

Big Picture Bible Study – Part 7

Time Prophecy Applied

Time Prophets and Their Messages

1. *Proclaiming Prophet: names and their meanings are very important*

- **Genesis 5:21, 24** “²¹And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah... ²⁴And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”
 - Enoch, “*teacher*,” named his son Methuselah, “*at his death it shall come*”
- **Genesis 5:27** “²⁷And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years...”
- **Genesis 5:25, 28; 7:6** “²⁵And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech... ²⁸And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: ²⁹And he called his name Noah... ⁶And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.”
 - 187 (Methuselah) + 182 (Lamech) + 600 (Noah) = **969 years**.
 - In the very year that Methuselah died, the great flood was sent upon the earth.

2. *Gathering Prophet: there is always a proclaiming prophet at the beginning of a time prophecy and a gathering prophet at the end of the time prophecy*

- **Genesis 5:8-9** “⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. ⁹These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”
 - Both Enoch and Noah walked with God as just and righteous men.
- **Genesis 6:13** “¹³And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”
 - **BOTH THE PROCLAIMING AND GATHERING PROPHETS TEACH THE SAME MESSAGE**

3. *A Remnant People: at the end of the time allotted, God has a remnant, obedient people*

- **Genesis 7:13** “¹³In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;”
 - Of all the people in the world, only eight people chose to believe in the prophecy's fulfillment.

4. *Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message: the present truth message at the end of the time allotted is a matter of life and death for those deciding to obey or to disobey*

- **Genesis 7:21-24** “²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. ²³And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.”

Whether they believed in the present truth of their time or not, all who heard the message were choosing between literal life and death.

- **Amos 3:7** “⁷Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

Time Prophecy Example #2: Abraham to Moses

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Genesis 15:13-14** “¹³And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; ¹⁴And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.”
 - Abraham’s message: Israel will be in captivity for 400 years.
- **Galatians 3:16-17** “¹⁷And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.”
- **Exodus 12:40-41** “⁴⁰Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.”

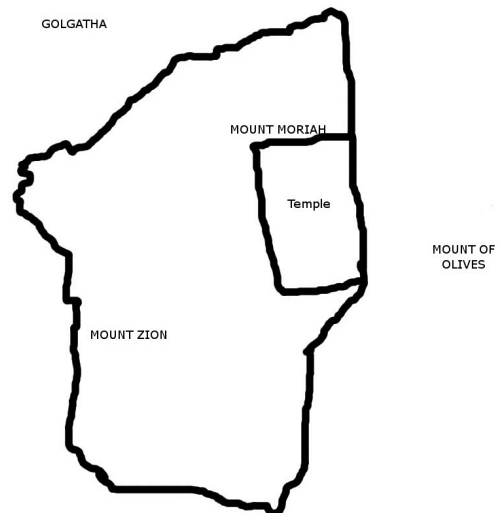
The Israelites sojourned in Canaan for 215 years. Another 215 years were spent in the land of Egypt. Both the promise and the exodus happened on the same day that would one day be Passover: 14 Nisan.

Abraham as a Type of God the Father

- **Romans 4:16-18** “¹⁶Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,”
- **Genesis 22:2** “²And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”
 - Just as God the Father offered up His only begotten Son to die as an offering, so Abraham was asked to offer up Isaac, his son.
- **Hebrews 11:17-19** “¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: ¹⁹Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”

The Mountain of Moriah

- **Genesis 22:2a** “²And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah...”
- This is the same place where Jerusalem was later built.
 - **II Chronicles 3:1** “¹Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.”
- The sacrifice of Isaac, when the death of an animal was substituted for the death of the human, prefigured the death of Jesus, when He took our place in death



The Passover Typified: A Threefold Parallel

- **Exodus 12:3, 6** “³Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house... ⁶And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month:
 - God spoke for to Israel for them to choose the Passover lamb on the 10th of *Nisan*.
- **Genesis 22:2-4** “²And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. ³And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. ⁴Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.”
 - God spoke to Abraham for him to choose Isaac on the 10th day of the month *Nisan*.
- **Matthew 21:17-18, 23** “¹⁷And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. ¹⁸Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered... ²³And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?”

