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1. The very name <u>Seventh Day Adventists</u> was given to us out of the <u>prophecies</u> that led to our development. We are told:

"Theories will be continually agitated to divert the mind, to unsettle the faith. Those who have had the actual experience in the unfolding of the prophecies, have been made what they are today, Seventh day Adventists, by these prophecies." Ellen G. White, Selected Messages Book Two, p. 115.



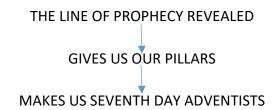
- 2. Here is the idea of Seventh day Adventists in scripture.
  - a. The seventh day (which is the Sabbath) is God's rest for the people of God. (Heb 4:3-5, 9).
  - b. The people of God look for the second coming (the advent) of Christ, hence they are Adventists. (Heb 9:28; 2Pet 3:10-14).



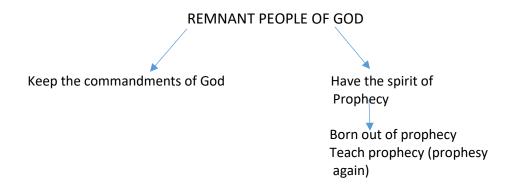
3. The <u>line of prophecy</u> that gives to us the pillars of the faith, making us Seventh day Adventists must be preserved, and is not to be attacked. This is the same as attacking the pillars.

"And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that have made Seventh day Adventists what they are today. The truths that have been unfolding in their order, as we have advance along the line of prophecy revealed in the Word of God, are truth, sacred, eternal truth today." <u>Ibid</u> p. 103.

"The great waymarks of truth, showing us our bearings in prophetic history are to be carefully guarded lest they be torn down and replaced with theories that would bring confusion rather than genuine light." **Ibid** p. 101.

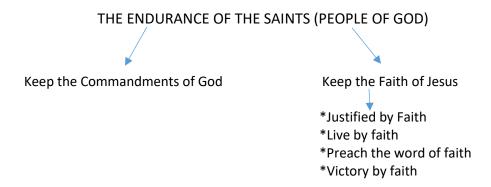


4. The people of God in the last days are identified as a "remnant" that keep the commandments of God and have the <u>Testimony of Jesus</u> which is the <u>Spirit of Prophecy</u>. They are a people of prophecy, i.e., they are <u>born out of prophecy</u> and <u>teach prophecy</u>, or <u>prophesy again</u>. (Rev 12:17; Rev 19:10; Rev 22:8, 9 Rev 10:11).



- 5. Again, the people of God in the last days are identified as keeping the <u>commandments</u> of God and the Faith of Jesus (Rev 14:12).
  - a. It is the <u>Faith of Jesus</u>, the <u>Faith of God</u> that they have. This is <u>different</u> to <u>believing</u> because it is sound doctrine that they preach (Jam 2:1; Rom 3:23; Rom 10:8; Gal 2:16).

b. They are the just that 'lives by faith' because their <u>victory over sin</u> is <u>faith</u> (Rom 1:16.17; Heb 10:38; 1Jn 5:4).



- 6. An example of <u>living by faith</u> by the people of God can be seen in their keeping of the <u>Seventh Day Sabbath</u>.
  - a. The <u>sun</u> was not created on the <u>first day of the week</u>, it was created on the <u>fourth</u> <u>day of the week</u>. Thus one cannot, by science, or <u>solar calculations</u> tell which day is the seventh day of the week. (Gen 1:5, 14-18).
  - b. The Sabbath (the seventh day) is the <u>third day</u> after the creation of the <u>sun</u>. So how do we know that it is the <u>seventh day</u>? How do we know which is the <u>first day of the week</u>? The answer is simple. We are to look to the <u>behavior of God, the Creator Himself</u>. It is God, by Him keeping the Sabbath, tells us which day is the <u>seventh day of the week</u>. Thus we can know which day is the <u>first day of the week</u> (Gen 1:31; Gen 2:1-3).
  - c. In the <u>Sabbath clause</u> of the Ten Commandments, God re-emphasizes the history of creation. And on the <u>seventh day</u>, He kept, rested and blessed it. Thus it is <u>revealed truths from God</u> to man, who was not there when God created the world in six days, that tell man which day is the seventh day, so man can keep it by <u>faith</u>. (Ex 20:8-11; Heb 4:3.4).
  - d. Thus the <u>Seventh day Sabbath</u> is kept as a part of the law, <u>not by science</u>, but by <u>Faith, the revealed truths of God</u>. (Rom 3:30; 31).



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- 7. What are the <u>basic points</u> of this study that we want to show? What is the general thesis of this study? Here is the answer.
  - a. The church of God in the last days that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, does not just <u>pop up</u> or <u>develop</u> like a sect out of human initiative, that seeks to find meaning for its existence.
  - b. The last church develops in history as a continuation of the original apostolic church and as a continuation of the Reformation, back to original apostolic Christianity, and out of the falling away of the church.
  - c. A <u>line of circumstances</u> outlined in prophecy caused the development of the last day church, and these things must happen to cause God's church to exist today.
- 8. Here are the real circumstances of the development of the Seventh day Adventist saints.
  - a. A world-wide preaching of the coming of Christ to judge the world must first occur out of which Seventh Day Adventism emerged (Rev 10:1, 2).
  - b. The last church must emerge from the ending of a long <u>chronological</u> time period. (Rev 10:6).
  - c. The last church must face a point in Bible exegesis that is <u>hidden from</u> it for a time by the will of God, who instructs that it not be recorded or hidden (Rev 10:3, 4).
  - d. The development of the last church must be proceeded by a great disappointment experienced by its lineal ancestors (Rev 10:8-10).

