

School of the Prophets 2004

Time Prophets

“It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time.” *Desire of Ages*, 799.

The Testimony of Two

It is also written in your law, that **the testimony of two men is true.** John 8:17.

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.,
John 5:31.

At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. Deuteronomy 17:6.

- One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. Deuteronomy 19:15.
- And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. Revelation 11:3.

- This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 2 Corinthians 13:1.
- And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Genesis 41:32.

Always the Same

- For I *am* the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Malachi 3:16.
- Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8.
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:17.

The First Test

- “One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan’s banner will **first** give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God’s Spirit.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 84.

Never A Time

- “In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue.”
Testimonies, volume 5, 661.

Enoch to Noah

- And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. Genesis 6:3.
- ENOCH: teacher. *Young's Analytical Concordance*.
- “Enoch was a public teacher of the truth in the age in which he lived.” *The Upward Look*, 228.

- **NOAH: rest; to comfort. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary.***
- And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.
Genesis 5:29.

Abram to Moses

- And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. Genesis 15:13–14.
- **ABRAM:** the father is exalted. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary.*
- **ABRAHAM:** the father of a multitude. Ibid.
- **MOSES:** drawn out of the water; i.e. rescued. Ibid.

Jeremiah to Daniel

- For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. Jeremiah 29:10.
- JEREMIAH: Yaweh is exalted; Yaweh strikes. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*.
- DANIEL: God is my judge. Ibid.

Daniel to Haggai and Zechariah

- Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. Daniel 9:25.
- HAGGAI: one born on a feast day. *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary*.
- Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. Haggai 1:2.
- ZECHARIAH: Yaweh has remembered. Ibid.
- See Zechariah 6:14; Nehemiah 13:22.

Daniel to John the Baptist

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- **JOHN: Yaweh is gracious. *The SDA Bible Dictionary.***
- And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. John 1:31–33.

Three Progressive Tests

- “I was pointed back to the proclamation of the first advent of Christ. . . . Those who rejected the testimony of John were not benefited by the teachings of Jesus. . . . Satan led on those who rejected the message of John to go still farther, to reject and crucify Christ. In doing this they placed themselves where they could not receive the blessing on the day of Pentecost, . . . The rendering of the veil of the temple showed that the Jewish sacrifices and ordinances would no longer be received. . . . But the Jews were left in total darkness. They lost all the light which they might have had upon the plan of salvation, and still trusted in their useless sacrifices and offerings.” *Early Writings*, 259.

Daniel to John the Revelator

- And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:27.
- *JOHN: Yaweh is gracious. The SDA Bible Dictionary.*
- The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John. Revelation 1:1.
- That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:1–3.

Daniel to Paul

- Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Daniel 9:24.
- SAUL: asked of God; selected; set forth. *The SDA Bible Dictionary*.
- But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel. Acts 9:15.
- PAUL: small, little. *Ibid*.
- And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 1 Corinthians 15:8–9.
- See also Ephesians 3:8.

Daniel to Ellen White

- And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:14.

Lesser Light

- “The Lord has sent His people much instruction, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light. Oh, how much good would be accomplished if the books containing this light were read with a determination to carry out the principles they contain! There would be a thousand fold greater vigilance, a thousand fold more self-denial and resolute effort. And many more would now be rejoicing in the light of present truth.”
Colporteur Ministry, 125–126.

Connecting Link, Lesser Light and More than a Prophet

- “The prophet John was the connecting link between the two dispensations. As God’s representative he stood forth to show the relation of the law and the prophets to the Christian dispensation. He was the lesser light, which was to be followed by a greater.” *The Desire of Ages*, 220.
- “Said Christ, in vindication of John, ‘But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.’ Not only was John a prophet to foretell future events, but he was a child of promise, filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth, and was ordained of God to execute a special work as a reformer, in preparing a people for the reception of Christ. The prophet John was the connecting link between the two dispensations.” *Review and Herald*, April 8, 1873.