This is the 10th day of the month, four days before Christ was crucified and it was on this very same day, years before, that God spoke to Moses and told him and all the Israelite people to choose the Passover lamb; it was also the same day that, even more years before, God told Abraham to choose Isaac as the sacrifice. This is an amazing parallel separated by thousands of years, in which we find something very special happening.

However, in order for this parallel to work, we have to see a time in each story when God the Father calls down to validate and choose the lamb. Remember, He called down to Abraham and told him that Isaac was to be the sacrifice; He called down to Moses and told the Israelites that the lamb was to be the sacrifice. Is there a time in the story of Christ, on the 10th day of *Nisan* (the day after the Triumphal Entry), when God called down to Jesus and was recognized as the Lamb that would be sacrificed and then glorified as the Redeemer of all mankind? As you already probably have guessed, dear reader, yes there is!

We find the story in the book of John. The Triumphal Entry was just the day before, when Jesus road into Jerusalem on a donkey and people lined up to see Him, shouting “Hosanna!” They had heard that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead and they thought that He was now going to setup His earthly kingdom against the Romans. Jesus enters the city and walks into the Temple for the last time on earth. He speaks with the religious leaders and they reject His authority.

As the story goes, there were some Gentiles, some Greek men, who had come to see Him. Jesus walked out of the earthly Sanctuary where only literal Israel was allowed to go and He came unto the Greeks, who would soon be covered under the umbrella of Spiritual Israel. Those of literal Israel had rejected Him who was sent specifically to them while Spiritual Israel had come seeking Him of whom they had only heard. What fantastic symbolism! Listen to what happens when Jesus spoke with them.

- **John 12:27-28** “²⁰And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: ²¹The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. ...²⁷Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. ²⁹The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. ³⁰Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.”

In the presence of both Jews and Gentiles, God the Father spoke down from Heaven and effectively chooses Christ to be “*glorified*” as the Lamb of God. How incredible! On the 10th day of the first month, the very same day that God spoke to Abraham and told him to choose Isaac, and also on the very same day that God spoke to Moses and told the Israelites to choose the typical lamb, God the Father spoke to representatives of both literal and soon-to-be Spiritual Israel and told them that He had chosen Jesus Christ, God the Son, and would glorify His name as He was to die for all humanity.

This parallel that we see in the Passover helps us to better understand why God spoke from Heaven in this story from the book of John. When we read our Bibles, look for the patterns; in every story of Scripture, look for the symbols of Christ. We should start seeing Jesus in every portion of the Bible and as we focus on His sacrifice for us we will be transformed into His character and faith.

God spoke to Abraham and told him to choose Isaac, He spoke to Moses and told him to choose the lamb, and He spoke to the Jews and Gentiles and told them He would glorify Jesus, the Lamb – all three happened on the 10th day of Nisan, four days before the Passover!

- **I Peter 2:21-22** “²¹For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²²Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.”

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **Exodus 2:10** “¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.”
 - The name Moses means “rescued or drawn out of the water”.
- **Exodus 12:40-41** “⁴⁰Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.”
 - Just as the prophecy had been given to Abraham, Moses gathered the people together and led them out of affliction and bondage.

Remnant People

- **Exodus 12:50-51** “⁵⁰Thus did all the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. ⁵¹And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.”
 - God brought all of literal Israel out of Egypt just as He will one day take all of Spiritual Israel to Heaven.

Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- **Exodus 12:28-30** “²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. ²⁹And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.”
 - All those who received the message and rejected it found death in their house.

Time Prophecy Example #3: Jeremiah to Daniel

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Jeremiah 25:11** “¹¹And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.”
 - The name Jeremiah means “*Yahweh will exalt or uplift.*” His message is that they would serve Babylon for 70 years.

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 9:5** “²In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”
 - The name Daniel means “*God is my judge.*” Daniel knew the end of the allotted time was near when he prayed his prayer.
- **Ezra 1:1** “¹Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ²Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.”
 - Just as Jeremiah had prophesized and as Daniel had prayed for, 70 years after their captivity, Cyrus, king of Persia, allowed the first group of Jews to go back.

Remnant People

- **Daniel 9:7** “⁷O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.”
 - In Daniel’s day the remnant of the Israelites, struggling to hold onto their identity, were near and far.

Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- **Daniel 9:11** “¹¹Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.”
 - All those who were in Babylon were in danger of becoming spiritual lost forever. Already the curse of being in bondage was upon them because of their idolatrous ways. Daniel’s message was that the time was come to return and await the Messiah.

