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Word from the Editor

My name is Grace Egboh and I'd like to welcome you to the fifth edition of 'SDA Watchmen's' Newsletter. In this newsletter we will be continuing on with where we left of in our last publication which is on the event that transpired on September 11th 2001 and its relation to bible prophecy so be sure to read that copy prior to this one. We also have an important health message on veganism that is based on a recent utube video published on the channel called "Does veganism mean healthy?" Be sure to watch that video as the health message is the right arm of the Gospel and in order to glorify God so we can stand in these times of peril we must adhere to the health principles outlined by the Spirit of Prophecy.

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"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence" {Isaiah 62:6}

The word watchmen can be defined as "A man employed to look after a building, especially at night". It is pretty clear that we are in a period of spiritual darkness as we see the widespread apostasy leavening the remnant church. No doubt Satan is working to destroy this Spiritual temple, the Lords building as described Ephesians 2:21-22. It is in this period of darkness the apostle Paul tells us to "...cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." {Romans 13:12} This light is the more sure word of prophecy: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" {2Peter 1:19} The prophetic gift is one of the most important gifts given to the church, hence why the apostle Paul tells us "covert to prophesy" {1 Corinthians 14:39} and "rather that ye prophesy." And this is our focus as we are told: "Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." {Ev 196.2}



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DOES VEGAN MEAN HEALTHY?



Today, the vegan industry is rising with many restaurants and tasty vegan food items becoming wildly available in our supermarkets. Despite this, 'veganism' does not necessarily mean healthy food choices.

The vegan society defines veganism as "A philosophy and way of living which seeks to exclude—as far as is possible and practicable—all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose; and by extension, promotes the development and use of animal-free alternatives for the benefit of humans, animals and the environment. In dietary terms it denotes the practice of dispensing with all products derived wholly or partly from ani-

mals." {Vegan Society}

Now whilst this is a positive principle to live by, it does not take into consideration the health message that we as Seventh Day Adventists are called to proclaim and live by. For example, I can eat fried chips, white rice, mock duck, processed 'fake' chicken, drink fizzy drinks all day, and though I come under the category of 'veganism' I am not practicing true health reform as those foods will not nourish the body with wholesome strength and vitality. As a Christian I am still transgressing the health laws because the bible tells us that our bodies are the temple of God. It is not ours to destroy therefore whether "ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do

all to the glory of God" {1Cor 10:31} "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." {1Cor 6:20} A vegan diet does not automatically mean a healthy diet so it is still possible to be transgressing the laws of health whilst still being labelled as a 'vegan.' This in reality makes us no different to a meat eater as we are still doing damage to God's creation though it is self inflicted and the fearful warning echoed in 1 Corinthians 3:17 tells us "If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, which you are."

Our emphasis should not so much be on telling people to go 'vegan' but on eating a wide va-

riety of plant based wholesome foods as close to nature as possible as it is these foods that will nourish the body and balance the mind. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us:

“Some of our people conscientiously abstain from eating improper food, and at the same time neglect to eat the food that would supply the elements necessary for the proper sustenance of the body. Let us never bear testimony against health reform by failing to use wholesome, palatable food in place of the harmful articles of diet that we have discarded. Much tact and discretion should be employed in preparing nourishing food to take the place of that which has constituted the diet of many families. This effort requires faith in God, earnestness of purpose, and a willingness to help one another. A diet lacking in the proper elements of nutrition brings reproach upon the cause of health reform. We are mortal, and must supply ourselves with food that will give proper sustenance to the body.” {CD 92}

“We should put forth greater efforts to teach the people the truths of health reform. At every camp-meeting an effort should be made to demonstrate what can be done in providing an appetizing, wholesome diet from grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables. In every place where new companies are brought into the truth, instruction should be given in the science of preparing wholesome food. Workers should be chosen who can labor from house to house in an educational campaign” {TSD 115.11}

There truly is a great need of health reformation among us. Though we may be active in speaking about ‘Veganism’, many

among us are still suffering from the same illness as the ‘Egyptians’ i.e. the world. We say we are vegan... yet many are overweight, have cancer, lupus, arthritis, autoimmune diseases, allergies, lack of energy etc and the reason why this is so is simply because we do not understand ‘nutrition’ neither have we applied the testimonies in our own lives. The Lord promises us that

“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.” {Exo 15:26}

God has given us a promise and that is if we hearken to the health statutes, we will not be caught up with the same illnesses we see prevalent in the world today. A decided reformation is much needed in our church today and if we fail to take heed to this we will suffer spiritual degeneracy.

“There is a message regarding health reform to be borne in every church. There is a work to be done in every school. Neither principal nor teachers should be entrusted with the education of the youth until they have a practical knowledge of this subject. Some have felt at liberty to criticize and question and find fault with health reform principles of which they know little by experience. They should stand shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, with those who are working in right lines. The subject of health reform has been presented in the churches; but the light has not been heartily received. The selfish, health-destroying indulgences of men and women have

counteracted the influence of the message that is to prepare a people for the great day of God. If the churches expect strength, they must live the truth which God has given them. If the members of our churches disregard the light on this subject, they will reap the sure result in both spiritual and physical degeneracy. And the influence of these older church members will leaven those newly come to the faith. The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted, and those who were once converted, but who have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?” {CD 455.2}

We are in the last days, and if we are to stand as Daniel and the three Hebrew boys did we must from this point forward dispense from eating anything that is harmful to the body in order to reach that ‘sinless state’.

“Let our people discard all unwholesome recipes. Let them learn how to live healthfully, teaching to others what they have learned. Let them impart this knowledge as they would Bible instruction. Let them teach the people to preserve the health and increase the strength by avoiding the large amount of cooking that has filled the world with chronic invalids. By precept and example make it plain that the food which God gave Adam in his sinless state is the best for man’s use as he seeks to regain that sinless state.” {CD 460.5}

VEGAN FOODS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Veggie Burgers and Mock Meat



Sample hidden ingredients include: textured vegetable protein (soy protein concentrate, wheat gluten, water for hydration), corn oil, calcium caseinate, contains two percent or less of modified tapioca starch, onion powder, mixed triglycerides, canola oil, hydrolyzed vegetable protein (corn gluten, wheat gluten, soy protein), dextrose, soy protein isolate, natural and artificial flavors, salt, yeast extract, sugar, caramel color, whey*, methylcellulose, spice, garlic powder, maltodextrin, autolyzed yeast extract, ascorbic acid, thiamin hydrochloride (vitamin b1), niacinamide, sesame seed oil, soy lecithin, iron (ferrous sulfate)...

Make this instead...

