

not regard as constituting the church of Christ, "the pillar and ground of the truth." Hence they felt themselves justified in separating from their former connection. In the summer of 1844 about fifty thousand withdrew from the churches. [GC 376.1]

11. What caused the withdrawal from the churches? _____

Revelation 14:8, 18:4

The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844... But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen,... because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this. [GC 389.2]

At the call, "The Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," the waiting ones "arose and trimmed their lamps;" they studied the word of God with an intensity of interest before unknown. ...The churches in general closed their doors against this message, and a large company of those who received it withdrew from their connection. In the providence of God this proclamation united with the second angel's message and gave power to that work. [GC 402.1]

12. Who was the front runner for the 2nd Angel's Message? _____

In the summer of 1844, midway between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!" [GC 398.3]

As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. ...stake, they must hold fast the truth." The third angel closes his message thus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts. [EW 254.1]

Rev 11:19, Gen 1:26-27, Rev 6:9-12

Time is almost finished. Do you reflect the lovely image of Jesus as you should?" Then I was pointed to the earth and saw that there would have to be a getting ready among those who have of late embraced the third angel's message. Said the angel, "Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye will have to die a greater death to the world than ye have ever yet died." I saw that there was a great work to do for them and but little time in which to do it. [EW 64.1]



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COMING EVENTS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

LESSON 4

“THE RISE & PROGRESS OF
THE THIRD ANGEL’S MESSAGE”

Part 3 – “THREE ANGELS”

Daniel 8:14

The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith. [GC 409.1]

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. But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. [EW 63.2]

The correct understanding does two things

1. Sifts our Heresies
2. Leads to reforms

The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. ... The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. ...By pen and voice we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been, and the things that will be. [CW 26.2]

Revelation 14:6-12

1. What is the connection with Dan 8:14 and Rev 14:7? _____ Lev 23:26-30
2. What 4 things the people had to do and what would result if they do not to do them?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____
3. How does Jesus' and Paul's teaching differ from the First Angel? _____
4. Who are the Angels? _____
5. How many Angels are there? _____
6. Why does the First Angel start with the word "another"? _____
7. Is there a link with the coming of the bridegroom and the 1ST Angel's Message?

The coming of Christ, as announced by the first angel's message, was understood to be represented by the coming of the bridegroom. [GC 393]

8. When was the 1st Angel's Message first preached and when did they realize that it was the First Angel? _____

William Miller - A former captain in the War of 1812, Miller converted from Deism in 1816. Excited, he began to "search the Scriptures" for the truth. After two years he was convinced he understood them—especially Daniel 8:14: "Unto 2,300 days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

1816 - Started studying the bible text by text

1818 - Concluded going through the bible

- Studied Daniel 8:14 and concluded that in 25 years Christ would come and cleanse the earth by fire

1828 - Repeatedly refused the voice of God to go and preach what he had learned

1831 - Began to share locally and invitations multiplied

After two years of careful investigation, he was fully satisfied, that the Bible is its own interpreter; that it is a system of revealed truths so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. [4SP 205.1]

"I tried to excuse myself," he later wrote, "I told the Lord that I was not used to speaking ... that I was slow of speech and slow of tongue. But I could get no relief."

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/history/people/denominationalfounders/william-miller.html>

Jeremiah 20:9

9. Who was Millers right hand men? _____

Joshua Himes (1805–1895) – Met Miller in 1839. Published "Sign of the Times" and at one point distributed 10,000 per day for 4 weeks (1.2 million). He was the most prominent in getting the message published and getting Miller audiences in large cities.

Dr. Josiah Litch (1809–1886) Best known for using Bible prophecy to predict overturn for the Ottoman Empire. Joined movement in 1838. Associate Editor of "Sign of the Times". Lead to Fitch conversion.

10. When was the Second Angel's Message first preached? _____

The first angel's message of Revelation 14, announcing the hour of God's judgment and calling upon men to fear and worship Him, was designed to separate the professed people of God from the corrupting influences of the world and to arouse them to see their true condition of worldliness and backsliding. In this message, God has sent to the church a warning, which, had it been accepted, would have corrected the evils that were shutting them away from Him...Had they received the message from heaven, humbling their hearts before the Lord and seeking in sincerity a preparation to stand in His presence, the Spirit and power of God would have been manifested among them. The church would again have reached that blessed state of unity, faith, and love which existed in apostolic days, when the believers "were of one heart and of one soul," and "spake the word of God with boldness," when "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 4:32, 31; 2:47. – [GC 379.1]

As his work tended to build up the churches, it was for a time regarded with favor. But as ministers and religious leaders decided against the advent doctrine and desired to suppress all agitation of the subject, they not only opposed it from the pulpit, but denied their members the privilege of attending preaching upon the second advent, or even of speaking of their hope in the social meetings of the church. Thus the believers found themselves in a position of great trial and perplexity...They loved their churches and were loath to separate from them; but as they saw the testimony of God's word suppressed and their right to investigate the prophecies denied they felt that loyalty to God forbade them to submit. Those who sought to shut out the testimony of God's word they could