Time Prophecy Example #4: Daniel to Haggai and Zachariah (7 Weeks [out of 70])

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 9:25-27** “²⁵Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

Daniel is given a three-part time prophecy, each of which has its own gathering prophet, message, and remnant people.

1. 49 years (7 weeks) to fully restore the city Jerusalem: 457 B.C. – 408 B.C.
2. 434 years (62 weeks) extending from 408 B.C. – 27A.D. to come to the 483 years (69 weeks) when the Messiah should arrive.
3. 7 years (1 week) went from 27 A.D. – 34 A.D. when the covenant extended from literal to spiritual Israel.

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **Ezra 6:14** “¹⁴And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.”

Remnant People

- **Haggai 1:12** “¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.”

Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- **Nehemiah 4:6, 11, 17** “⁶So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work... ¹¹And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease... ¹⁷They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.”
 - While building the Temple, the City, and the wall, there was much danger and opposition to their work. Those who stayed in Babylon suffered through a death decree during the time of Queen Esther. Following God’s message is the best way.

Time Prophecy Example #5: Daniel to John the Baptist (69 Weeks)

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 9:25a** “²⁵Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...”

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **John 1:6-7** “⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.”
 - The name John means “*Yahweh is exalted or gracious.*” John the Baptist was sent to reveal the beginning of Christ’s ministry.
- **Matthew 3:13-17** “¹⁶And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ¹⁷And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

For all those that did not listen to the message, even though they may have had good intentions, they were hardened and ended up killing Jesus the Messiah.

Remnant People

- **Mark 3:14-15** “¹⁴And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, ¹⁵And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:”
 - The Disciples were to be His remnant ambassador to take the gospel to the Jews.

Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- **John 1:15-18** “¹⁵John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”
 - John was to declare the coming of Jesus the Messiah to the world. Those who do not accept Him will be separated from God.

Time Prophecy Example #6: Daniel to John the Apostle (69½ Weeks)

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 9:27a** “²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...”

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **John 19:25-28** “²⁵Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! ²⁷Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. ²⁸After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.”
 - John, who calls himself the “*disciple that Jesus loved*”, was the only disciple present at the crucifixion. Jesus dedicates His own mother to him.
 - John is the one who reveals Christ and His mission in the Revelation of the Bible, years later. He is the prophet who gathered the people before the Pentecost.

Remnant People

- **Acts 1:2-5** “²Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ⁴And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ⁵For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”
 - Those who followed the message from John of Christ being risen and ascended to Heaven all were blessed with the Early Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- **John 1:1-4** “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”
 - The message to accept Christ is clearly given here by John who writes about the divinity of Jesus. This is the message that went to the world after Christ died.

Time Prophecy Example #7: Daniel to Saul/Paul (70 Weeks)

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 9:27** “²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...”
 - The new covenant was not for literal Israel only but for Spiritual Israel.

Gathering Prophet and Message

- **Acts 7:57-59** “⁵⁷Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, ⁵⁸And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. ⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

In killing Stephen, the first martyr, literal Israel ended the 70 week prophecy and Spiritual Israel then became the people of God, anyone being able to be a member.

- **Acts 9:15** “¹⁵But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:”
 - The name Saul means “*Chosen or asked for.*” He was chosen to take the message of the Gospel to the Gentiles. Saul changed his name to Paul which means “*Least*”.
- **Romans 1:1-2** “¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, ²(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)”
 - Paul recognized that he was separated out by the promises of the scriptures.

Remnant People

- **Acts 1:2-4** “²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

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- **Acts 16:27-33** “²⁷And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. ²⁹Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. ³²And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.”

This story is a perfect example of the message of all of the Apostles, taking the message of the Gospel to the world: the only way to be saved is to go to Jesus.

Time Prophecy Example #8: Daniel to 1844 (2300 Days)

- Here is the final time prophecy in the Bible. It extends past scripture, so there is no direct Bible verse that can be pointed to for proof of this prophet's validity, but we can be assured from the pattern that in 1844, a Gathering Prophet was indeed raised up with a message.

