

School of the Prophets 2004

The Prophetic Pattern Part one

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Noah and his three sons

The Condition of the World:

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:38-39.

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- Abraham and the three heavenly visitors
- Judgment:
- That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place. Genesis 18:25, 26, 33.

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- Job and his three friends
- Experience of God's people:
- And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Job 1:8, 9.

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- Christ and the three disciples at the Mount of Transfiguration
- The second coming:
- And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Matthew 17:1-3.

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- Balaam's three blessings followed by a fourth
- A blessing & cursing:
- Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed. Numbers 22:11-12.

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- Gideon and his three hundred
- The righteousness of Christ:
- And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. Judges 7:22.

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- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire with Christ
- How the Message is Carried:
- He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Daniel 3:25-27.

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- Daniel and the three worthies
- The health message:
- But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8.

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- Daniel and the three worthies
- Prayer:
- Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 2:17-18.

The Lessons

The condition of the world

Judgment

Experience of God's people

The second coming

A blessing & cursing

The righteousness of Christ

How the Message is Carried

The health message

Prayer

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The condition of the world: Corruption

Judgment: day of atonement

**Experience of God's people: Every earthly support
withdrawn**

The second coming: Immanent

A blessing & cursing: day of decision

The righteousness of Christ: 144,000

How the Message is Carried: a day of severe crisis

The health message: the strength of the people

Prayer: the power of the people

The Lessons

The three angel's message swell into the loud cry of the fourth angel's message in a time a great corruption, in the final scenes of the day of atonement. At that time period every earthly support withdrawn as the second coming draws closer. These messages are either a blessing or a cursing, depending on how we receive them. Received correctly men will receive the righteousness of Christ to clothe them. Thus clothed they will proclaim the final message in a time of severe crisis, and their adherence to the health message will provide the physical strength necessary for that time, and their adherence to prayer will provide them with the spiritual power for that time.

The Messages have been Located

- “The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages has been located by the word of Inspiration. **Not a peg or pin is to be removed.** No human authority has any more right to change **the location** of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, 26–27.
 - August 11, 1840
 - 1842
 - October 22, 1844

The Messages have an Order

- **“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.”** *Selected Messages*, book 2, 104–105.

The Banner of the Third Angel

- “Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under **the banner of the third angel’s message**, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel.
- “The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, **will appear the truths of ancient prophecy**; we shall be assured that men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit’s utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, **not for those that uttered the prophecies**, but for us who are living amid the scenes of their fulfillment.” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 114.

Spiritual Darkness

- “He [William Miller] could see hypocrisy, darkness, and death everywhere. His spirit was stirred within him. God called him to leave his farm, as He called Elisha to leave his oxen and the field of his labor to follow Elijah. With trembling, William Miller began to unfold to the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God, carrying his hearers down through the prophecies to the second advent of Christ. With every effort he gained strength. As John the Baptist heralded the first advent of Jesus and prepared the way for His coming, so William Miller and those who joined with him proclaimed the second advent of the Son of God.” *Early Writings*, 229–230.

Reform Message

- “Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by **William Miller**, and servants of God were raised up in **the spirit and power of Elijah** to proclaim the message. **Like John**, the forerunner of Jesus, those who preached this solemn message felt compelled to lay the ax at the root of the tree, and call upon men to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Their testimony was calculated to arouse and powerfully affect the churches and manifest their real character. And as the solemn warning **to flee from the wrath to come** was sounded, many who were united with the churches received the healing message; they saw their backslidings, and with bitter tears of repentance and deep agony of soul, humbled themselves before God. And as the Spirit of God rested upon them, they helped to sound the cry, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.’”
Early Writings, 233.