- 400g of cooked chickpeas or beans such as kidney or butterbeans, drained.
- 300g/10½oz cooked, mashed vegetables such as carrot, squash, potato, sweet potato or parsnip
- 1 garlic clove, crushed by an adult or with a garlic press • 1 tbsp of olive oil or coconut oil
- squeeze lemon juice • pinch ground cumin, coriander or paprika, Italian herb seasoning to taste.
- 1 tbsp tahini (optional)

Vegan Sauces and Dips

Sample hidden ingredients include: water, partially hydrogenated soybean oil, isolated soy protein, maltodextrin, tofu, nondairy lactic acid, sugar, locust bean, guar and carrageenan gums, sugar, salt, veg. mono and diglycerides, potassium sorbate (added as a preservative)...



Make this Instead...

- ½ cup sun-dried tomatoes
- ½ red capsicum, chopped • ½ cup dried basil
- 1 tbsp finely chopped onion • 1-2 garlic cloves, minced • 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp sea salt

Vegan Milk



Sample hidden ingredients include: almond milk (filtered water, almonds (usually 5%), calcium carbonate, tapioca starch, sea salt, potassium citrate, carrageenan, sunflower lecithin, natural flavor, vitamin a palmitate, vitamin d2 and d-alpha-tocopherol (natural vitamin e)...

Make this instead...

Soak one cup of almonds in filtered water over night.

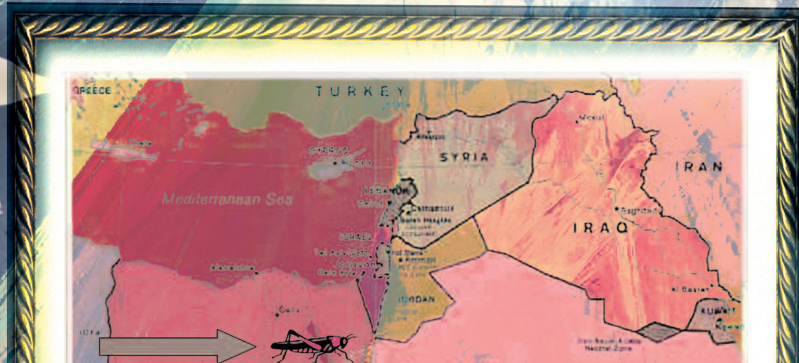
Rinse and blend with four cups of coconut water or filtered water and a tablespoon of vanilla powder (optional).

Strain in nut bag and store in a sealed jar in a fridge for 5 days

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INTRODUCTION

September 11th 2001 left the whole world in shock, horror and fear as two planes crashed into the twin towers. No doubt that day will forever go down in history, a day the world will never forget, a day that will remain in human minds for as long as this world remains. The place where the twin towers stood has been replaced with two holes as a memorial for that incident. Two large voids now encompass the footprints of the original Twin Towers and they are surrounded by a field of trees with an enormous pool of water flowing down into an abyss creating a continuous stream of flowing water.

In our last publication it was set forth that from 2001, the angel of revelation 18 began his descent marking the 'sprinkling' of the latter rain. It is highly interesting that the footprints of the original Twin Towers are now located within a

field of green trees surrounded by waterfalls where there is an enormous pool of water flowing down to the two empty voids. All this reminding us of the spiritual as from that point forward Christ now begins to water his children spiritually. It is the work of the latter rain to bring His seed into perfection creating an 'evergreen' tree that will stand through storm and tempest. He tells us "Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; [so] the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." {Zech 10:1} Grass and trees in the bible represent men as we are told: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water" {Psalm 1:3} and "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people [is] grass." {Isa 40:7} Let us understand that the Words which Christ speaks are 'spirit and they are life' {John 6:63} and His 'doctrine [that is His Words] shall drop

as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass' {Deuteronomy 32:2} "After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide [as] for the latter rain." {Job 29: 22-23}

The latter rain, which is first poured out in measure before the full outpouring of the Spirit, is a special message that God communicates to His people. This special message is designed to enable them to reflect the image of Jesus so they can stand in the times of trouble as it is only 'By the increase of knowledge a people is to be prepared to stand in the latter days.' – {Selected Messages 105.1} As you continue through this newsletter, you will find this increase of knowledge is also in reference to the understanding that Islam plays in bible

prophecy as the children of the East mark a very important time period when the Lord begins to perform a special work for His children. It was glad tidings from the East that came from the three wise men of the East that were used to inform the Jews that it was the time of their visitation. A time when the Lord was seeking for His professed children to bare 'fruit meet for repentance' yet the majority rejected this message. Likewise it was a message from the East, which involved the fall of the Ottoman Empire in 1840 that marked the Christian churches visitation between 1840-1844. It was the understanding of the role of Islam in Bible Prophecy

"My Doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain..."