Proclaiming Prophet and Message

- **Daniel 8:13-14** “¹³Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? ¹⁴And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”

His message was a cleansing of the Sanctuary, a re-straightening of the way of the Lord. This is when all the Sanctuary truths would be restored to the knowledge of the remnant people who chose to believe in the Sanctuary message. It was also a message of the Day of Atonement in the Heavenly Sanctuary, the work of judgment beginning for the world by Jesus Christ, the High Priest of Heaven.

Christ's Priestly ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary began the cleansing of the record of sins from the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement in 1844, October 22.

Gathering Prophet and Message

So, sometime around 1844, we can be fully assured that, according the pattern that we have seen fulfilled time and time again, there was raised up a gathering prophet who preached a message about the cleansing of the Sanctuary in Heaven, the judgment of the work of atonement in the Heavenly Sanctuary by Jesus Christ our High Priest, the standard for that very judgment found inside the Ark of Covenant that is in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, and the Ten Commandments found therein. This prophet will proclaim that this very Ten Commandment law is the law of Self-Sacrificing AGAPE Love that is found inside the Ark of the Covenant and is therefore the standard by which the investigative judgment of the dead and then the living is to be performed by Jesus Christ the High Priest that began when He made His move into the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary on the antitypical Day of Atonement for the whole world on October 22, 1844.

Was there a prophet raised up at that time who preached a message of all those things? Yes there was. Her name was Ellen G. White. She was part of the Millerite movement in 1840-1844 and experienced the Great Disappointment firsthand. She was instrumental in the discovery of all these truths above mentioned – all of which pertain to the end of the 2,300 days prophecy message – and she assisted in starting the Adventist movement that turned into the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1863. She is the most translated female author on the planet and has written millions and millions of words that all teach how to be part of the remnant people who will give the final present truth, life-or-death message to the world at the end of all times.

Her words were inspired by the Holy Spirit, the same Holy Spirit that inspired the words of the Holy Bible; but her writings are not to be placed on the same level as the Bible. The Bible is the fullness of divine light, just as the sun is the fullness of light in our sky. Ellen White is like the moon, only reflecting the same light of the sun to a darkened world that has forgotten what the light looks like. She is the very last time prophet and the fact that there will be “*time no longer*” as a reference has been declared to mankind – that is just how close we are to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- **Revelation 10:6-7** “And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7But 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.”
 - Time should be no longer known meaning that there are no other time prophecies in the Bible that reach to after 1844.
 - Ellen G. White is the final prophet that was raised to gather in the people for the sounding of the seventh angel and the beginning of the end of time.
 - The name Ellen means “*Bright and shining lamp*”. She is the messenger of the last days.
- **The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary Vol. 7, p. 971** “This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world’s history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.”



Ellen White’s Own Comments on Her Prophetic Message

- **Selected Messages Vol. 3, p. 71** “For half a century I have been the Lord’s messenger, and as long as my life shall last I shall continue to bear the messages that God gives me for his people. I take no glory to myself. In my youth the Lord made me his messenger, to communicate to his people testimonies of encouragement, warning, and reproof. For sixty years I have been in communication with heavenly messengers, and I have been constantly learning in reference to divine things, and in reference to the way in which God is constantly working to bring souls from the error of their ways to the light in God’s light... I love God. I love Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and I feel an intense interest in every soul who claims to be a child of God. I am determined to be a faithful steward so...”
- **Selected Messages Vol. 3, p. 73** “What a battle I am obliged to fight! My brethren seem to judge me as taking positions that are not necessary. They do not see that God in his own wisdom has made revelations to me which cannot successfully be contradicted or disputed. Nothing can rub out that which has been presented to me and imprinted on the tablets of my soul. All the oppositions or gain-saying to make my testimony of none effect only compels from me, by the urgency of the Spirit of God, a more decided repetition, and to stand on the light revealed with all the force of the strength God has given me.”

The Remnant People are those who accept the Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message

- We must all accept the restored truths of the Sanctuary.

The Alter of Sacrifice

- **Romans 6:23** “²³For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- **I Corinthians 7:23-24** “²³Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. ²⁴Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.”
 - Christ’s one-time sacrifice paid the full penalty for sin for all those who accept the free gift.



The Laver

- **Mark 16:16** “¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
 - All those who choose to accept the gift of Christ’s sacrifice need to then be baptized by immersion in water to signify the death to self and rebirth in the Holy Spirit.



