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OMEGA APOSTASY

An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" *Selected Messages, book 1, 205, 206*

Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collisions, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, "Meet it!"

That night I was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper. For the next few days I worked early and late, preparing for our people the instruction given me regarding the errors that were coming in among us.

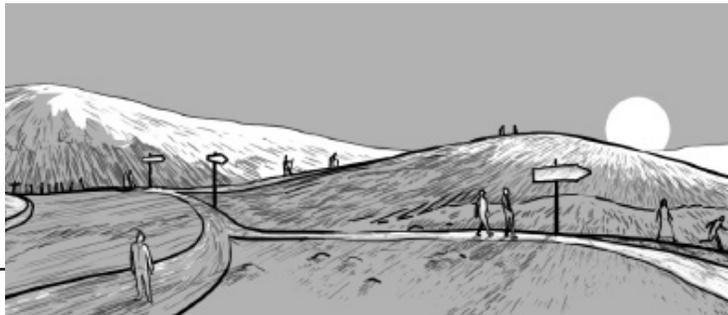
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The ministry is founded by a group of individuals who are studying the prophecies of Revelation 14: 6-12 based upon the rules and principles of William Miller and were inspired to formalize this ministry. We believe that we are called by God to teach this prophetic message, help in the preservation of health and to give the message of the hour by His grace.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To restore and preserve the everlasting Gospel, is the life mission of The Last Waymark Ministry and we do so under the auspices of Hosea 12:13. Here we learn that Israel was freed and preserved of God through a prophet and we hope to have a similar effect on the world today. The wide circulation of the third angel's message is another of our mission and we share its warning through principles left us by Father Miller. These principles have been our rules for Bible interpretation and we have found their use to be valuable. Fast joined to the work of the third angel is medical ministry and in this we have a field of labor as well. Isaiah 58 is the scriptural premise on which we work. In summary, we at The Last Waymark ministry are commissioned to give the everlasting gospel to the world.



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TRUTH IS STILL TRUTH

We are living in a solemn time. Many are the counsels from the word of God that instruct us on incessant watchfulness and prayer. Many too are the forebodings of certain destruction especially reserved for those that are ignorant of the events specific to our time.

The most recent of lights has warned us against the influence of the omega apostasy. We have been led to believe that its presence is visible within our movement and this parallels nicely the rapid work underway by President number forty-five. How can this be so? Principle suggests to us the reason.

Principle: That which happens in the world is reflecting the condition within the church.

Application: The churches, seals and trumpets are contemporaries to some extent. That which happens internally within the church is reflected externally through world events. The church of God has been, since 1996, this movement and the happenings within the world depict the condition within our movement. The arrival of the 45th president of America has its religious parallel in the arrival of the omega apostasy. Both symbols (45 and omega apostasy) are foreshadowing a change in foundations. For America the change is towards the repudiation of the US constitution and for this movement it's a repudiation of core truths that this message has for years been founded upon.

None can with safety evade the issues made prominent through the arrival of these symbols and through this article I hope to cover, with brevity, the omega apostasy and the safeguards against being swept away by it.

Is it reasonable though to expect such a thing to exist? 2 Thessalonians 2: 3 and 4 may provide us an answer:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all

that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

What day is here being referenced?

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 ,2.

Does not the coming of Christ happen at different way marks for the three classes of our reform line? For the priests this coming is Midnight Cry.

Son of Perdition: A Type of Judas

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. John 17:12.

Christ's dealing with the wheat and tares

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? John 6:70.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:37-42.

Children of the wicked one

Jesus said unto them, the Jews, If God



were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:42-44

Deceive - To mislead the mind; to cause to err; to cause to believe what is **false**, or disbelieve what is true; to impose on; to delude.

G4105: plan-ah'-o- 1. To cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way; to go astray, wander, roam about. 2. Metaphorically: to lead away from the truth, to lead into error, to deceive; to be led into error; to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, sin; to sever or fall away from the truth. 1. Of heretics; to be led away into error and sin; be out of the way.

Apostasy - An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.

Omega - The name of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, as Alpha, A, is the first. Hence in Scripture, Alpha and Omega denotes the first and last, the beginning and the ending.