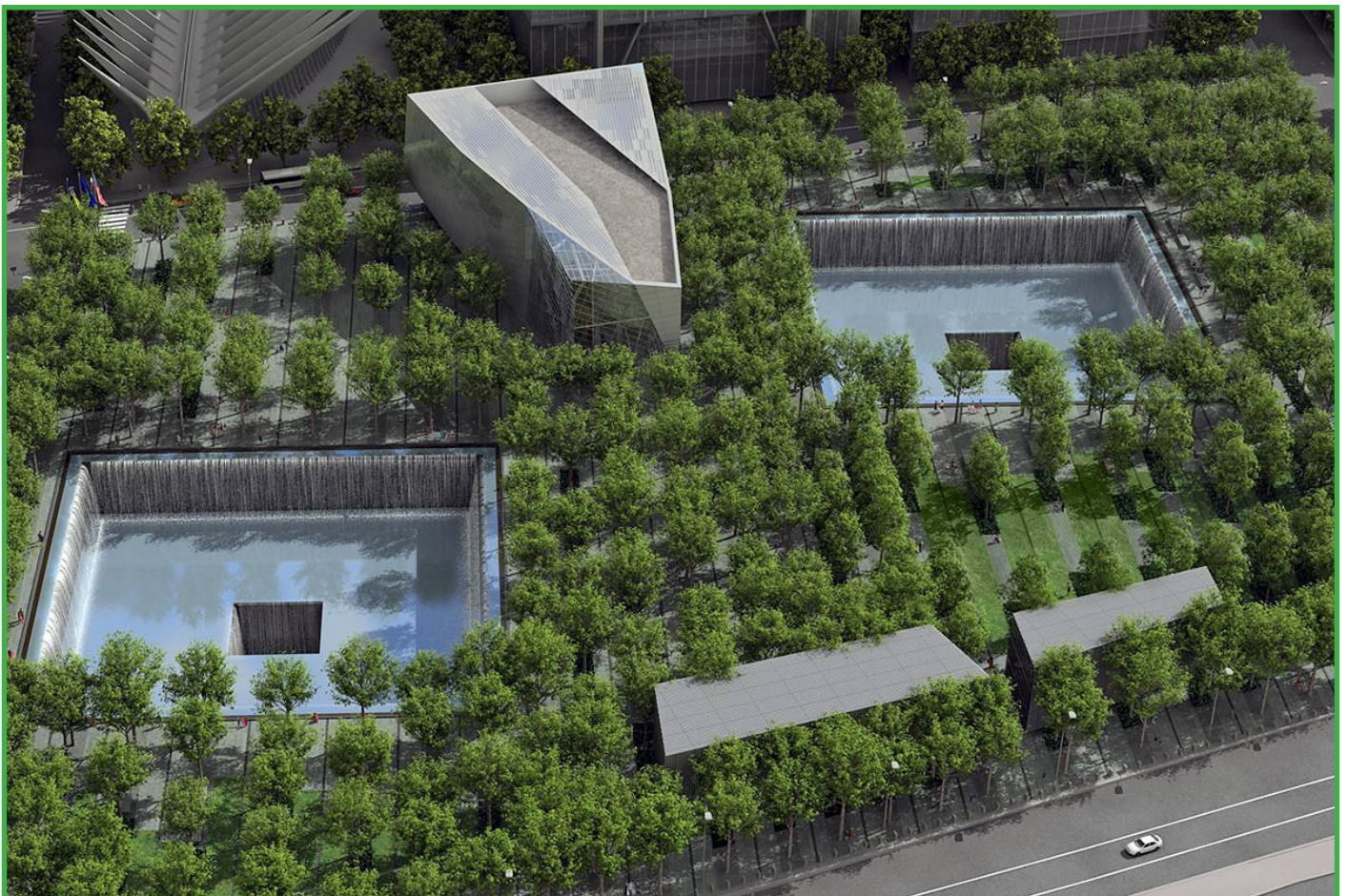
that paved way for the glorious manifestation of the power of God when He began to seal his people intellectually and spiritually so they could move with Him by faith into the Most Holy apartment. Both these histories confirm that it shall also be for this final generation. There is nothing new under the sun and God required that which is past in order to understand the closing scenes of this earths history. September 11th 2001 plays a significant role in Bible prophecy that is imperative for Seventh Day Adventists to understand and its our prayer that before you continue to read this newsletter, you may breath a prayer for the Holy Spirit to come down

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upon you and guide you in all truth and understanding so that you may understand these solemn truths in order to be able to stand in these latter days.

PAST HISTORIES WILL BE REPEATED

An important principle to understand when studying Bible Prophecy is that "Each of the ancient prophets spoke less for their own time than for ours,



so that their prophesying is in force for us." {3Selected Messages 338.1} The testimony of the scriptures are in complete harmony with this statement as we are told: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." {1 Corinthians 10:11} "Not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into". {1 Peter 1:12} This confirms that all the prophets were telling the same kind of story and that story is in relation to the events that are to transpire at the end of world hence why we are told: "In the Revelation all books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel". {Acts of the Apostles 585} It contains 550 references to the Old Testament passages. The revelator repeats the past in prophesying the future – the past is repeated but it is enlarged upon. The New Testament writers go over the history of the past building it in relation to the present and future to demonstrate how the will of God is being fulfilled.

The above paragraph is true for the statement made by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 27 verses 8-9. This passage will be the focus of our study: "In meas-

ure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this [is] all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up."

The time of visitation for God's professed people is illustrated in these two verses. It identifies a time when the Holy Spirit begins to be outpoured in order for the people of God to receive his seal in order to stand in a time of trouble, disappointment and delay. Note that we are "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." {Ephesians 1:13} By the statement "In measure, when it shooteth forth" Isaiah is referring to the Holy Spirit. Speaking of Christ we are told: "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for



God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" {John 3:34} Christ received the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but to the Church of God, it is given in measure. First is the 'dew as the small rain upon the herb' and then 'as the showers upon the grass'. We see this in the life of the disciples, first the Lord breathes upon them the Holy Ghost before they received the full out-pouring on the day of Pentecost identifying a progressive outpouring of the Holy Spirit: "The act of Christ in breathing upon his disciples the Holy Ghost, and in imparting his peace to them, was as a few drops before the plentiful shower to be given on the day of Pentecost." {3 Spirit of Prophecy 243} Speaking of the latter days, the Lord tells us: "I will correct thee in measure" {Jeremiah 30:11} The Holy Spirit works in three key stages and that is to reprove the world

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of ‘sin, righteousness and judgment’. Christ had no sin, therefore it is declared of Him: “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” {[Hebrews 1:9](#)} Because he had no spot or wrinkle in Him, He received the Holy Spirit without measure.

Nevertheless when the Spirit begins too be outpoured in measure for the church, in order to prepare her for the advent of her Lord, two classes begin to be developed. As Isaiah states: ‘thou wilt debate this’. We see this in the life of Christ. It was tidings that came from the east to announce the time of visitation to the Jewish people. “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.” {[Matthew 2:1-2](#)} The report of the wise men coming from the East was noised throughout Jerusalem, they were diligent students of prophecy and understood that it was the time of visitation but the Jewish leaders debated this. Speaking of the Jewish leaders: “They determined to show their contempt for the reports that were exciting King Herod and all Jerusalem. They would not even go to Bethlehem to see whether these things were so. And they

led the people to regard the interest in Jesus as a fanatical excitement. Here began the rejection of Christ by the priests and rabbis. From this point their pride and stubbornness grew into a settled hatred of the Saviour. While God was opening the door to the Gentiles, the Jewish leaders were closing the door to themselves.” {[Desire of Ages 62-63](#)} All throughout the life of Christ, they accused him of being

an imposter; it was the unlearned men that were able to recognize that this man was the Messiah. As prophesied by Isaiah, whenever the Holy Spirit begins to be outpoured one class recognizes this; the other does not.