The Table of Shewbread

- **Ephesians 6:11-13** “¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
- **Mark 12:24** “²⁴And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?”
- **John 5:39** “³⁹Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”
 - The scriptures have all been unsealed and must be studied – therein we will find hope, promise, and strength to stand in the last days.



The Alter of Incense

- **Philippians 4:13** “¹³I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
- **I Corinthians 10:13** “¹³There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”
 - Through constant prayer and communion with God, we will find the strength that Jesus did here on Earth to stand against any temptation



The Seven Branch Candlestick

- **John 9:5** “⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
- **Matthew 5:14-16** “¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
 - We are to be the light of truth in a dark world, taking the message of love to all those we meet.



The Ark of the Covenant

- **Hebrews 4:16** “¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”
 - We may approach the throne of grace and justice and we will find his mercy and law. We are to follow the royal 10 Commandment Law of Self-Sacrificing Love.



The Seven Churches of Revelation

The Seven Churches

- **Revelation 1:3** “³Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”
 - For each church, there was a message written for that time.
- **Revelation 1:19-20** “¹⁹Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”
 - Also, for each church, there is a message for a timeperiod of church history.

1. Ephesus: 34 – 100 A.D. “*The Time of Spreading*”

- Ephesus was a prominent city – the gateway to Asia Minor. It was the center for the worship of Diana (Mother of the gods) and around 500 B.C. the great temple of Diana was built as a symbol to the world. Her temple was four times the size of the Parthenon in Athens and was counted among the seven wonders of the ancient world. She was a many-breasted goddess of fertility that synthesized the Amazonian goddess Artemis with the Greek goddess Diana (same temple site, also). The temple was destroyed by the Goths in 263 A.D. and only the foundational stones remain.

Commendation

- **Revelation 2:1-3** “¹Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; ²I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: ³And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.”

Reproof

- **Revelation 2:4-6** “⁴Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. ⁵Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. ⁶But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.”
 - God loves people, but He hates false systems. The Nicolaitanes were a Gnostic group who sought accommodation with the pagan world and discounted obedience to God's law; they taught that since man is made of spirit and flesh and what he did in the flesh did not apply to his spirituality. It was the remnants of Poseidon worship.
 - Gnosticism in general is a form of Luciferian self-enlightenment that teaches that man can become literally like gods through good works in search of wisdom.

Historical Fulfillment

- The Ephesian church represents the first century after Christ. The Church had grown into a force to be reckoned with, and Christianity was starting to challenge the religions and ideological institutions of the day. The great pagan religions had been set up by Satan to counterfeit the plan of salvation and to deny access to the world's Redeemer. It has always been Satan's strategy to either force or deceive people to accept the counterfeit rather than the true.

In Ephesus, Christianity struck a blow to the pagan worship of Diana, the Mother of the gods. However, in the Council of Ephesus in 451 A.D. the Roman Catholic Church bequeathed the title "Mother of God" to Mary, thus reviving the ancient cult in a modern garb.

2. Smyrna: 100 – 313 A.D. "The Time of Persecution"

- Smyrna housed the shrine to the goddess Nemesis and was one of the last cities to fall to Islam. In Paul's day, it was a wealthy port city.

Commendation

- **Revelation 2:8-9** "8And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."
 - There is no reproof for Smyrna.

Historical fulfillment

- **Revelation 2:10** "10Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."
 - Using the year-for-a-day principle of Bible Prophecy, is there a period of early church history where there was intense persecution for 10 years? Yes.

The Diocletian Persecution that began in 303 A.D. was a vicious, empire-wide effort for the complete annihilation of Christianity that continued until it was finally brought to an end in 313 A.D. by the decree of toleration issued by Emperor Constantine.

- There is no reproof for Smyrna, only commendation – which is very desirable. But it took severe persecution for the church to be pure like it here was. When the religion of God begins to affect the religion of Satan and start taking away the Devil's flock, that is when persecution happens and we see that here happening during the spread of Christianity.

3. Pergamos: 313 – 538 A.D. "The Time of Compromise"

- Pergamos was the capital of the Roman province of Asia. It inherited the ancient system of sun worship from Babylon and was the place where the famous altar of Zeus stood on a terrace on the slopes of the mount. It was a center of ancient sun worship, and is referred to as Satan's seat.

