

Sardis: 1517 – 1798 A.D. “The Time of Reformation”

Sardis was considered to be impregnable. Her residents felt so secure that in the time of crisis their guard was not up. History reveals that the city was conquered without resistance by both Cyrus (Persia) and Antiochus (Greek).

- **Approval:** had a good name and were called to _____ their beliefs
- **Reproof:** their beliefs were incomplete and not perfect
- **History Fulfillment:** The reformation, although it breathed new life to the doctrine that uplifted the Bible, Jesus Christ, and grace, was incomplete. Soon the doctrine of compromise entered into the reformed church.

Philadelphia: 1798 – 1844 A.D. “The Time of Restoration”

The city of Philadelphia was the doorway to the eastern side of all Asia Minor.

- **Approval:** kept the word of God and did not deny His _____. Just like Smyrna, they recognized false _____ as the synagogue of _____. Just like _____
- **Reproof:** during time of intense awakening, there is _____ reproof
- **History Fulfillment:** 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 the era of world mission began.

Laodicea: 1844 A.D. – World’s End “The Time of The End”

Laodicea was a famous health resort, popular for its hot baths and eye salve. Hot water was piped in from far away, but was only lukewarm by the time it arrived.

- **Approval:** during time of intense apathy, there is _____ approval
- **Reproof:** we live lukewarm, rich, and comfortable lives in need of nothing, but we don’t know that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.
- **History Fulfillment:** we are called to be _____ in the fire (*to find victory*), to _____ our eyes and see (*to find truth in the Bible*), to be _____ the door (*relationship with Jesus*).

As the Laodicean Church, we are the inheritors of all the truths lost in the Dark Ages, we are the final generation to fight in the great controversy between Satan and Christ, it is our privilege to be the final voice for truth in the last days and witness the culmination of the entirety of our world’s history. And what did we do with this great knowledge and responsibility? _____ We got rich and lazy. But when we receive power to preach, when people begin to come out of Babylon, when persecution is rekindled, the final church will be cleansed.

Curses in Genesis 2&3

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| • Gen. 3:22 – Lost the _____ | • Ephesus: Restore the _____ |
| • Gen. 2:17 – Subject to _____ | • Smyrna: Victory over _____ |
| • Gen. 3:19 – Had to earn _____ | • Pergamos: Receive hidden _____ |
| • Gen. 3:24 – No _____ of earth | • Thyatira: Dominion _____ |
| • Gen. 3:07 – They were _____ | • Sardis: Clothed in _____ |
| • Gen. 3:23 – Driven from _____ | • Philadelphia: Restored to _____ |
| • Gen. 3:08 – Destroyed _____ | • Laodicea: Sit on Christ’s _____ |

Blessings in Revelation 2&3

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| • Ephesus: Restore the _____ | • Smyrna: Victory over _____ |
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| • Laodicea: Sit on Christ’s _____ | |

Hallelujah! We will be restored to the relationship of Eden!

Big Picture Bible Study

No. 07: Time Prophecy Applied

Through patterns and history, we CAN know what present truth is in our time.

The Pattern of Time Prophecy

The major time prophecies in the Bible follow a specific pattern. Each demonstrate four special characteristics:

- **Proclaiming Prophet:** establishes the _____ and the starting date
- **Gathering Prophet:** reiterates the _____ message at the end of the time
- **A Remnant People:** an _____ remnant people are called to follow truth
- **Present Truth, Life-or-Death Message:** the message pertains _____ to their time and the decision to obey or not will be one of life or death.

Example #1: Enoch to Noah

- **Genesis 5:27** – Enoch named his son Methuselah: “*with his death, it will come*”
- **Genesis 6:13** – Noah had the SAME message: the _____ was soon to come
- **Genesis 7:13** – in faith, only _____ people walked into the ark
- **Genesis 7:22** – anything on dry land that _____ was taken by the water

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

Example #2: Abraham to Moses

- **Genesis 15:13-14** – 30 years before it began, Abraham is given the message that Israel would be afflicted in a land that was not their own for 400 years
- **Exodus 12:40-41** – exactly 430 years later, Moses leads them out of Egypt
- **Exodus 12:50-51** – those left in Egypt who believed in the Passover
- **Exodus 12:28-30** – the house where the law was obeyed would be spared

On the 10th day of the first month, when God told Abraham to choose Isaac, when God told Moses and the Israelites to choose the Passover lamb, God also told representatives of both literal and Spiritual Israel that He had chosen Jesus Christ as His Lamb. Four days later, in each story, the offering was sacrificed.