Revival Message

- “Like a tidal wave the movement swept over the land. From city to city, from village to village, and into remote country places it went, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. Fanaticism disappeared before this proclamation like early frost before the rising sun. Believers saw their doubt and perplexity removed, and hope and courage animated their hearts. The work was free from those extremes which are ever manifested when there is human excitement without the controlling influence of the word and Spirit of God. **It was similar in character to those seasons of humiliation and returning unto the Lord which among ancient Israel followed messages of reproof from His servants. It bore the characteristics that mark the work of God in every age.** There was little ecstatic joy, but rather deep searching of heart, confession of sin, and forsaking of the world. *The Great Controversy*, 399–400.

Judgment Message

- “The prophecies present a succession of events leading down to **the opening of the judgment**. This is especially true of the book of Daniel. But that part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal ‘to the time of the end.’ Not till we reach this time could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed, based on the fulfillment of these prophecies. But at the time of the end, says the prophet, ‘many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’” *The Great Controversy*, 355–356.

Disappointment

- “Like the first disciples, William Miller and his associates did not, themselves, fully comprehend the import of the message which they bore. Errors that had been long established in the church prevented them from arriving at a correct interpretation of an important point in the prophecy. Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered **disappointment**.” *The Great Controversy*. 351–352.

A Work of Restoration

- “I cannot too strongly urge all our church members, all who are true missionaries, all who believe the third angel’s message, all who turn away their feet from the Sabbath, to consider the message of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. **The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work that God requires His people to do at this time.** It is a work of His own appointment. We are not left in doubt as to where the message applies, and the time of its marked fulfillment, for we read: ‘They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.’ Verse 12.

- “God’s memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath, the sign of His work in creating the world, has been displaced by the man of sin. **God’s people have a special work to do in repairing the breach** that has been made in His law; and the nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes. All who love God will show that they bear His sign by keeping His commandments. They are **the restorers** of paths to dwell in. The Lord says: ‘If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, . . . then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth.’ Verses 13, 14. Thus genuine medical missionary work is bound up inseparably with the keeping of God’s commandments, of which the Sabbath is especially mentioned, since it is the great memorial of God’s creative work. Its observance is bound up with **the work of restoring the moral image of God in man**. This is the ministry which God’s people are to carry forward at this time. This ministry, rightly performed, will bring rich blessings to the church.” *Testimonies* volume 6, 265–266

Evils Creep In

- “Had Adventists, after the great disappointment in 1844, held fast their faith and followed on unitedly in the opening providence of God, receiving the message of the third angel and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming it to the world, they would have seen the salvation of God, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts, the work would have been completed, and Christ would have come ere this to receive His people to their reward. **But in the period of doubt and uncertainty that followed the disappointment, many of the advent believers yielded their faith. . . .** Thus the work was hindered, and the world was left in darkness. Had the whole Adventist body united upon the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, how widely different would have been our history!”
Evangelism, 695.

Fourth Repeats Second

- “Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, ‘Babylon the great **is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’ Revelation 18:2. **The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated**, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel’s message as it swells to a **loud cry**. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel’s message.” *The Faith I Live By*,

Messages Join

- “Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, ‘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.’ **This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel’s message in 1844.** The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God’s people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom.” *Early Writings, 277–278.*

Cleansing Messages

- “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.

Purifying Messages

- “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. All that He brings upon the church in test and trial comes that His people may gain deeper piety and more strength to carry the triumphs of the cross to all parts of the world.” *Testimonies* volume 9, 228.

Ten Virgins

- “When the third angel’s message is preached as it should be, **power attends its proclamation**, and it becomes an abiding influence. It must be attended with divine power, or it will accomplish nothing. I am often referred to the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five foolish. **This parable has been and will be fulfilled to the very letter**, for it has a special application to this time, and, like the third angel’s message, has been fulfilled and will continue to be present truth till the close of time.” *Review and Herald*, August 19, 1890.

The Power of the Spirit

- “The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. **A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here brought to view.** The Advent movement of 1840–44 was a **glorious manifestation of the power of God**; the first message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in this country there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message. The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4, 429.