Likewise it was tidings out of the East that identified the time of visitation for the Millerites. This message was in relation to fall of the Ottoman Empire, an Islamic power in 1840: “In the year



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1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Dea-cozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840. At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." {Great Controversy 334-335}

This event is signified by the angel of Revelation 10 coming down to the earth with great power in order to empower the

message of the Advent. This angel is none other but a 'personage of Jesus Christ' who is identifying through the prophetic Word that it is the time of their visitation and the Lord is expecting 'fruit meet for repentance' in order for the professed people of God to move with Him by faith into the Most Holy Place. The proclamation of the first and second angels message during this time period led many to search the scriptures for themselves and as they rec-

ognized the nearness of Christ's coming it led them to confess all their sins and make any wrongs right with one another. This deep searching of heart, this recognition that it was the time of their visitation led many to receive the midnight cry, which was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: "As the bright light of the "midnight cry" had shone upon their pathway, and they had seen the prophecies unsealed and the rapidly fulfilling signs telling that the com-



ing of Christ was near, they had walked, as it were, by sight. But now, bowed down by disappointed hopes, they could stand only by faith in God and in His word. The scoffing world were saying: "You have been deceived. Give up your faith, and say that the advent movement was of Satan." But God's word declared: "If any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." To renounce their faith now, and deny the power of the Holy Spirit which had attended the message, would be drawing back toward perdition. They were encouraged to steadfastness by the words of Paul: "Cast not away therefore your confidence;" "ye have need of patience," "for yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Their only safe course was to cherish the light which they had already received of God, hold fast to His promises, and continue to search the Scriptures, and patiently wait and watch to receive further light." {Great Controversy 408}

Again, this history demonstrates that when the Holy Spirit is outpoured, one class rejects this, the other accepts it. This increase of knowledge announcing the time of their visitation was first presented to the church but sadly they rejected this: "In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures at Casco Street church in Portland [Maine]... with few exceptions, the different denominations closed the doors of the churches against Mr. Miller." {Testimonies, volume 1, 21} Judgment first begins in the House of God and by rejecting this special message the Lord shut the door to the established churches who were now left offering their prayers to Satan in the Holy Apartment that Jesus had left. {Early Writings 261} The rejection of the increase of

knowledge relating to the prophecies is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost as 'prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost' {2 Peter 1:21} and Christ tells us that: "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men" {Matthew 12:31}

Sadly the Laodecian church will repeat the same history fulfilling the words of Isaiah. They will debate the sprinkling and the outpouring of the latter rain simply because it comes in a manner they least expect. "There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God, but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance. In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. "Why," they say, "should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?"-- {Last Day Events 209.3} The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.-- {Last Day Events 210.1}

So it is clear that whenever the Holy Spirit begins to be outpoured, two classes begin developing. It has also been shown

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{Last Day Events 210.1}

that it is 'tidings out of the East' in both the history of Christ and the Millerties; [which has been, documented more for our time than the time it was written] that identify the time of visitation and so it will be in this generation. The message from the East plays a crucial role in intellectually and spiritually sealing God's people so they cannot be moved. It is also interesting to note that the angel that has the seal of God to seal the servants of God in their forehead ascends out of the east. {Revelation 7:2-3} Continuing on in Isaiah 27:8-9, the prophet writes: "he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged;" The term 'Stayeth' is translated as 'take way' and in Revelation 7 we see four angels holding back / or restraining the four winds in order for the servants of God to be sealed in their forehead. However in 2001, we have an indication that the winds are about to be loosed but Jesus sees that his people are not ready so He prevents these rough winds from fully blowing. Note the following passage:

"I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels... saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants

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of our God in their foreheads. Rev. 7:2, 3. Four mighty angels are still holding the four winds of the earth. Terrible destruction is forbidden to come in full. The accidents by land and by sea; the loss of life, steadily increasing, by storm, by tempest, by railroad disaster, by conflagration; the terrible floods, the earthquakes, and the winds will be the stirring up of the nations to one deadly combat, while the angels hold the four winds, forbidding the terrible power of Satan to be exercised in its fury until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. Angels are holding the four winds, which are represented as an angry horse seeking to break loose and rush over the face of the whole earth, bearing destruction and death in its path... While their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads." {[My Life Today](#), 308}

It is important to recognize that the prophet likens the four winds as an 'angry horse'. The Arabian ass (horse) is a well-known symbol of the Islamic powers as we see illustrated on the 1843 chart. This again confirms how the children of East are always identified as highlighting the commencement of the 'sealing of God's people. We are also told:

"I saw four angels who had

a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, "My blood, Father, My blood! My blood! My blood!" Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel fly with a

commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do in the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, "Hold! hold! hold! hold! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads." I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was



God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another



angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. {[Christian Experiences and Teaching p102.](#)}

By paralleling Isaiah 27:8 and Revelation 7:1-3 we see that it is during this time, "God stayeth the rough winds (as nothing happens without his permission) in the day of the East wind in order to seal His people intellectually and spiritually into the truth. The purpose of the angels being restrained is so that the servants of God can receive the seal of God, which is designed to protect them in the time of trouble and this sealing process must take place before the close of probation. We are told: "When the decree goes forth and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity. Now is the time to prepare" (Faith I Live By 288.3) This

decree is in reference to when the Sunday law is passed: "Sundaykeeping is not yet the mark of the beast, and will not be until the DECREE GOES FORTH causing men to worship this idol sabbath." {[Faith I Live By 286.6](#)} "Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already."—[The S.D.A. Bible Commentary 4:1161 \(1902\).](#) – {[Last Day Events 219.4](#)}

So the sealing process does not commence at the Sunday Law but before that time period for God's church. It is a progressive work that leads down to the Sunday law as it is at that time your character is stamped. Isaiah identifies that this process begins in 'the day of the East Wind'; which is when the winds

are being restraining so the servants of God can be sealed in their foreheads. Therefore in order to pinpoint when the sealing process begins, a sealing process that is designed to seal God's servants intellectually and Spiritually so they cannot be moved, we must understand what the Bible means by 'the day of the East Wind' and this will be our focus in the next section.

THE DAY OF THE EAST WIND IN PAST HISTORIES

"And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts." {[Exodus 10:13](#)} It was the east wind that brought the locusts upon Egypt. These locusts were plagues/judgments against Egypt for refusing to obey the Lord's commandment. Located east of Egypt is the Arab world; Ishmael's descendents

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and are identified as locusts in the Bible. "And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude." {Judges 7:12}. The term 'grasshoppers' can be translated as locusts as it is the same Hebrew word used for locusts in Exodus 10:13. This is the same in Judges 6:5: "For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it." The children of the east are often identified as locusts in the Bible and this is a term they also reference themselves by. In fact, because of Nato's operations in Libya, Libyan leader Muammar Gadd-

afi stated "If we decide to, we are able to move to Europe like LOCUSTS, like bees. We advise you to retreat before you are dealt a disaster," BBC News – July 2011 {<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13997322>} Today we still see the spirit of Ishmael being manifested in his descendants. 'his hand against every man.' By the Locust plague against the Egyptians, the Lord is communicating a special message to his servants; a message that only the wise will understand. Before the cross everything is literal after it is Spiritual. {1 Corinthians 15:46}. The first three plagues that the Lord commanded affected "all the land of Egypt," while the last seven did not affect the children of Israel. The locust plague can be identified as the 'fifth' plague that did not affect the children of Israel but was solely a judgment upon Egypt. This parallels the

fifth trumpet, which is also identified as a plague. Referring to the trumpets. John writes: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands," {Revelation 9:20} It is in the fifth trumpet or 'plague' as John also describes; locusts are again brought to view to identify the day of the east wind in a spiritual context.