Commendation

- **Revelation 2:12-13** "12And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."
 - The church dwells where Satan's seat is – the portal to Baal which is really Satan.
 - Antipas could be historic figure, but it also means "anti-pontiff".

Reproof

- **Revelation 2:14-16** “¹⁴But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. ¹⁵So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. ¹⁶Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”
 - The doctrine of Balaam was the doctrine of compromise.

The city of Pergamos taught the doctrine of compromise that led the church to serving other gods, led by Constantine in 313 A.D. By the end of the period, in 538 A.D., Emperor Justinian decreed Christianity the official religion of the empire, joining church and state.

Historical Fulfillment

- This is the time period that began with Constantine donning the garb of Christianity over his pagan body in 322 A.D., compromising between the two to join in an unholy syncretism.
- Pergamos was the place where the title “Pontifex Maximus” was given to the pontiff.
 - When Medo-Persia took over Babylon, the priesthood of Babylon revolted and was kicked out. They established themselves here at Pergamos. They took the Palladium stone, the two keys to heaven and hell, the vestments and mitre, and title “Pontifex maximus” or “bridge between heaven and earth.” When Rome conquered, they bequeathed this title to the Roman Emperor in 133 B.C.
 - In 378 A.D., Emperor Gratian refused the title “Pontifex Maximus” as unbecoming for a Christian. The Roman Catholic bishop then took the title upon himself, as the Catholic Church has done with many pagan sun worship symbols.
 - This title came down through history from Babylon, through the pagan Roman Emperors, to land on the pontiffs at Rome who also have two keys to heaven and hell and wear the mitre crown.

4. Thyatira: 538 – 1517 A.D. “The Time of Spiritual Darkness”

- Apollo, the sun god, was the chief deity of Thyatira, and the city was also noted for its industries. Most notable was its production of dyed cloth – particularly in the colors purple and crimson.
 - The colors purple and crimson were the colors of the church in the Middle Ages.

Commendation

- **Revelation 2:18-19** “¹⁸And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; ¹⁹I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.”

Reproof

- **Revelation 2:20-23** “²⁰Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. ²¹And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. ²²Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. ²³And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he

which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

- The same fornication and eating food sacrificed to idols that Balaam had taught the Moabites to do to the Israelites. Here is the fruition of that initial concept.
- Ahab, king of Israel, had married Jezebel, a Phoenician Baal worshiper, although God had expressly forbidden intermarriage with heathens. This marriage led to Baal worship being introduced into Israel, even though it was supposedly done in the name of Jehovah.

Just as Jezebel had done in Israel, so was done in the prophetic time of Thyatira. Pagan temples, symbols, and festivals were converted into Christian temples, symbols, and religious festivals, all being done in the name of true worship of the divine God.

Historical Fulfillment

- Just as God raised up Elijah with a message of reform in the days of Jezebel, so God raised up some within the Church who called for reformation during the Church's long history and even after its rejection of the Reformation.
 - After compromise came into the church, we come to the period of darkness
 - In 538 A.D. Justinian's Code of Law made the bishop of Rome the "Corrector of Heretics" who decided what you would believe and not or you were killed.
- **Revelation 2:24-25** "24But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25But that which ye have already hold fast till I come."
 - The ancient pagans knew "the depths of Satan" which is knowing the esoteric doctrine of the initiated (those chosen few who are initiated into the sacred secrets and mysteries of old). This is pure Luciferianism and it is situated here in the church of the Middle Ages.
 - This time period held little truth (light). God says here that he will not hold their ignorance over them, but "that which [they] have already hold fast till [Jesus] come."

5. Sardis: 1517 – 1798 A.D. "The Time of Reformation"

- Sardis stood on a hill, and at the foot of that hill were the temples of Artemis and Zeus. The people of Sardis considered the city impregnable and felt so secure that their guard was not always up in time of crisis. History reveals that the city was conquered without resistance by both Cyrus (Persia) and Antiochus (Greek).

Commendation

- **Revelation 3:1** "1And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

Reproof

- **Revelation 3:2-3** "2Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."
 - The reformation, although it breathed new life to the doctrine that uplifted the Bible, Jesus Christ, and grace, was incomplete.