Greater Than is More Than

- “The Lord then told them that Moses was greater than a prophet, and that he had revealed himself to Moses in a more direct manner than to a prophet. Said the Lord, ‘With him will I speak mouth to mouth.’” *Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 295.
- “I am now instructed that I am not to be hindered in my work by those who engage in suppositions regarding its nature, whose minds are struggling with so many intricate problems connected with the supposed work of a prophet. My commission embraces the work of a prophet, but it does not end there. It embraces much more than the minds of those who have been sowing the seeds of unbelief can comprehend.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 74.

Connecting Link Prophets

- The Focus of Worship
 - Noah: From the gates of Eden unto altars
 - Moses: From altars to earthly sanctuary
 - John the Baptist: From the earthly to heavenly sanctuary
 - Ellen White: From the holy to the Most Holy Place
 - NOAH; MOSES; JOHN THE BAPTIST; ELLEN WHITE

The Prophet to Laodicea

- I counsel thee to buy of me **gold** tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with **eyesalve**, that thou mayest see. Revelation 3:18.
- “The state of the Church represented by the foolish virgins, is also spoken of as the Laodicean state.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

Adventism's Parable

- “The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also illustrates the experience of the Adventist people.” *The Great Controversy*, 393.
- “The parable of the ten virgins was given by Christ Himself, and every specification should be carefully studied. **A time will come when the door will be shut.** We are represented either by the wise or the foolish virgins. We cannot now distinguish, nor have we authority to say, who are wise and who foolish. There are those who hold the truth in unrighteousness, and these appear outwardly like the wise.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 270.

The Time of Visitation

- “Oh, that the people might know **the time of their visitation!** There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God’s destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while **the door is closed to those who would not enter.**” *Testimonies*, volume 9, 97.

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- **GOLD**: Faith which works by love and purifies the soul.
 - **WHITE RAIMENT**: The righteousness of Christ.
 - **EYESALVE**: Spiritual discernment—the Word of God.

Spiritual Discernment

- **ELLEN:** a bright and shining lamp.
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105.

The Gold of Faith

- GOULD: gold. Gould (English)
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- “Brethren, we must have genuine faith which is the gold tried in the fire. We must cherish that faith which works by love and purifies the soul.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 383.

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What's in a Name?

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PHILADELPHIA

- I know **thy works**: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and **hast kept my word**, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of **the synagogue of Satan**, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Revelation 3:8–10.

- **ELLEN: a bright and shining lamp.**
- **GOULD: gold.**
- **HARMON: a soldier of peace.**
- “Those who love and keep the commandments of God are most obnoxious to the synagogue of Satan, and the powers of evil will manifest their hatred toward them to the fullest extent possible. John foresaw the conflict between the remnant church and the power of evil, and said, ‘The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 974.

The Very Last Deception

- “Satan is . . . constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish’ (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God’s remnant people in the true testimony.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 48.

The Virgins of Laodicea

- So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Revelation 3:16.
- “God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications which he sends us. Thus we refuse the golden oil which he would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness. When the call shall come, ‘Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ those who have not received the holy oil, who have not cherished the grace of Christ in their hearts, will find, like the foolish virgins, that they are not ready to meet their Lord. They have not, in themselves, the power to obtain the oil, and their lives are wrecked.” *Review and Herald*, July 7, 1897.

The Temple Cleansed

- “God’s love for his church is infinite. His care over his heritage is unceasing. He suffers no affliction to come upon **the church but such as is essential for her purification**, her present and eternal good. **He will purify his church even as he purified the temple at the beginning and close of his ministry on earth.**” *The Kress Collection*, 114.
- “When Jesus began His public ministry, He cleansed the temple from its sacrilegious profanation. Among the last acts of His ministry was the second cleansing of the temple. So in the last work for the warning of the world, **two distinct calls are made to the churches**. The second angel’s message is, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication’ Revelation 14:8. **And in the loud cry of the third angel’s message** a voice is heard from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities’ Revelation 18:4-5.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 118.

A Similar Position

- “Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, **refused the third**, the last testing message to be given to the world, and **a similar position will be taken when the last call is made.**”
Review and Herald, October 31, 1899.