The Alpha Now Seen

“Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature.” *Selected Messages*, Book 1, 197.

“We are living in an age of great light; but much that is called light is opening the way for the wisdom and arts of Satan. Many things will be presented that appear to be true, and yet they need to be carefully considered with much prayer; for they may be specious devices of the enemy. The path of error often appears to lie close to the path of truth. It is hardly

distinguishable from the path that leads to holiness and heaven. But the mind enlightened by the Holy Spirit may discern that it is diverging from the right way. After a while the two are seen to be widely separated.

“The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is one of Satan's most subtle devices. It misrepresents God and is a dishonor to His greatness and majesty.

“Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart and give license to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them.” *Counsels to the Church*, 322.

Alpha Presented in “Living Temple”

“I am instructed to speak plainly. “Meet it,” is the word spoken to me. “Meet it firmly, and without delay.” But it is not to be met by our taking our working forces from the field to investigate doctrines and points of difference. We have no such investigation to make. In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 200.

A View of Approaching Danger

“About the time that *Living Temple* was published, there passed before me in the night season, representations indicating that some danger was approaching, and that I must prepare for it by writing out the things God had revealed to me regarding the foundation principles of our faith. A copy of *Living Temple* was sent me, but it remained in my library, unread. From the light given me by the Lord, I knew that some of the sentiments advocated in the book did not bear the endorsement of God, and that they were a snare that the enemy had prepared for the last days. I thought that this would surely be discerned, and that it would



not be necessary for me to say anything about it.

“In the controversy that arose among our brethren regarding the teachings of this book, those in favor of giving it a wide circulation declared: “It contains the very sentiments that Sister White has been teaching.” This assertion struck right to my heart. I felt heartbroken; for I knew that this representation of the matter was not true.

“Finally my son said to me, “Mother, you ought to read at least some parts of the book, that you may see whether they are in harmony with the light that God has given you.” He sat down beside me, and together we read the preface, and most of the first chapter, and also paragraphs in other chapters. As we read, I recognized the very sentiments against which I had been bidden to speak in warning during the early days of my public labors. When I first left the State of Maine, it was to go through Vermont and Massachusetts, to bear a testimony against these sentiments. Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in Living Temple in regard to this point are incorrect. The scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth, is scripture misapplied.

“I am compelled to speak in denial of the claim that the teachings of Living Temple can be sustained by statements from my writings. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of Living Temple, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in Living Temple are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this sentiment should prevail.

“Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 202, 203.

How to escape its influence?

“The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that “in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 55.

Way marks Must Be Preserved

“At this time many efforts will be made to unsettle our faith in the sanctuary question; but we must not waver. Not a pin is to be moved from the foundations of our faith. Truth is still truth. Those who become uncertain will drift into erroneous theories, and will finally find themselves infidel in regard to the past evidence we have had of what is truth. The old way marks must be preserved, that we lose not our bearings.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 55

Every Pillar to Be Strengthened

“The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the



world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. . . . There is need now to rehearse the experience of the men who acted a part in the establishment of our work at the beginning.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 55.

Guard Way marks of Truth

“The great way marks of truth, showing us our bearing in prophetic history, are to be carefully guarded, lest they be torn down and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 54.

“Listen not a moment to the interpretations that would loosen one pin, remove one pillar, from the platform of truth. Human interpretations, the reception of fables, will spoil your faith, confuse your understanding, and make of none effect your faith in Jesus Christ. Study diligently the third chapter of Revelation. In it is pointed out the danger of losing your hold upon the things that you have heard and learned from the Source of all light.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 1, 54.

Conclusion:

The Bible has documented many agencies through whom deception will come. Those of the church relate strongly with the predicted Omega apostasy and those of the world references the work of the False Prophet in raring up the Image of Beast test found in Revelation 13. A wonderful work of deception is portrayed to happen in the immediate future by the US government and this work has begun under Donald Trump. The culmination of these actions, however, will be at midnight. The same holds true for the false priests of our movement; the complete display of who they are will be visible at the same period.

