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William Miller (1782-1849) – Went from a Deist to front runner in the movement. He started preaching in 1831 from Daniel 8:14. The Lord used him to stir up the world and through him the Advent Movement which led to the Seventh-day Adventist Church was born.



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. 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”. Led to Fitch conversion.



Charles Fitch (1805-1844) – Joined 1838. In 1843 recognized the fallen churches as Babylon (Rev 18). Came up with the chart based on Hab 2:2-3. Died 10/14/1844 of pneumonia while baptizing converts with the hope he would be raised in 8 days.



Samuel Snow (1806-1890) Infidel turned Millerite preacher who calculated that the return of Christ was to take place on October 22, 1844 (based on Jewish calendar). His teaching sparked what became known as the “Seventh-month movement.”



Rachel Oakes/Preston (1809 -1868) was a Seventh Day Baptist who heard Fredrick Wheeler preaching about keeping all the commandments then afterwards challenged him about the 4th commandment and he accepted. This Sabbatarian group organized as the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1863.



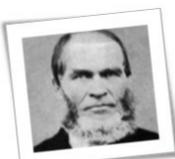
Frederick Wheeler (1811-1910) Due to Rachel’s influence, Wheeler an ordained minister of the Methodist Church, and promoter of William Miller, preached his first sermon on seventh-day Sabbath to his “Christian Brethren” congregation on March 16, 1844.



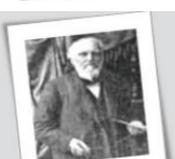
William Farnsworth (1807-1888) after the Disappointment he stated publicly to his congregation his conviction that Saturday, the seventh day, was Sabbath. Led the first SDA Church that still exists in New Hampshire. Both he and Wheeler led Bates to the Sabbath.



Joseph Bates (1792-1872) From sailor to soul-winner. Became a health advocate and Sabbath keeper a few years before it was accepted by others. Oldest most respected pioneer.



Hiram Edson (1806-1882) was a pioneer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, known for introducing the sanctuary doctrine (investigative judgment) to the church after a vision in the cornfield. Hiram Edson was a Millerite adventist, and became a Sabbath-keeping Adventist.



Owen Russell Loomis Crosier (1820-1913) and Franklin B. Hahn, who published their findings in a paper called the Day-Dawn. This paper explored the biblical parable of the Ten Virgins. They attempted to explain why the “bridegroom” had tarried. The article also explored the concept of the day of atonement and what the authors called “our chronology of events”. Crosier, Edson, and

Hahn joined together to study the subject, and Crosier was selected to write out their findings on the subject of the sanctuary and its cleansing. Joseph Bates and James White were among those Millerites who were convinced by the resulting article.



James Springer White (1821-1881) In his youth James White was a school teacher. He later became a Christian minister in Maine. He accepted William Miller’s views on the second advent and was successful in preaching the doctrine of the soon coming of the Savior. He was a talented and capable executive, missionary leader, and powerful public evangelist. Not only did he participate with William Miller, Joseph Bates, and scores of other preachers in announcing the advent of our Lord near in the 1840’s, but he outlived the Millerite movement to become the first great apostle of the Seventh-day Adventist cause.



Ellen G. White (1827-1915) Ellen Harmon was born in Gorham, Maine. Ellen and her family first heard William Miller preach in 1840. She was converted at a Methodist camp meeting that same year, and was baptized two years later.

She met James White in February 1845, marrying him in August of 1846. In December of 1844, Sister White received her first vision, regarding the travels of the advent people to the city of God. The Lord called her to a life-long ministry as His messenger.