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that



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they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." {Revelation 9:1-6}

As locusts are identified as the Children of the East - this power that arises from the bottomless pit can only be Islam, a new religion that quickly spread across the East as 'a multitude'. As they went forth to conquer, it was commanded that: "they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads." History shows that this was a decree that came from Abubeker the successor of Mohamed. His command to the Ishmaelite's was: "When you fight the battles of the lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs; but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women or children. Destroy no palm trees, nor burn any field of corn. Cut down no fruit trees, nor do any mischief to cattle, only such as you kill to eat. When you make a covenant ... stand to it and be as good as your word. As you go on, you will find some religious persons, who live retired in monasteries, and propose to themselves to serve God that way: let them alone and neither kill them nor destroy their monasteries. And you will find another sort of people that belong to the synagogue of Satan, who have shaven crowns; be sure you cleave their

skulls, and give them no quarter, till they either turn Mahometans or pay tribute. Abubeker's command {Edward Gibbon 'Decline & Fall', Vol.V:489-490.}

Those who Abubeker commanded then not to kill neither to destroy their monasteries were those who belonged to the Nestorian Church who were observers of the true Sabbath. These true Christians became the teachers of the Saracens, and were responsible for establishing an educational system in Syria, Mesopotamia, Turkestan, Tibet, China, India, Ceylon, and other areas." {See B G Wilkinson Truth Triumphant P268-291} These were the ones who had the seal of God as they kept the Sabbath, therefore no harm could come their way. Their torment was against the Roman Catholic Church. However as we move to the second woe which is within the sixth trumpet, it was now commanded: "Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. {Revelation 9:15}

These angels were loosed for 391 years and 15 days beginning July 1499 so prior to that, these angles must have been restrained, hence they were only given permission to torment. In the 1st woe we see a sealing period because there is a restraint as the 'Lord restraineth the rough wind in the day of the East Wind'. However when the second woe arrives, there is a change, there is now a command to loose the four winds. According to the prophetic calculation this was to end on August 11th 1840. The bible identifies that they were loosed

for a specific time period which was the 391 years and 15 days - time period [a prophetic time of an hour, day, and a month and a year - {Rev 9:15} so immedi-

1 Year = 360 Days
1 Month = 30 Days
1 Day = 1 Day
1 hour

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391.041 Years

ately after this prophecy ended, which was in 1840, the four angels could only be but restrained as there was an allocated time prophecy and this was fulfilled when the Christian powers put a restraint on Islam in 1840. It is this fulfillment of prophecy that gave power to the Millerite Movement. {See Great Controversy 1911 - p334-335}

Whenever the four winds are restrained during the time of the 'east wind', in measure the fruit begins to 'shooteth forth'. God begins to pour out His spirit in order for His servants to stand in the latter days and he does this through an increase of knowledge in regards to the prophecies. We already saw this during 1840-1844 when the angels were held in check in order not to prevent the work of the angel in revelation 10 who comes down

exactly on 1840. The message is empowered in 1840 as result of their understanding of the prophetic word, it crossed the broad waters, was proclaimed in other countries, even to the entire world. The Lord then later pours out His Spirit at the midnight cry and those who had a genuine experience in the Lord were able to stand during the great disappointment in 1844 as they knew that God was with them. It is those who humbly walk with the advanced light, God begins to seal them as "He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true" {John 3:33} This testimony is the testimony of Jesus Christ and the testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Prophecy, which He 'hath declared to His servants the prophets.'

It is only by the restraining of the East Winds that the 'iniquity of Jacob shall be purged.' (Isaiah 27:9) Whenever the four winds have been restrained, there is a sealing process which is a blotting out of iniquity. This sealing process is always identified by the children of the East; the locusts whom the Lord uses to identify the time of their visitation through the prophetic word so His people can eradicate sin from their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to meet a Holy God. We have been counseled time and time again that what took place during the Millerite history will be repeated. "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history." {Life Sketches 196} After 1844, there will be no time prophecy, however we have the histories of the past and though

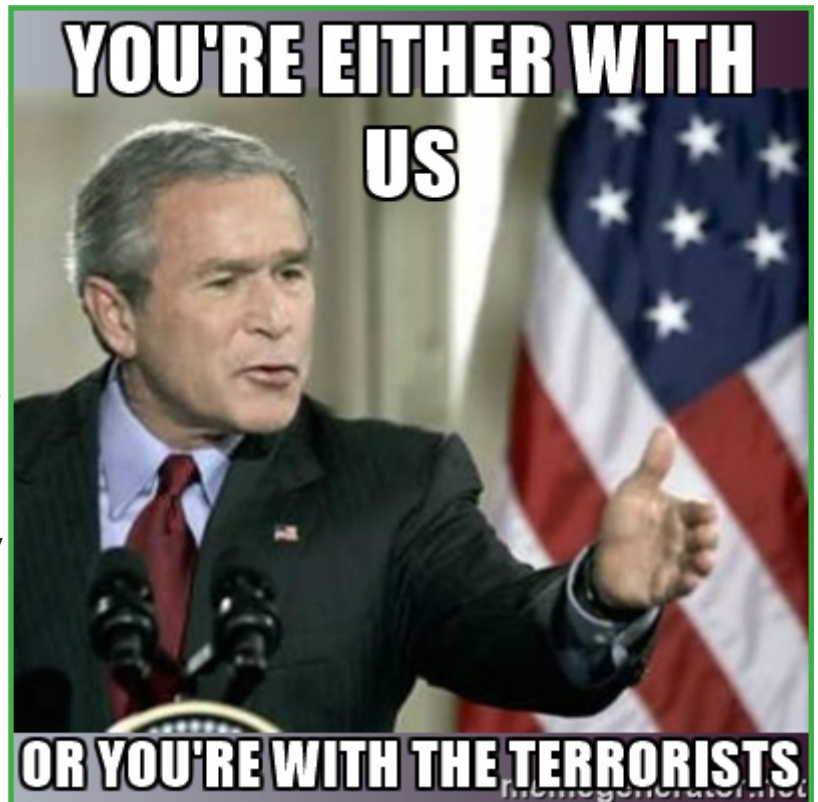
understanding past histories, we can pin-point where we are in this earth's history and what we can expect the next event to be as prophecy is seen to be a "delineation of events which would transpire under the first and second angels Messages". These messages were proclaimed between 1840-1844 and we have been told that these histories will be repeated and today we already see it happening. "Temptations are being brought in by men who have been long in the truth. The truths that we received in 1841,'42, '43, and '44 are now to be studied and proclaimed. The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit." {Manuscript Releases, volume 15, 31}