The omega apostasy has a religious and national application is what I would conclude. Both are running parallel to each other with the same rapidity and fulfilment. A change in core foundations will be the consequence of either one. Can you meet this predicted change,

dear reader? Are you knowledgeable of the foundational truths? If no, today if you hear His voice on the matter; harden not your heart.

❧ HEALTH NUGGETS ❧

Diet’s Effect on Spirituality

It can be little denied the effect a meal has on one’s morality. Many are the scientific researches that can be produced and more importantly, many are our denominational counsels on the matter. I have long had fascinations with Bible verses that suggested the influence our diet has on our spiritual condition and I site, as an example, Isaiah 7: 14 and 15:

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Christ had an abstemious type diet to the end that He might choose the good and not the evil. Do you suppose it’s different for His followers?

Following, are some quotations that testify in the affirmative to the thoughts expressed in the former paragraph. It is my prayer that this compilation of quotes will go far into anchoring within our minds the need to eat correctly, especially at this hour in earth’s history.

“Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions, and not violate the law of God. Therefore He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may see our sin in violating the laws which He has established in our being. All our enjoyment or suffering may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law. Our gracious heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men, who, some knowingly but many ignorantly, are living in violation of the laws that He has established. And in love and pity to the race, He causes the light to shine upon health reform. He publishes His law, and the penalty that will follow the



transgression of it, that all may learn, and be careful to live in harmony with natural law. He proclaims His law so distinctly, and makes it so prominent, that it is like a city set on a hill. All accountable beings can understand it if they will. Idiots will not be responsible. To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the third angel's message, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord." *Counsels on Diet and Food*, 69

"Providence has been leading the people of God out from the extravagant habits of the world, away from the indulgence of appetite and passion, to take their stand upon the platform of self-denial, and temperance in all things. The people whom God is leading will be peculiar. They will not be like the world. If they follow the leading of God, they will accomplish his purposes, and will yield their will to his will. Christ will dwell in the heart. The temple of God will be holy. Your body, says the apostle, is the temple of the Holy Ghost. God does not require his children to deny themselves to the injury of physical strength. He requires them to obey natural law, in order to preserve physical health. Nature's path is the road he marks out, and it is broad enough for any Christian. With a lavish hand God has provided us with rich and varied bounties for our sustenance and enjoyment. But in order for us to enjoy the natural appetite, which will preserve health and prolong life, he restricts the appetite. He says, Beware! restrain, deny, unnatural appetite. If we create a perverted appetite, we violate the laws of our being, and assume the responsibility of abusing our bodies and of bringing disease upon ourselves.

"God has bountifully provided for the sustenance and happiness of all his creatures; if his laws were never violated, if all acted in harmony with the divine will, health, peace, and happiness, instead of misery and continual evil, would be the result.

"Some are not impressed with the necessity of eating and drinking to the glory of God. The indulgence of appetite affects them in all

the relations of life. It is seen in the family, in the church, in the prayer-meeting, and in the conduct of their children. It is the curse of their lives. It prevents them from understanding the truths for these last days.

"I saw that God does not require any one to practice such rigid economy as to weaken or injure the temple of God. There are duties and requirements in his word to humble the church, and cause them to afflict their souls; there is no need of making crosses and manufacturing duties to distress the body, in order to cause humility. All this is outside the word of God.

"The time of trouble is just before us, and then stern necessity will require the people of God to deny self, and eat merely enough to sustain life; but God will prepare them for that time. In that fearful hour, their necessity will be God's opportunity to impart strength, and sustain his people. But now God requires them to labor with their hands, the thing that is good, and lay by them in store as he has prospered them, and to do their part in sustaining the cause of truth. This is a duty enjoined upon all who are not especially called to labor in word and doctrine, to devote their time to proclaiming to others the way of life and salvation.

