Nothing New
Under the Sun, pt. 2

The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past.
“I SAW A COMPANY WHO STOOD WELL GUARDED AND FIRM, GIVING NO COUNTERENANCE TO THOSE WHO WOULD UNSETTLE THE ESTABLISHED FAITH OF THE BODY. GOD LOOKED UPON THEM WITH APPROBATION. I WAS SHOWN THREE STEPS-- THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES. SAID MY ACCOMPANYING ANGEL, "WOE TO HIM WHO SHALL MOVE A BLOCK OR STIR A PIN OF 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." 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.

Early Writings, 258-261
God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, immovable platform. I saw individuals approach the platform and examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the foundation. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform to examine it and declared it to be laid wrong. But I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform and exhorted those 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 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 they with humble look again stepped upon it.

“I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. John was sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of Jesus. Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. Their opposition to the message that foretold His coming placed them where they could not readily receive the strongest evidence that He was the Messiah.
Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, which would have taught them the way into the heavenly sanctuary. The rending of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. The great Sacrifice had been offered and had been accepted, and the Holy Spirit which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon His disciples the benefits of His atonement. But the Jews were left in total darkness.
They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings. The heavenly sanctuary had taken the place of the earthly, yet they had no knowledge of the change. Therefore they could not be benefited by the mediation of Christ in the holy place.

“Many look with horror at the course of the Jews in rejecting and crucifying Christ; and as they read the history of His shameful abuse, they think they love Him, and would not have denied Him as did Peter, or crucified Him as did the Jews. But God who reads the hearts of all, has brought to the test that love for Jesus which they professed to feel.

Early Writings, 258-261
All heaven watched with the deepest interest the reception of the first angel's message. But many who professed to love Jesus, and who shed tears as they read the story of the cross, derided the good news of His coming. Instead of receiving the message with gladness, they declared it to be a delusion. They hated those who loved His appearing and shut them out of the churches. Those who rejected the first message could not be benefited by the second; neither were they benefited by the midnight cry, which was to prepare them to enter with Jesus by faith into the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.
And by rejecting the two former messages, they have so darkened their understanding that they can see no light in the third angel's message, which shows the way into the most holy place. I saw that as the Jews crucified Jesus, so the nominal churches had crucified these messages, and therefore they have no knowledge of the way into the most holy, and they cannot be benefited by the intercession of Jesus there. Like the Jews, who offered their useless sacrifices, they offer up their useless prayers to the apartment which Jesus has left; and Satan, pleased with the deception, assumes a religious character, and leads the minds of these professed Christians to himself, working with his power,
His signs and lying wonders, to fasten them in his snare. Some he deceives in one way, and some in another. He has different delusions prepared to affect different minds. Some look with horror upon one deception, while they readily receive another. Satan deceives some with Spiritualism. He also comes as an angel of light and spreads his influence over the land by means of false reformations. The churches are elated, and consider that God is working marvelously for them, when it is the work of another spirit. The excitement will die away and leave the world and the church in a worse condition than before.
“I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant.”
Parallel Histories

Christ
Ephesus

Millerites
Philadelphia

Seventh-day Adventists
Laodicea
Every Reformatory Moment

“THE IMPORTANT MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT HAVE THEIR PARALLEL IN THOSE OF THE PAST...”
“The message [1st Angel’s Message] itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the "everlasting gospel;" and it announces the opening of the judgment. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days...
The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal “to the time of the end”... But since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed...”
Time of the End

- Unsealing of a Prophetic Passage – Daniel 8:14
“He [William Miller] could see hypocrisy, darkness, and death everywhere. His spirit was stirred within him. God called him to leave his farm, as He called Elisha to leave his oxen and the field of his labor to follow Elijah. With trembling, William Miller began to unfold to the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God, carrying his hearers down
Through the prophecies to the second advent of Christ. With every effort he gained strength. As John the Baptist heralded the first advent of Jesus and prepared the way for His coming, so William Miller and those who joined with him proclaimed the second advent of the Son of God."

Early Writings, 229
“Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message. Like John, the forerunner of Jesus, those who preached this solemn message felt compelled to lay the ax at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated to arouse and powerfully affect the churches and manifest their real character. And as the solemn warning to flee from the wrath to come was sounded, many who were united with the churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings,
AND WITH BITTER TEARS OF REPENTANCE AND DEEP AGONY OF SOUL, HUMBLED THEMSELVES BEFORE GOD. AND AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD RESTED UPON THEM, THEY HELPED TO SOUND THE CRY, "FEAR GOD, AND GIVE GLORY TO HIM; FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME."

Early Writings, 233
“The advent movement of 1840–44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.”

The Great Controversy, 611
Students of prophecy came to the conclusion that the time of the end was at hand. In the book of Daniel they read: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Thinking that the earth was the sanctuary, they understood that the cleansing foretold in Daniel 8:14 represented the purification of the earth by fire at the second coming of Christ.
Searching the Scriptures for further light, and comparing this prophetic period with the records of historians, they learned that the twenty-three hundred days extended to the year 1844.

