to be the light to the world), these truths will be put back in their place (Read 9T 11-13 and 21MR 437.1/3)

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The chapter title of 9T starting on pg. 11 is 'THE FINAL CRISIS.'

WHAT IS A CRISIS ACCORDING TO THE DICTIONARY?

cri-sis 'krīsis/

noun: **crisis**; plural noun: crises

a time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger.

"the current economic crisis

Synonyms: emergency, disaster, catastrophe, calamity; predicament, plight, mess, trouble, dire straits, difficulty, extremity

a time when a difficult or important decision must be made

"a crisis point of history"

Synonyms: critical point, turning point

<https://www.google.com/search?q=what+does+crisis+mean%3F&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&channel=fflb>

There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. In the providence of God, when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given. If it is received, there is spiritual progress: if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow... {BEcho, August 26, 1895 par. 11}

IF 9-11 WAS A TURNING POINT AND A CRISIS, WHAT LIGHT FOR THIS TIME WAS TO BE GIVEN? ANSWER: THE MESSAGES/PROPHECIES MILLER TAUGHT FROM 1840-1844, ALL THE MESSAGES GIVEN PORTRAYED ON THE 1843 AND 1850 CHARTS; ESPECIALLY ALL THE FORGOTTEN MESSAGES HIDDEN BENEATH THE RUBBISH OF ERROR!

THIS IS WHY, SINCE 9-11, ALL THESE MESSAGES ARE BEING REVIVED

PARAGRAPH 12:

As part of this **work of restoration** the Bible itself is restored but much larger and more beautiful than at first. What is it that enlarges upon and beautifies the scriptures? This is pointing to the Spirit of Prophecy through which God speaks to His people today:

In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. **In these days He speaks to them by the testimonies of His Spirit.** There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue. {5T, 661}

The Word of God abounds in general principles for the formation of correct habits of living, and the Testimonies, general and personal, have been calculated to call their attention more especially to these principles. {Ibid., 663-664}

The seeds of rebellion against the Testimonies were planted in the early years of the church... the making of none- effect the Testimonies of God's Spirit. {1SM, 48}

Restoration of Spirit of Prophecy is necessarily a part Christ's work of restoring all things:

As the end draws near, and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the Testimonies, which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise. {5T, 654}

A PIN = **Any portion** of the messages given to us **from 1840-1844**, especially the 1st, 2nd, Midnight Cry, or 3rd Angel's Messages (2SM 104.2-3) which would include:

- the Prophetic Periods Early Writings 232-237
- The Parable of the 10 Virgins and
- The Midnight Cry EW 238.1-.3; 249.1/EW 258.3-259.1/EW 188.2

The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. **Not a peg or pin is to be removed... all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth...showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message.** There cannot be a third without the first and second... {2SM 104.2-3}

PARAGRAPH 13:

COME AND SEE = unsealing of prophetic light

The words "come and see" in Scripture are associated with the unsealing of prophetic light (Revelation 6:1-7). **The light unsealed in the time when God is restoring the foundations of Adventism is the light of the Fourth Angel of Revelation 18. It is the light from this Angel, which joins the Third Angel's message, that causes the Jewels of truth to shine with greater glory than at first:**

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. **Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message.** Great power and glory were imparted to the

angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." **The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844.** The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the **third angel's message** as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the **third angel's message**. {EW 277.1}

PARAGRAPH 14:

*Brother Miller's shout represents the Loud Cry of the Third Angel which is given by the remnant that participates in the work of restoring the old paths. **It is at the Loud Cry that all the truths that were once scattered—the Three Angel's Messages as represented on the 1843 and 1850 charts—are proclaimed in latter rain power.***

The Loud Cry of the Third Angel presages the culmination of the great controversy and final victory for the saints at Christ's second coming (see Early Writings, 271-272).

...The effect of this on my mind has been extremely consoling and happy. —WM. MILLER, Low Hampton, NY Dec. 3, 1847.