"The indulgence of lustful appetite wars against the soul; it is a constant hindrance to spiritual advancement. Those who yield to these lower impulses, bear an accusing conscience; and when strait truths are presented, they are ready to take offense. They are self-condemned, and think that these subjects have been purposely selected in order to reprove them. They feel grieved and injured, and withdraw themselves from the assemblies of the church. Then the conscience is not so disturbed. Thus they soon lose their interest in the meetings, and their love for the truth. If these will crucify fleshly lusts, the arrows of truth will pass harmlessly by them. But while they indulge lustful appetite, and thus cherish their idols, they make themselves a mark for the shafts of truth; if the truth is spoken at all, it must wound them.



“As a people, with all our profession of health reform, we eat too much. Indulgence of appetite is the greatest cause of physical and mental debility, and lies at the foundation of a large share of the feebleness which is apparent everywhere.

“The controlling power of appetite will prove the ruin of thousands, who, if they had conquered on this point, would have had the moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation. But those who are slaves to appetite will fail of perfecting Christian character. The continual transgression of man for over six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit. And as we draw near the close of time, Satan’s temptations to indulge appetite will be more powerful, and more difficult to resist.

“There are but few who are roused sufficiently to understand how much their habits of diet affect their health, their character, their usefulness in this world, and their eternal destiny. I saw that it is the duty of those who have received the light from heaven, and have realized the benefit of walking in it, to manifest a greater interest for those who are still suffering for want of knowledge. Sabbath-keepers who are looking for the soon appearing of their Saviour should be the last to manifest a lack of interest in this great work of reform. Men and women must be instructed, and ministers and people should feel that the burden of the work rests upon them to agitate the subject and seek to educate others.” *Counsels on Temperance Behavior and Hygiene*, 150-154.

Diet and spirituality pervades our entire experience as a movement; for we have long held to the belief that we were called to eat the little book within the period of 9/11. Isn’t this ingestion of spiritual import to the priests in their preparation for Midnight? I go further to say this: for us to do as this belief suggests we must eat rightly at our dinner tables. Right eating is relative, however, and is left to one’s conviction on the matter. None presumes to chart a menu for any; we only counsel that we be more mindful

of our physical food because they also have an influence on our spiritual condition.

TINDALE'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is “present truth” that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. *Early Writings* 63.

Note: God gives us truth in the present for the present time, but some want to run off from the important points of our present (9/11); which is also the second step (sanctification).

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: Psalm

God’s voice always comes to us today. There was a voice at 9/11 where we have the baptism, which is also our wilderness.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? But seek ye first the kingdom



of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:30, 31, 33.

At 911, He has given us what to eat, drink and wear but, some worry about obtaining these things Tomorrow (midnight) when God already made provision.

Live the life of faith day by day. Do not become anxious and distressed about the time of trouble, and thus have a time of trouble beforehand. Do not keep thinking, "I am afraid I shall not stand in the great testing day." You are to live for the present, for this day only. Tomorrow is not yours. Today you are to maintain the victory over self. Today you are to live a life of prayer. Today you are to fight the good fight of faith. Today you are to believe that God blesses you. And as you gain the victory over darkness and unbelief, you will meet the requirements of the Master, and will become a blessing to those around you. *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists*, 142.3

Note: In the holy place (our second step) where the altar of incense is located, the prayers are ascending. We are to live for our 911 period now; tomorrow is not ours but, assigned to the Levites.

When the appeals of the Holy Spirit comes to the heart, our only safety lies in responding to them without delay. When the call comes, "Go work today in My vineyard," do not refuse the invitation. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 4:7. It is unsafe to delay obedience. You may never hear the invitation again. *Christ Object Lessons*, 280

We were called at 911 (today).

Are you ready to make the surrender now? You are to put away your sin right now when you see it.... Do not make leeway [that] you are going to overcome by degrees; you are going to try little by little to give up sin. Now, while it is called today, heed the invitation and harden

not your hearts. *The Upward Look*, 283.

Oh, for living, active, faith! We need it; we must have it, or we shall faint and fail in the day of trial. The darkness that will then rest upon our path must not discourage us, or drive us to despair. It is the veil with which God covers His glory when He comes to impart rich blessings. We should know this by our past experience. In that day when God has a controversy with His people, this experience will be a source of comfort and hope.