THE DAY OF THE EAST WIND TODAY

In 2001 after the planes crashed into the twin towers, President Bush declares: "Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists." Here we see the Christian nations coming together to deal with

radical Islam paralleling the history of what took place in 1840. Regarding Islam crashing into the twin towers, many would argue that it was not Islam but the CIA or another organization that orchestrated the event, but the primary factor that the Lord desires us to recognize is that a restraint was placed upon Islam following the falling of the towers opening an increase of knowledge relating to the prophecies and we see the Christian nations coming together to decide how they should deal with 'radical Islam'. In vision, Mrs. White writes:

"How comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave? This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, 'What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Rev. 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.' The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a



warning of what is coming on the earth. But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of his mighty power, and these massive structures will fall." {Review and Herald, July 5, 1906 par. 14, and Life Sketches 411.5}

Above we are told that "great buildings" in New York, consisting of "story after story", "will be thrown down", and when "these massive structures will fall", "Then the words of Revelation 18:1-3 will be fulfilled". Please note that it is not the entire chapter of Revelation 18, but only the first 3 verses. Here is marked the beginning of the latter rain, the sealing time period. Just as the angel of revelation 10 came down to empower the message marking the beginning of the sealing time for the Millerites, so it is for us at the end of the world. Also note that she says: "What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall ARISE to shake terribly the earth! Then the words of Rev. 18:1-3 will be fulfilled" When the Lord begins to arise; it always marks judgment (See Isaiah 3:13, Psalm 82:8 Psalm 7:6). It is from this point forward; judgment now passes on to the living.

The book of Acts clearly teaches that we must send our sins beforehand into judgment in order to receive "the refreshing" which is the latter rain. Therefore when the latter rain begins to sprinkle we have reached the time when the sins of the living are being blotted out. Our lives need to be investigated and judged prior to the blotting

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out. 'It is by this, shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this [is] all the fruit to take away his sin;' "The work of the investigative judgment and the blotting out of sins is to be accomplished before the second advent of the Lord. Since the dead are to be judged out of the things written in the books, it is impossible that the sins of men should be blotted out until after the judgment at which their cases are to be investigated. But the apostle Peter distinctly states that the sins of believers will be blotted out 'when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ.' Acts 3:19-20." {The Great Controversy, 485.} The sealing process begins with Adventism, as judgment begins in the house of God: For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? {1Peter 4:17, 18}

So we see that the judgment of the living begins in Adventism prior to the Sunday law for it will determine who will stand or fall at the Sunday law test... but more specifically it begins with leadership "Says the prophet: 'They began at the ancient men which were before the house.' {Ezekiel 9:1-6} The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall." {The Great Controversy, 656} This judgment we see clearly taking place because as from 2001, the leadership of the Seventh Day Adventist church sealed their fate by announcing that in order to become a pastor or theologian, you must study Spiritual Formation which stems from the Catholic Church... modern day Babylon! It is from this point forward, the Lord has bypassed the leadership of the Seventh Day Adventist and turned to humbler vessels to proclaim the light of the third angel, just as He bypassed the Jewish Sanhedrin and turned to a humbler class,

and bypassed the protestant leaders and turned to a Farmer, William Miller. We are told:

"This sealing of the servants of God is the same that was shown to Ezekiel in vision. John also had been a witness of this most startling revelation." {[Testimonies to Ministers, 445](#)} Remember, all books of the bible meet and end in the revelation and all prophets are writing more for out time, than the time they were living and when we parallel Ezekiel's vision in Ezekiel 9, with Revelation 7:1-4. We are able to see that this sealing time is the time of the judgment of the living which first begins in 'His sanctuary'. It also identifies a sealing time period as the angel is commanded to: "set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof" {[Ezekiel 9:4](#)} marking the beginning

of the latter rain as we are 'sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise' when that other angel begins ascending from the East with the seal of the living God whilst the four angels "stayeth his rough wind."

"...in the sealing time of the one hundred and forty-four thousand who are to stand without fault before the throne of God, will they feel most deeply the wrongs of God's professed people. This is forcibly set forth by the prophet's illustration of the last work under the figure of the men each having a slaughter weapon in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. 'And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the

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midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.' "Who are standing in the counsel of God at this time? Is it those who virtually excuse wrongs among the professed people of God and who murmur in their hearts, if not openly, against those who would reprove sin? Is it those who take their stand against them and sympathize with those who commit wrong? No, indeed! Unless they repent, and leave the work of Satan in oppressing those who have the burden of the work and

in holding up the hands of sinners in Zion, they will never receive the mark of God's sealing approval. They will fall in the general destruction of the wicked, represented by the work of the five men bearing slaughter weapons. Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man



in linen, are those 'that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done' in the church. Their love for purity and the honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel." {Testimonies, volume 3 267}

THOU BREAKEST THE SHIPS OF TARSHISH WITH AN EAST WIND

In Psalm 48:7 we are told that God "brokest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind." In agreement with this, the prophet Ezekiel states: "Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas" {Ezekiel 27:26}. So from the testimony of two witnesses, it is the East Wind that breaks the ships of Tarshish, in other words... it is the powers of the East that breakest the ships of Tarshish, so the immediate question one needs to ask themselves is what is the 'ships of Tarshish'?

In the Bible, ships symbolize economic strength. The Psalmist writes: "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters" {Psalm 107:23} and "And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all

that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate" {Revelation 17:19}. Tarshish was a son of Javan (Gen 10:4), a name which came to reference the Phoenicians, with which Tyre was connected. The name came in later days to reference any seafaring merchant power -- either to the east or the west of Israel (cp. Jonah 1:3; Ezekiel 27:12; 1Kings 9:26; 10:22; 2Chronicals 9:21). The Bible intimately connects Tarshish with Tyre (See Isaiah 23) which were both conquered and John the revelator uses the same language in Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 26 and 27 to describe the fall of Babylon in Revelation 18. For example in Isaiah 23:17 we are told: "And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth" John uses the same language to describe mystery Babylon the great whore whom the Kings of the earth have committed fornication with {Revelation 17:2} Also in Ezekiel 27, there is



great wailing and lamentation for regarding the fall of Tarshish and again John employs this in revelation 18 to describe the fall of Babylon.

Now as the East Wind breaks the Ships the Tarshish which is a symbol of economic wealth and business, so we can expect to see the same thing to be fulfilled in these last days which in effect is what happened in 2001. The East Wind, which we have already proven to represent Islam, attacked the twin towers, which is also described as the 'World Trade Centre'... economic strength! Following this attack, the economy in America (a nation which also comes under Modern Babylon, i.e. the false prophet and are recognized as the armies of Rome) has been greatly de-stabilized by this 'war on terror in the East'. One reporter stated: "There is no such thing as a free lunch, and there is no such thing as a free war.