May Brother Miller's consolation be our own in these perilous times for the church and the world.

SHONE TEN TIMES THEIR FORMER GLORY:

Christ was the originator of all the ancient gems of truth. Through the work of the enemy these truths had been displaced. They had been disconnected from their true position, and placed in the framework of error. Christ's work was to readjust and establish the precious gems in the framework of truth. The principles of truth which had been given by himself to bless the world had, through Satan's agency, been buried and had apparently become extinct. Christ rescued them from the rubbish of error, gave them a new, vital force, and commanded them to shine as precious jewels, and stand fast forever. {13MR 241.2}

...it was Jesus Christ who had the power of rescuing the truths from the rubbish, and again giving them to the world with more than their original freshness and power. {13MR 241.3} 1890}

BEING ARRANGED IN BEAUTIFUL ORDER = God would raise up men to point people back to these messages, giving the messages their proper place

The **old truths**, given us at the beginning, are to be heralded far and near. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy **to remove these truths** from their setting, **...the Lord will raise up men of keen perception**, who with clear vision will discern the intrigues of Satan, and **will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God**. {RH, August 20, 1903 par. 8}

NOTE: William Miller's dream was a prophecy declaring that the truths given by Miller would be taken out of view and eventually lost sight of altogether by the people/leaders of our churches. But praise God, He would raise up men to bring these truths back before the people and put them in their proper settings. They will be taught the history of Miller & his associates and the 1st Angel's message (which includes the Prophetic Periods; including the 150 yr and 391 yr/15 day prophecies on Islam), 2ND Angel's message, and THE MIDNIGHT CRY.

I remember in the **early days of the message**, in 1842, when **Elder William Miller** was preaching, he would sometimes pause in his discourse, raise his hands to heaven and exclaim, "I thank Thee, Lord; I praise Thy holy name." And a wave of thanksgiving would go through the congregation. **Every heart was thrilled, and the face of the speaker was illuminated with the glory of God.** {Ms154-1904.7}

Interesting quotes about William Miller who was indeed one of our “pioneers”.

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 chosen of God to proclaim the nearness of Christ’s second coming.** Like many other reformers, William Miller had in early life battled with poverty, and had thus learned the great lessons of energy and self-denial. His mind was active and well-developed, and he had a keen thirst for knowledge. Though he had not enjoyed the advantages of a collegiate education, his love of study and a habit of careful thought and close criticism rendered him a man of sound judgment and comprehensive views. {4SP 202.1}

He possessed an irreproachable moral character and an enviable reputation, being generally esteemed for his **integrity, thrift, and benevolence.** {4SP 202.2}

... in early manhood, being thrown almost exclusively into the society of deists, he was led to adopt their sentiments, which he continued to hold for about twelve years. **At the age of thirty-four, however, the Holy Spirit impressed his heart with a sense of his condition as a sinner.** He found in his former belief no assurance of happiness beyond the grave. {4SP 202.2}

Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, **he compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the concordance.** He pursued his study in a regular and methodical manner; beginning with Genesis, and reading verse by verse, he proceeded no faster than the meaning of the several passages so unfolded as to leave him free from all embarrassment. When he found anything obscure, it was his custom to compare it with every other text which seemed to have any reference to the matter under consideration. Every word was permitted to have its proper bearing upon the subject of the text, and if his view of it harmonized with every collateral passage, it ceased to be a difficulty. **Thus whenever he met with a passage hard to be understood, he found an explanation in some other portion of the Scriptures.** As he studied with earnest prayer for divine enlightenment, that which had before appeared dark to his understanding was made clear. He experienced the truth of the psalmist’s words, “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” [Psalm 119:130.] {4SP 204.2}

After **two years of careful investigation, he was fully satisfied, that the Bible is its own interpreter;** that it is a system of revealed truths so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein; that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;” [2 Timothy 3:16.] that “prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost;” [2 Peter 1:21.] that it was written “for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” [Romans 15:4.] {4SP 205.1}