“THIS WAS THE FOUNDATION OF THE GREAT ADVENT MOVEMENT OF 1844. THE FALLING OF THE STARS IN 1833 GAVE ADDED FORCE TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MESSAGE OF A SOON-COMING SAVIOUR.
Through the labors of William Miller and many others... the advent message was carried to a large part of the habitable globe.”

Southern Watchman, Jan. 24, 1905
“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.”

Gen. Con. Bulletin, April 6, 1903
First Message

- Gathering Initiated – Leviticus 26
- Testing Process Begins – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Message
- Heavenly Being Descends – Revelation 10
“The second angel’s message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid.”
“In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures in Portland... With few exceptions the different denominations closed the doors of their churches against Mr. Miller. Many discourses from the various pulpits sought to expose the alleged fanatical errors of the lecturer...”

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, 21
"The midnight cry was not so much carried by argument, though the Scripture proof was clear and conclusive. There went with it an impelling power that moved the soul. There was no doubt, no questioning. Upon the occasion of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the people who were assembled from all parts of the land to keep the feast, flocked to the Mount of Olives,
In like manner did unbelievers who flocked to the Adventist meetings—some from curiosity, some merely to ridicule—feel the convincing power attending the message, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, 250
And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Revelation 14:8
“When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the Temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the Temple. So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches. The second angel's message is, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations...
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Selected Messages, Vol. 2, 118
“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus’ countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father’s person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." Before the throne I saw the Advent people—the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus;
then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately resisted it; others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory.
I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. Then Jesus rose up from the throne, and the most of those who were bowed down arose with Him. I did not see one ray of light pass from Jesus to the careless multitude after He arose, and they were left in perfect darkness.

Those who arose when Jesus did, kept their eyes fixed on Him as He left the throne and led them out a little way... Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and pray, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.
"I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us Thy Spirit." Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children."

Early Writings, 54-56
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19. Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in **three days** I will raise it up.

20. Then said the Jews, **Forty and six years** was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?


**John 2:19-21**
2520 yrs. Northern Tribe (Samaria)

2520 yrs. Southern Tribe (Judah)

2300 yrs. Cleansing of the Sanctuary

723 B.C. - 1260 yrs. - 538 A.D. - 1260 yrs. - 1798 A.D.

2520 yrs. Northern Tribe (Samaria)


2520 yrs. Southern Tribe (Judah)

46 yrs. - 457 B.C.

46 yrs. - 1798 A.D. - 46 yrs. - 1844 A.D.

Darkness

WS

Decrees to Rebuild Jerusalem

4 Angel’s Messages

2300 yrs. Cleansing of the Sanctuary

The Scattering

Gathering of God’s People

Paganism

Papacy

742 B.C. – 46 yrs. – 1798 A.D.

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1844 A.D.

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Second Message

- *A Sealing* - Daniel 12:11, 12 cf. Matthew 25:10
“The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to the opening of the judgment. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal "to the time of the end." Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed,
Based on the fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.”

The Great Controversy, 355
“Like the first disciples, William Miller and his associates did not, themselves, fully comprehend the import of the message which they bore. Errors that had been long established in the church prevented them from arriving at a correct interpretation of an important point in the prophecy. Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered disappointment.”

The Great Controversy, 351
Third Message

- Gathering Accomplished - 1844 (God’s Denominated People)
- Covenant Established
"I CANNOT TOO STRONGLY URGE ALL OUR CHURCH MEMBERS, ALL WHO ARE TRUE MISSIONARIES, ALL WHO BELIEVE THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, ALL WHO TURN AWAY THEIR FEET FROM THE SABBATH, TO CONSIDER THE MESSAGE OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH CHAPTER OF ISAIAH. THE WORK OF BENEFICENCE ENJOINED IN THIS CHAPTER IS THE WORK THAT GOD REQUIRES HIS PEOPLE TO DO AT THIS TIME. IT IS A WORK OF HIS OWN APPOINTMENT. WE ARE NOT LEFT IN DOUBT AS TO WHERE THE MESSAGE APPLIES, AND THE TIME OF ITS MARKED FULFILLMENT, FOR WE READ: "THEY THAT SHALL BE OF THEE SHALL BUILD THE OLD WASTE PLACES: THOU SHALT RAISE UP THE FOUNDATIONS OF MANY GENERATIONS;"
and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The
restorer of paths to dwell in." Verse 12. God's memorial,
the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating
the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. God's
people have a special work to do in repairing the breach
that has been made in His law; and the nearer we
approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. All
who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping
His commandments. They are the restorers of paths to
dwell in. The Lord says: "If thou turn away thy foot from
the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and
call the Sabbath a delight,
... then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth."

Verses 13, 14. Thus genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God's commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God's creative work. Its observance is bound up with the work of restoring the moral image of God in man. This is the ministry which God's people are to carry forward at this time. This ministry, rightly performed, will bring rich blessings to the church.”

Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, 265

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“Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. But in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith. . . .
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Philadelphia Becomes Laodicea
8. And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.
10. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Revelation 10:8-11
Work of the Holy Spirit

I. **Sin**: First Message - Reform Message

II. **Righteousness**: Second Message - Manifestation of the Power of God

III. **Judgment**: Third Message - Judgment

"The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment."

SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, 980