- e. The church of the last days must start at the time when the seventh trumpet sounds and the judgment starts (Rev 10:7; Rev 11:15-18).
- f. This church must by faith, see the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary open at the end of a long chronological time prophecy (Rev 10:6, 7; Rev 11:15-19).
- g. The final church must discover the Law of God as the standard of the judgment. And in order not to offend in even one point, they must keep the Seventh day Sabbath (Rev 11:18, 19).
- h. With the rediscovery of the Seventh Day Sabbath and the <u>judgment</u>, the church must then possess the complete gospel. Thus they are instructed by God to give the final message to the entire world (Rev 10:7; Rev 11:18, 19; Rev 10:11).
- i. This <u>must</u> be the real circumstances for the rise, existence and development of the last remnant church of God. Those who do not share in this experience through prophetic education and understanding, do not stand as a part of the true church in spirit. They must follow this line of prophecy to finally reach the state of the last true church.

LINE OF PROPHECY FOLLOWED

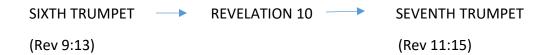
REVELATION 10:1-11; REVELATION 11:15-19

DEVELOPS THE REMNANT TRUE CHURCH

- 9. The events of Revelation 10 can be summed up as the following points.
  - a. A word-wide preaching of the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev 10:1, 2).
  - b. A long chronological period of time passes (Rev 10:5, 6).
  - c. A hiding of the day of Jesus' second coming, although this is what was being preached (Rev 10:4).
  - d. A rediscovery of the full gospel that was lost. (Rev 10:7).
  - e. A bitter experience of a great disappointment (Rev 10:8-10).
  - f. A commission to preach the fully rediscovered gospel to all the world.

#### **EVENTS CONTAINED IN REVELATION 10**

- (i) World-wide preaching of Jesus' second coming.
- (ii) Chronological time ends.
- (iii) Date of Jesus' second coming blocked from man.
- (iv) Rediscovery of the full gospel.
- (v) The great disappointment.
- (vi) Commission to preach the last gospel world-wide.
- 10. Interpretation of the real events in history to suit Revelation 10.
  - a. The Millerite Advent Movement preached that Jesus Christ was coming in the year 1844, on the date the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
  - b. This date was to end the longest chronological time prophecy, the 2300 years of Dan 8:14.
  - c. But the actual date of Jesus' second coming was withheld by God who instructed John to write it not.
  - d. The last part of the full gospel, the judgment and blotting out in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, was rediscovered.
  - e. When Jesus did not come to the earth again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1844, there was a great disappointment in the Millerite movement.
  - f. The lineal descendants in Faith of the Second Advent movement are instructed to preach again to all the nations.
- 11. The events of Revelation 10 are placed between the sixth and seventh trumpets (Rev 9:13; Rev 11:15)

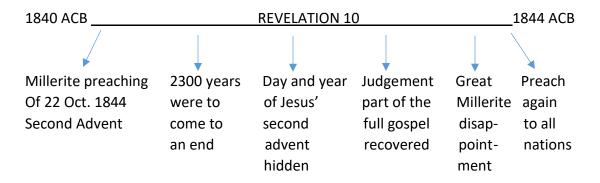


12. The last checking of chronological time in Rev 9 starts from <u>1449 ACB</u> when the last king of the theocratic Christian Eastern Roman Empire – Constantine, became king by the

permission of the Muslim Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. The checking is seen in Rev 9:13-15.

- a. The year <u>1449 acb</u> added with <u>391 year and 15 days</u> later leads us to the year <u>1840</u> acb (with 15 days into it).
- b. The longest chronological time prophecy is the 2300 days/years of Dan 8:14. Starting from the autumn of 457 bcb, will lead us into the autumn of 1844 acb (Dan 9:25).

c. Thus it is between the years 1840 to 1844 that the events of Revelation 10 occur. Let us look at the following chart.



- 13. Why did God allow the great disappointment to happen? In many looking for Christ to come, when He did not come, this was supposed to produce a purging that would bring out the best spiritual traits in man. They were to form the last movement that would keep in sinfreeness while facing the mark of the beast and develop the 144,000 to bring in the second coming of Christ. As a result, a deeply spiritual remnant created were to prophesy again to the nations (Rev 10:11).
  - a. Some <u>second coming spiritual traits</u> that were to develop is here seen. One of those traits is sinfreeness (Heb 9:28).

b. Here are more traits seen in the following texts (2Pet 1:10, 11; 2Pet 3:11-14; Heb 13:20, 21; Tit 2:11-14; 1Thess 3:12, 13; Rev 16:15).

### SECOND COMING SPIRITUAL STATE

Sincerity; Honesty; Integrity; Sobriety; Denying Worldliness; Watchfulness; Endurance in spiritual things; Heart deep dedication to God

SINFREENESS
ADVENTIST LIFESTYLE

LOOKING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

14. Finally, God's modern day people, converted as they are, must gain an identity with these Advent people of <u>1840 to 1844</u>. They must <u>experience</u> by Faith, the experience of those advent people and accept the experience as their own. This gives them <u>Faith-continuance</u> from the 1844 movement and raises their moral state to a second coming spiritual state.

"These persons do not consider that the truth has been set forth at the appointed time by the very men whom God was leading to do this special work. These men followed on step by step in the very fulfillment of prophecy and those who have not had a personal experience in this work, are to take the Word of God and believe on "their word" who have been led by the Lord in the proclamation of the first, second and third angels' messages. These messages received and acted upon are doing their work to prepare a people to stand in the great day of the God." Ellen. G. White, Selected Messages Book Two p. 11



Amen.