As Elisha was called from following his oxen in the field, to receive the mantle of consecration to the prophetic office, so was Wm. 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 wide-spread interest excited by his words. {4SP 207.2}

Though he had little of the learning of the schools, he became wise because he connected himself with the Source of wisdom. He possessed **strong mental powers,** united with **true kindness of heart, Christian humility, calmness, and self-control.** He was a man of sterling worth, who could not but command respect and esteem wherever **integrity of character and moral excellence** were valued. He was **attentive** and **affable** to all, **ready to listen** to the opinions of others, and to weigh their arguments. **Without passion or excitement** he tested all theories and doctrines by the word of God; and **his sound reasoning, and intimate knowledge of the Scriptures, enabled him to refute error and expose falsehood.** {4SP 208.1}

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.** {4SP 210.1}

He [William Miller] urged its truths upon the people, not with harshness, but in a more mild and persuasive manner than was employed by other reformers. {4SP 214.2}

Wm. Miller was disturbing Satan's kingdom, and the arch-enemy sought not only to counteract the effect of the message, but to destroy the messenger himself. **As Father Miller made a practical application of Scripture truth to the hearts of his hearers, the rage of professed Christians was kindled against him, even as the anger of the Jews was excited against Christ and his apostles.** Church-members stirred up the baser classes, and upon several occasions enemies plotted to take his life as he should leave the place of meeting. But holy angels were in the throng, and one of these, in the form of a man, took the arm of this servant of the Lord, and led him in safety from the angry mob. His work was not yet done, and Satan and his emissaries were disappointed in their purpose. {4SP 219.2}

After the great disappointment in 1844, Satan and his angels were busily engaged in laying snares to unsettle the faith of the body. He was affecting the minds of individuals who had a personal experience in these things. They had an appearance of humility. They changed the first and second messages, and pointed to the future for their fulfillment, while others pointed far back in the past, declaring that they had been there fulfilled. These individuals were drawing the minds of the inexperienced away, and unsettling their faith. Some were searching the Bible to try to build up a faith of their own, independent of the body. Satan exulted in all this; for he knew **that those who broke loose from the anchor, he could affect by different errors and drive about with winds of doctrine. Many who had led in the first and second messages, denied them, and division and scattering was throughout the body. I then saw Wm. Miller.** He looked perplexed, and was bowed with sorrow and distress for his people. He saw the company who were united and loving in 1844, losing their love for each other, and opposing one another. He saw them fall back into a cold, backslidden state. Grief wasted his strength. I saw leading men watching Wm. Miller, and fearing lest he should embrace the third angel's message and the commandments of God. And as he would lean towards the light from heaven, these men would lay some plan to draw his mind away. I saw a human influence exerted to keep his mind in darkness, and to retain his influence among them. **At length Wm. Miller raised his voice against the light from heaven. He failed in not receiving the message which would have fully explained his disappointment, and cast a light and glory on the past, which would have revived his exhausted energies, brightened up his hope, and led him to glorify God. But he leaned to human wisdom instead of divine, and being broken with arduous labor in his Master's cause, and by age, he was not as accountable as those who kept him from the truth. They are responsible, and the sin rests upon them.** If Wm. Miller could have seen the light of the third message, many things which looked dark and mysterious to him would have been explained. His brethren professed such deep love and interest for him, he thought he could not tear away from them. His heart would incline towards the truth; but then he looked at his brethren. They opposed it. Could he tear away from those who had stood side and shoulder with him in proclaiming Jesus' coming? He thought they surely would not lead him astray. {1SG 166.1}

God suffered him to come under the power of Satan, and death to have dominion over him. He hid him in the grave, away from those who were constantly drawing him from God. Moses erred just as he was about to enter the promised land. So also, I saw that Wm. Miller erred as he was soon to enter the heavenly Canaan, in suffering his influence to go against the truth. Others led him to this. Others must account for it. But angels watch the precious dust of this servant of God, and he will come forth at the sound of the last trump. {1SG 168.1}