Example #3: Jeremiah to Daniel

- **Jeremiah 29:10** – Israel would serve the King of _____ seventy years
- **Daniel 9:5** – Daniel recognized the time was up and had the same message
- **Daniel 9:7** – prayer for the men of Judah, Jerusalem, and Israel that remained
- **Daniel 9:11** – in Babylon they were in danger of being _____ lost forever

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

- **Daniel 9:25-27** – in seven weeks the city will be rebuilt in _____ times
- **Ezra 6:14** – the builders prospered by hearing the message of the prophets
- **Haggai 1:12** – with Zerubbabel and Joshua, all obeyed and respected the Lord
- **Nehemiah 4:6** – those who trusted were protected during the time of Esther

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

- **Daniel 9:25** – in sixty-nine weeks the Messiah will come to be _____
- **John 1:6-7** – John proclaimed that the time was a hand to be fulfilled
- **Mark 3:14-15** – the disciples were chosen and were sent to preach the gospel
- **John 1:15-18** – Israel had this one final Way to choose the Life and the Truth

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

- **Daniel 9:27** – in the middle of the final week, the Messiah would be _____
- **John 19:25-28** – John taught that Jesus knew that all things were _____
- **Acts 1:2-5** – the apostles were chosen by Jesus to start the new remnant church
- **John 1:1-4** – the gospel is the ultimate life or death, present truth message

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

- **Daniel 9:27** – in seventy weeks the covenant will be confirmed with _____
- **Acts 9:15** – Paul was chosen to take the confirmed covenant to the gentiles
- **Acts 2:2-4** – the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who entered the remnant
- **Acts 16:27-33** – those who did not believe in Jesus could not be saved

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.

- **Daniel 8:13-14** – in 2,300 days, then the Sanctuary will be cleansed. His message was a cleansing of the Sanctuary, a re-introduction to the way of the Lord: a restored knowledge of the Sanctuary and an understanding 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.

According to the confirmed pattern, a gathering prophet would come in 1844 who preached the same message as Daniel: the cleansing of the _____ in Heaven, the _____ of the work of atonement in the Heavenly Sanctuary by Jesus Christ our High Priest, the _____ for that very judgment found in the Ark of Covenant that is in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

- The Gathering Prophet for the 2,300 days was _____

Ellen White is not greater than the Bible. The Holy Spirit inspired much of her words, just as He did with the words of the Holy Bible; but her writings only point us to the Word. The Bible is like the sun, containing the fullness of divine light in the sky. Ellen White is like the moon, only reflecting the same light to a darkened world that has forgotten what the light looks like.

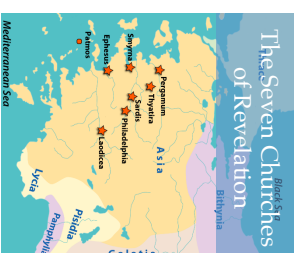
- **Revelation 10:6-7** – confirmed knowledge of future timing was _____
- **Ephesians 6:13-17** – we are to put on _____ to protect from deception

It is not coincidence that this time period saw the increase in hundreds of new philosophies and beliefs. It is up to us to know the _____ so that when we are presented with the _____ we will be able to recognize it.

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

The city of Ephesus was the gateway to Asia Minor. It contained the temple to the goddess Diana who was known as the virgin goddess mother of childbirth.

- **Approval:** tested and identified false _____ and did not stand for the Nicolaitan teaching
- **Reproof:** left their first _____
- **History Fulfillment:** Council of Ephesus (451 A.D.) the RCS gave the title “Mother of God” to Mary, thus reviving the ancient paganism in a pseudo-Christian garb.



Smyrna: 100 – 313 A.D. “The Time of Persecution”

Smyrna, a wealthy port city, was one of the last cities to fall to Islam. In Smyrna the city of Rome was first defined, beginning the worship to the goddess Roma.

- **Approval:** suffered tribulation and were _____ unto death.
- **Reproof:** during time of intense persecution, there is _____ reproof
- **History Fulfillment:** There would be persecution for _____
- **Diocletian Persecution (303 – 313 A.D.)** the RCS gave the title “Mother of God” to Mary, thus reviving the ancient paganism in a pseudo-Christian garb.

It is when the religion of God begins to lead people away from the religion of Satan that persecution will be revitalized.

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 Babylonian sun worship and contained the famous altar of Zeus.

- **Approval:** held fast to the name of Jesus in the face of “Satan’s Throne”
- **Reproof:** allowed those with the doctrine of Balaam (idolatry and fornication) and those with the Nicolaitan doctrine (Gnosticism: self-enlightenment)
- **History Fulfillment:** When Persia seized Babylon, the exiled priests settled in Pergamos. The ancient mysteries of sun worship were kept in the great altar, hence titled “Satan’s seat.” The title of the high priest, “Pontifex Maximus,” was bequeathed to the Roman _____ and then to the _____.

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 production of dyed of cloth – particularly the colors purple and crimson.

- **Approval:** full of good works: love, service, _____ and _____
- **Reproof:** tolerated Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and is deceiving His servants to practice _____ and _____ through her teachings.
- **History Fulfillment:** Just as Jezebel did in Israel, so here prophetic Thyatira. Pagan temples, symbols, and festivals were called Christian. However, many did not know the depths of Satan, and fought for truth and light. In beautiful mercy, God assures them that He will not hold them accountable for light that they did not have, but they are to hold fast what they _____.