Historical Fulfillment

- After Luther's 95 Theses in 1517, the Council of Trent was held in 1563. It was the beginning of the great religious awakening that led all the way up to the 18th century. This period has been fittingly described as "the age of dead orthodoxy."
- After the Council of Trent, instead of the reformers continuing their work of restoration, they submitted to the protection and support of the civil authorities. While separating from Rome, the Protestant Church became subject to the state.

The Reformation was rooted in Christ. It is the Gospel of Christ that led the reformers out of the spiritual darkness that had all but extinguished the flame of Christianity. Sadly, compromise did not bring the remnant out of tradition and into fully restored truth.

- Counter Reformation: launched by the Roman Catholic Church gradually eroded faith in the Scriptures and even set the tone for tolerance and acceptance of the teachings of Rome.
 - The Reformation had failed to fortify itself against complacency and became easy prey for those who wished to destroy it.
- **Revelation 3:4** "4Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy."
 - Could it be Luther, Huss, Jerome, Wycliffe, and Tyndale? It could very well be.

6. Philadelphia: 1798 – 1844 A.D. "The Time of Restoration and Mission"

- Philadelphia was situated at the foot of the mountains leading to Anatolia and, as such, was the doorway to this region of Asia Minor.

Commendation

- **Revelation 3:7-9** "7And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."
 - The Great Awakening was met with suspicion and even hostility by the established churches of the day as they refused to accept new light on the Scriptures.

Historical Fulfillment

- **Revelation 3:10-11** "10Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

Philadelphia is when the full message of the Bible was understood and put into one doctrine.

- The Millerite movement reaffirmed the truth of the Bible and its prophetic importance, and the era of world mission began. Satan endeavored to destroy the work by introducing the counterfeit philosophies of the French Revolution.

7. Laodicea: 1844 A.D. – Day of Judgment “*The Time of The End*”

- Laodicea was a famous health resort city and was popular for its hot baths and the collyrium eye salve that was produced there. The hot water for the baths was ingeniously piped to the resorts in insulated pipes, but because of the distances involved, the water was often only lukewarm by the time it arrived at its destination.
 - The symbol of lukewarmness applied to the Laodicean Church is thus very appropriate.

Reproof

- **Revelation 3:14** “¹⁴And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;”
 - Laodicea is the “nation of judgment” and is the last Church, the last light bearer on Earth before the coming of Christ.

This letter is to God's people in our time.

- **Revelation 3:15-17** “¹⁵I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”

Historical Fulfillment

- **Revelation 3:18-20** “¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. ¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”
 - This message is actually not designed to discourage but to encourage. If the message is heeded, then the malady of the Church can be corrected.

The Laodicean Church is the inheritor of all the truths lost in the Dark Ages, it is the final generation to fight in the Great Controversy between Satan and Christ, and it is the culmination of the entirety of our world's history.

- And what did we do with this great knowledge and responsibility? Nothing – we got rich and lazy – that is why we are described as lukewarm. But when persecution once again comes and we are forced to choose between life and death, the church will be cleansed.

The Promise of the Seven Churches of Revelation

Genesis's Curses	Revelation's Promises
<p><i>Lost the Tree of Life</i> Genesis 3:22 “²²And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:”</p>	<p><i>EPHESUS Promise: Restore the Tree of Life</i> Revelation 2:7b “⁷...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”</p>
<p><i>Subject to death</i> Genesis 2:17 “¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”</p>	<p><i>SMYRNA Promise: Victory over death</i> Revelation 2:11b “¹¹...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”</p>
<p><i>Had to earn bread</i> Genesis 3:19 “¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”</p>	<p><i>PERGAMOS Promise: Receive hidden manna</i> Revelation 2:17b “¹⁷...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”</p>
<p><i>Lost dominion over the earth</i> Genesis 3:24 “²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”</p>	<p><i>THYATIRA Promise: Dominion restored</i> Revelation 2:26 “²⁶And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:”</p>
<p><i>Naked</i> Genesis 3:7 “⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”</p>	<p><i>SARDIS Promise: Clothed in white</i> Revelation 3:5 “⁵He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”</p>
<p><i>Driven from God</i> Genesis 3:23 “²³Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.”</p>	<p><i>PHILADELPHIA Promise: Restored to God</i> Revelation 3:12 “¹²Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”</p>
<p><i>LAODECIA Promise: Sit on Christ's Throne in Heaven</i> Revelation 3:21 “²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”</p>	