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James 5 also writes about the weeping and howling of the rich men and in conjunction with this he counsils the people of God to: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. {James

5:8-10} This again confirms to us the nearness of the coming of the Lord and how we need to stablish our hearts as well as grudge not one against one another lest we be condemned. This work can only be accomplished by the spirit... the latter rain which is now, at this present moment being sprinkled upon all hearts who recognize the times we are living in and the need to get ready: "There must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have, will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it." {Faith I Live By - 333.6}

OUR WORK

The purpose of this increase of knowledge in relation to the prophecies is so that the church will recognize the time of their visitation and get ready for we are now to enter into a great time of trouble, a time of trouble such as never before. At this moment the Lord desires to establish the Mystery of Godliness in His people and that mystery is 'Christ in You, the hope of all Glory'. The law is to be exemplified in the heart of the Believer once again. This great law which can be summarized as "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" {Matthew 7:12} The Psalmist cries: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and NOTHING shall offend them" {Psalm 119:165} We see this illustrated in the life of our precious Saviour:

"Heaven beheld the Victim betrayed into the hands of the mur-

derous mob, and with mockery and violence hurried from one tribunal to another. It heard the sneers of His persecutors because of His lowly birth. It heard the denial with cursing and swearing by one of His best-loved disciples. It saw the frenzied work of Satan, and his power over the hearts of men. Oh, fearful scene! the Saviour seized at midnight in Gethsemane, dragged to and fro from palace to judgment hall, arraigned twice before the priests, twice before the Sanhedrin, twice before Pilate, and once before Herod, mocked, scourged, condemned, and led out to be crucified, bearing the heavy burden of the cross, amid the wailing of the daughters of Jerusalem and the jeering of the rabble.

Heaven viewed with grief and amazement Christ hanging upon the cross, blood flowing from His wounded temples, and sweat tinged with blood standing upon His brow. From His hands and feet the blood fell, drop by drop, upon the rock drilled for the foot of the cross. The wounds made by the nails gaped as the weight of His body dragged upon His hands. His labored breath grew quick and deep, as His soul panted under the burden of the sins of the world. All heaven was filled with wonder when the prayer of Christ was offered in the midst of His terrible suffering,--"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. Yet there stood men, formed in the image of God, joining to crush out the life of His only-begotten Son. What a sight for the heavenly universe!" {Desire of Ages 760}

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from



prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken [{Isaiah 53:7-8}](#)

The 144,000 will go through a similar ordeal. We must drink the cup and be baptized with the baptism. "Those who have the spirit of self-sacrifice manifested in Christ, when He gave Himself for the salvation of fallen man, are those who will drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism, and they will share in the glory of the Redeemer".—[{2 Selected Messages 195}](#)

So what are you dear reading doing in this great work of preparation? Are you having your 'mind-full of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour?' [{2 Peter 3:2}](#) Are you confessing and forsaking your sins in this grand Day of Atonement in preparation to meet a Holy God, a God who is a consuming fire against sin? It is these prophecies that are to be a witness to the world as it

proves that we serve the true God, it proves without a doubt that the God of the Bible is the true God as He is the only one who can declare the end from the beginning. "Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any" [{Isaiah 44:6-8}](#)

A God inspired movement will not destroy the foundations of the prophets of old but will establish them, this foundation also in-

cludes the history of the Millerites which the prophet Ellen White calls the 'Established Faith of the Body.' Today, mainstream Adventism are working to destroy the foundations of Adventism but this should not take us by surprise as we have been warned that this would happen. The Organized Churches

will never accept the message of the hour, they rejected it in the times of Christ, in the Millerites and so it shall be in this generation as there is nothing new under the sun. However there will be a remnant, a small remnant will come out of Mount Zion that will hold on to the true foundations of our faith and its our prayer that you reading this newsletter will be one of them. That you "will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors." [{2Kings 19:31}](#) and 'bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; and be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, BEHOLD YOUR GOD!' [{Isaiah 40:9}](#)

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WHAT GIVES ME THE DRIVE TO SERVE GOD AND WHY?

The question above was asked to a fellow brother in the faith called Swindon Charles. Below is his reponse



I grew up in the church (Seventh Day Adventist) always believing that I must be obedient to God and His Word as this is what I (we) were created for. However, as I entered into adulthood without a proper understanding of the will of God and the truth of the Gospel I ventured out in to the world doing my own thing and violating the laws of GOD.

At the age of 22, I met my wife

All this led me to attend church again on a regular basis. At this point I settled down and began to grow my family and in the next few years we added two children.

When my children grew to an age of understanding, the question of 'what to teach my children?', became entrenched in my mind and it was at that point I realized that even though I'd been going to church on a regular basis I

who I knew God had sent to me as an answer to my prayers. This was around a time in my life when I had made a foolish decision for my future which God overruled for his purposes and my salvation. This led me to move to the United States where I started my family. It was at this point that I realized my need for Christ. I began to see how difficult it is to live in New York City and I developed a greater need for God's guidance in my life.

was devoid of the knowledge and understanding of the word of God (the Bible). I began to seek better means of understanding the Word in order to teach my wife and children as it is my duty as High Priest (Eph 5:25) and this is when the Lord began to move mightily in my life.

I was led to a small group of brothers who was studying the bible in the way that God designed "line upon line" (Isa 28:9-13), and it was at this point that my love for God and the study of His Word began to increase. I was finally able to understand as well as rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15) and gain a correct understanding of God's word for myself as well as be able to give a reason for my faith. The last few years of my life, I have seen an increase in my knowledge of God's Word especially end-time events as well as an increase on my need for total dependence on the grace and goodness of Christ.

Needless to say, I am no where near what God calls me to be, which is "holy and acceptable." God calls us to be perfect as He is because none will be able to enter heaven with the blot of sin on their garment. All must have the spotless garment of Christ if we are to enter the heavenly kingdom. I don't know about you my brother but I am tired of living in this world of sin and desire to be with my maker however before this happens "the gospel of this kingdom shall be preached in all the world

and then shall the end come." But this cannot happen unless there are messengers to carry the gospel to those who have not yet heard it. I desire to be among this group who are chosen to give the final message in the close of this earth's history. This can only happen if I am faithful to the word of God as laid out in the Holy Oracles. In the book of Revelation in the first chapter, the bible says, "Blessed 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." This is the promise for those who read, hear and keep the things written in the book of revelation. We are told that "all the bible meets and end in revelation," therefore, in order to understand the book of revelation one must use all the other books of the bible, 'precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little there a little' when attempting understand the revelation of Jesus Christ.

When John was given the book of revelation he was given a view of things which "must shortly come to pass" (Rev 1:1). This means that the book of revelation is prophetic, because when John was told these things it had not yet happened. This is important to my faith because, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). Things hoped for and things not seen are things that has not happened as yet, in other words, PROPHECY.