It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake, and make determined effort for symmetry of character. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 4:7. We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. "But ye, brethren," says Paul, "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thessalonians 5:4. It is ever God's purpose to bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and rest out of weariness, for the waiting, longing soul. *Christian Experience and Teaching of Ellen G. White*, 190.3

Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Sin	Righteousness	Judgement
Call	Chosen	Faithful
Court	Holy	Most Holy
Past	Present	Future
Way	Truth	Life
Fear	Glory	Judgement
Purified	White	Tried



THE MESSAGE IN REVIEW

Ezra 7:9

The understandings from Ezra 7:9 began in 2013; and following its discovery many other teachings developed and flourished. The doctrinal comprehension we have from this passage of scripture has helped in our appreciation of the 9/11 waymark. Within this piece we will take the time to understand the lessons of Ezra 7:9 and show the importance it sustains with the progression of this message. Inextricably linked to our prophetic use of the information found in Ezra 7:9 is our understanding of the way marks Midnight and Midnight Cry and as this piece develops you will see why. Know though, that connected with this passage of scripture there has come some new understandings. Examples of these are: The first day of the first month, first day of the fifth month, Samuel Snow, the shaking, the blending and combining of the messages etc. These concepts won't be covered here, they are only to serve as examples of how useful the Ezra 7:9 understanding has been to the growth of this message.

Ezra 7:9- For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first [day] of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

At surface view this verse is without much value, however, when it's truly examined there is seen a beauty that cannot be undervalued. The first note we will make is that this verse provides us with information relative to the third decree. Verse 1 tells us that this decree was given by Artaxerxes and saw Ezra leaving with it from Babylon, for Jerusalem, on the first day of the first month (1D1M). He is documented as arriving in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month (1D5M). The phrase "first day of the first month" is mentioned eight times in the Bible; while the phrase "first day of the fifth month" is mentioned only twice. A look at these passages of scripture will furnish us with needed understanding of these dates; we will, therefore, name the passages here, look at the information they give us and then apply those understandings to our

interpretation of Ezra 7:9.

1D1M

Genesis 8:13- And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first [month], the first [day] of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

Exodus 40:2, 17- On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up

2 Chronicles 29:17- Now they began on the first [day] of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

Ezra 7:9- For upon the first [day] of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first [day] of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

Ezra 10:17- And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

Ezekiel 29: 17- And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first [month], in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Ezekiel 45: 18- Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

1D5M

Number 33:38- And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first [day] of the fifth month.

Ezra 7:9- For upon the first [day] of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first [day] of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

From the scripture verses above I have taken the following points as needful for understanding the 1D1M and the 1D5M. The points are listed in the order the scriptures appear in.

- i. The drying up of the earth from the waters of the flood. This typifies the drying up of the river Euphrates and is associated with the fall of Babylon. This fall of Babylon is also associated with the Second Angel's message of Revelation 14 and 18.
- ii. The tabernacle is reared up. Under what decree was the temple reared up? Was it not the second; and isn't the second decree paralleled to the Second Angel's message? Yes!
- iii. Priests begin the eight days of sanctification
- iv. Babylon is left. This action typifies the call out of Babylon made through the angel of Revelation 18.
- v. Strange wives are put away.
- vi. Ezekiel, a representative prophet, receives message relative to the King of the North and the King of the South as well as the Church Triumphant. To see this concept fully I recommend that verses 18-21 be read of Ezekiel 29.
- vii. Cleansing of the Sanctuary
- viii. Jerusalem is arrived at- The establishment of the Church Triumphant.
- ix. Aaron or the structure dies

The first day of the first month is marked at

9/11 and one needs not deny this application. Is it not at 9/11 that Revelation 14: 8 and 18:1-3 are fulfilled? Is it not there that we have the preparatory period of the priests where they aim at attaining sanctification? And is it not with the period assigned as 9/11 that we receive the message of the KON and KOS and have more details applied to our understanding of the Church Triumphant? One cannot but answer in the affirmative for the questions just asked.