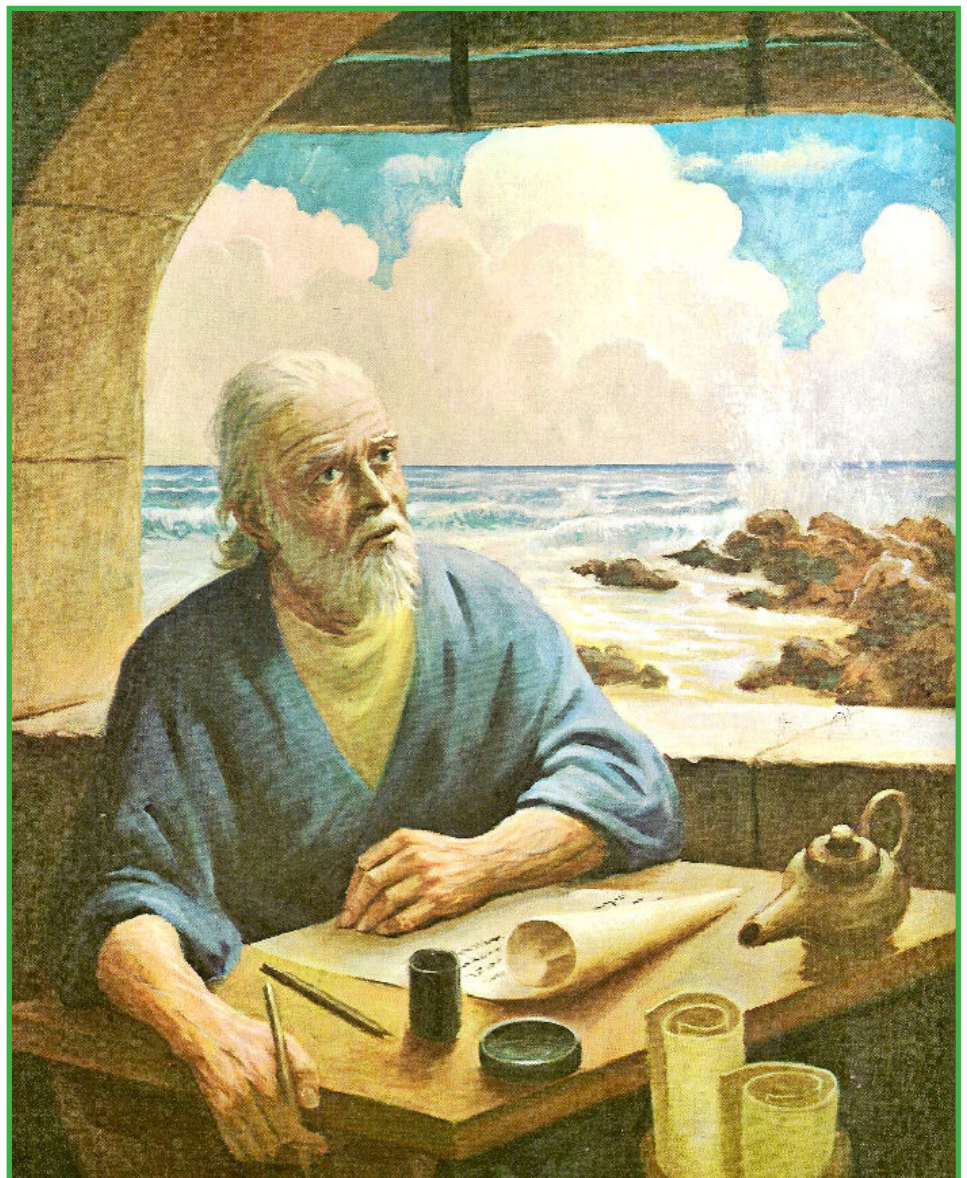
This bring me to the answer of your question, "What gives me the drive to serve God and why?" The simple answer is prophecy. Why? Because prophecy was seen to be a "figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth's history". {2 Selected Messages 102.1} What-

ever john was told was seen to be events that would lead to the close of this earth's history.

"There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment in their order. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth's history. The scenes connected with the working of the man of

sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth's history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel's message. Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground, and acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God..." {Selected Messages. Book 2, pg. 102.}

As you can see from the above quote, prophecy is what allows us to identify the working of the "man of sin" spoken of in 2 Thes 2:3. This is who Paul spoke of that was already working in his day. Those who understand proph-



ecy and conform their lives to the righteousness of Christ will be engaged in the giving of the third angel's message. They must have the experience of the first and second angel's message for "there cannot be a third without a first and a second. Those who have not gone through or accepted the first angel's message cannot be benefited by the second neither will they understand and be benefited by the third. These messages are the messages found in Rev 14:6-12 which must be understood by God's remnant people if they are to be saved.

You may ask why the emphasis on prophecy, where is Jesus in all this? What about the love of Christ and the good news of the Gospel? Prophecy is the gospel, it is the love of Christ and it is most certainly all about Christ. The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1) is prophecy as I discussed previously and it is the gospel according to Romans 16:24-26, "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:" The Gospel is the preaching of Jesus Christ and it is the Revelation.

Keep in mind that this everlasting gospel was first given to man in Gen 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel," This is the first prophecy

given to man after the fall as it was the promise of redemption through our savior, Jesus Christ.

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"In this first prophecy contained in the Scriptures is found an intimation of redemption. Though a part of the sentence pronounced upon the serpent, it was uttered in the hearing of our first parents, and hence must be regarded as a promise. While it announces war between Satan and man, it declares that the power of the great adversary will finally be broken." {Review & Herald, July 18, 1882}

"There are not many ways to heaven. Each one may not choose his own way. Christ says, "I am the way: ... no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Since the first gospel sermon was preached, when in Eden it was declared that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, Christ had been uplifted as the way, the truth, and the life. He was the way when Adam lived, when Abel presented to God the blood of the slain lamb, representing the blood of the Redeemer. Christ was the way by which patriarchs and prophets were saved. He is the way by which alone we can have access to God. "{Desire of Ages 663.}

"Through the teachings of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before all nations, and all who would look to Him should live. Christ was the foundation of the Jewish economy. The whole system of types and symbols was a compacted prophecy of the gospel, a presentation in which were bound up the promises of

redemption." {Acts of Apostles, 14}

The need to understand prophecy is greater than ever before but the time that remains to understand it is short and so I must do all in my power to align myself with Christ and an understanding of prophecy which tells me what Christ will do based on what He has done in the past—Jesus is the first and the last—because there is no new thing under the sun (Ecc 1:9, 3:15).

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." {2Peter 1:19-21}

It is my prayer that my testimony and profession of faith in answering your question will be a blessing to you. May the lord bless and keep you.

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