The first day of the fifth month is marked on our line as the Midnight Cry and standing between the way marks of 9/11 and Midnight Cry is Midnight. These two way marks are explained briefly in two articles that are to follow this one. At the Midnight Cry the death of the structure is expected; for by that time the Church Triumphant would have been established and the Church Militant passed by. Jerusalem being arrived at, while at this waymark, is a typification of the joint accomplishment made by the Priests and Levites in reaching the Promised Land or being sealed for access to the Heavenly Canaan.

“The decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus for the restoring and building of Jerusalem, the third issued since the close of the seventy years' captivity, is remarkable for its expressions regarding the God of heaven, for its recognition of the attainments of Ezra, and for the liberality of the grants made to the remnant people of God. Artaxerxes refers to Ezra as “the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of His statutes to Israel;” “a scribe of the law of the God of heaven.” The king united with his counselors in offering freely “unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem;” and in addition he made provision for meeting many heavy expenses by ordering that they be paid “out of the king's treasure house.” Ezra 7: 11, 12, 15, 20.” {PK 610.1}. This decree of Artaxerxes is what marked the commencement and end date of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14. It therefore means that an understanding of the 1D1M and the 1D5M was needful among the Millerites as well. This understanding was what led to the publications of Samuel S. Snow which is being typified today as the Prediction Before Midnight.

Ezra 7:9, in summary, sheds light on 9/11, MN, MC, 2300 days, 2520 and a host of other topics within this message. It is my hope that this brief introduction has helped you in seeing how this is so.

CREATIVE CORNER

The “Time of the End” Concept in a Story

Her face wore no expression as she mulled over the idea Jake presented. She could make no sense of it however hard she tried; for how could the mind be so complex to her when she too had a mind? “Aren’t all minds assembled similarly?” she questioned. Then why couldn’t her mind understand like Jake’s? Long she circled thoughts like these around in her head and with each round her frustration deepened. She then decided that her mind was broken and inadequate and as she slumped her frame within the chair Jake approached her patiently.

Emma is many years younger than Jake but she had long gloated in her self-proclaimed brilliance. Now confounded by the wisdom Jake expressed, she felt far removed from her prior thoughts of intellectual soundness and grew increasingly uncomfortable in her brother’s company. As Jake neared her the tears flowed down little Emma’s cheeks. Completely overcome and humiliated she arose quickly with the intention to run off to her bedroom and sob her pillow wet. But Jake’s outstretched arms offered her a nearer option and without hesitation she ran to him and tearfully talked her disappointments.

“Why am I struggling to understand the thought you shared” asked Emma as Jake sat her on his lap and wiped her tears away. Her little face reflected nothing save dismay and annoyance. But why should she be thus troubled, when it is that the concept shared was higher than her mind’s ability to understand? Jake wondered at how to help her comprehension to the end where she could teach another what he told her.

“Emma, do you remember the first time I taught you how to ride a bicycle?” Jake asked smilingly. “Do you remember how hard it was to maintain your balance even though you thought it easy to do?” At the mention of this Emma started laughing at how wobbly her rounds were around the block; and before she was able to recognize, she was happy again. This was Jake’s intention. He knew that those memories always made her laugh. “And do you remember,” he continued “when you began teaching Aaron how to ride and the ways you helped him to keep his balance?” “Oh yeah, I remember” responded Emma in a laugh.

Realizing from that experience a lesson that he wanted her to see, Jake began at telling his little sister of how similar the mind is to the experience just named. Reading her to be surprised, he continued in telling her how the experience in learning to ride was perfected through many trials and errors. He added that prior to him teaching her she as ignorant on how to operate a bicycle and this even though he had told her how to. It wasn’t until she had an active lesson on how to do it that she developed neural cues on how to do so with sharper skills. The same held true with their little cousin that she taught to ride. Emma was only able to do these bicycle lessons as she had learned herself how it was done from Jake; and this she understood.

“Now,” began Jake as he saw the opportunity, “that was all I meant when I told you that all actions follow a neural pattern and that these patterns are like mental tracks that become more and more visible with use. Before you had these mental tracks there was nothing there. But as soon as you began at learning, say, how to ride a bicycle that track begins to appear and becomes more defined as you do it often. Do you understand?” “Yes!” screamed Emma happily and with great excitement ran and told her parents what she had just learned.

The End

