

Habakkuk's Two Tables #14

PART TWO: LINE UPON LINE

TWO TABLES

THE MILLERITES—MAKE IT PLAIN UPON TABLES

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am **reproved**.

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and **make it plain upon tables**, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:1–4.

TABLE ONE

“I have seen that **the 1843 chart was directed by the hand of the Lord**, and that it should not be altered; that the figures were as He wanted them; that His hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until His hand was removed.” *Early Writings*, 74–75.

“As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to ‘write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it,’ had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. **The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk.**” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

TABLE TWO

“Monday we returned to Dorchester where our dear Brother Nichols and family live. There in the night God gave me a very interesting vision, the most of which you will see in the paper. **God shewed me the necessity of getting out a chart.** I saw it was needed and that **the truth made plain upon tables** would effect much and would cause souls to come to the knowledge of the truth.” *Manuscript Releases*, number 15, 210—November, **1850**.

“I saw that **God was in the publishment of the chart by Brother Nichols**. I saw that **there was a prophecy of this chart in the Bible**, and if this chart is designed for God’s people, if it [is] sufficient for one it is for another, and if one needed a new chart painted on a larger scale, all need it just as much. . . .

“I saw that **the charts ordered by God** struck the mind favorably, even without an explanation. There is something light, lovely, and heavenly in the representation of the angels on the charts. The mind is almost imperceptibly led to God and heaven. But the other charts that have been gotten up disgust the mind, and cause the mind to dwell more on earth than heaven. Images representing angels look more like fiends than beings of heaven. I saw that the charts had for days and weeks occupied Brother Case’s mind when he should have been seeking heavenly wisdom from God, and should have been growing in graces of the Spirit and the knowledge of the truth.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 13, 359, [Manuscript 1, **1853**].

A TARRYING TIME

For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: **though it tarry**, wait for it; because it will surely come, **it will not tarry**. Habakkuk 2:3.

While the bridegroom **tarried**, they all slumbered and slept. Matthew 25:5.

BLESSED IS HE THAT WAITETH (THOUGH IT TARRIES)

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and **stand in thy lot at** the end of the days. Daniel 12:12–13.

“Blessed are the eyes which saw the things that were seen in 1843 and 1844.

“The message was given. And there should be no delay in repeating the message, for the signs of the times are fulfilling; the closing work must be done. A great work will be done in a short time. A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. Then Daniel will stand in his lot, to give his testimony.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 21, 437.

HIS HAND REMOVED

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SCRIPTURES OPENED

“The disappointed ones saw from the Scriptures that they were in the tarrying time, and that **they must patiently wait** the fulfillment of the vision. The same evidence which led them to look for their Lord in 1843, led them to expect Him in 1844.” *Early Writings*, 247.

MEASURE THE TEMPLE = 46 YEARS

Revelation 11:1–2; Luke 21:24

1798

Daniel 8:13–14

1844

A COVENANT

“The ‘true tabernacle’ in heaven is the sanctuary of the new covenant. And as the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 is fulfilled in this dispensation, the sanctuary to which it refers must be the sanctuary of the new covenant.” *The Great Controversy*, 417.

THOSE WHO FOLLOWED

“Those who by faith followed their great High Priest as He entered upon His ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of His testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary they had come to understand the Saviour’s change of ministration, and they saw that He was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading His blood in behalf of sinners.” *The Great Controversy*, 433.

THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT

Malachi 3:1

THE SAME EVENT

“The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25.” *The Great Controversy*, 426.

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

Now therefore, **if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant**, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: And ye shall be unto me **a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exodus 19:5–6.

PENTECOST, THE MILLERITES AND THE 144,000

1 Peter 2:2–12

A SURE FOUNDATION

Isaiah 28:14–18

THE FOUNDATIONS REJECTED

MOSES—BEGINNING

“The Sabbath therefore lies at **the very foundation of divine worship**, for it teaches this great truth in the most impressive manner, and no other institution does this.” *The Great Controversy*, 437.

CHRIST—END

“Christ, **the foundation of the whole Jewish economy, stood before the Jewish rulers**, to be condemned by his own nation.” *Review and Herald*, June 12, 1900.

SOLOMON

“In quoting the prophecy of the rejected stone, Christ referred to an actual occurrence in the history of Israel. The incident was connected with the building of the first temple. While it had a special application at the time of Christ’s first advent, and

should have appealed with special force to the Jews, it has also a lesson for us.” *The Desire of Ages*, 598.

CYRUS

“God had moved upon the heart of Cyrus to aid them in rebuilding the temple, and this should have called forth expressions of profound gratitude. But some **failed of discerning God’s opening providences. Instead of rejoicing, they cherished thoughts of discontent and discouragement.** They had seen the glory of Solomon’s temple, and they lamented because of the inferiority of the building now to be erected.” *Prophets and Kings*, 564.

MILLER

“I had never been positive as to any particular day for the Lord’s appearing, believing that no man could know the day and hour. In all my published lectures, it will be seen on the title page, ‘about the year 1843.’ In all my oral lectures, I invariably told my audiences that the periods would terminate in 1843, if there were no mistake in my calculation; but that I could not say the end might not come even before that time, and they should be continually prepared. **In 1842, some of my brethren preached with great positiveness the exact year, and censured me for putting in an IF.** The public press had also published that I had fixed upon a definite day, the 23rd of April, for the Lord’s Advent. Therefore, in December of that year, as I could see no error in my reckoning, I published my belief, that sometime between **March 21st, 1843, and March 21st, 1844**, the Lord would come. Some had their minds fixed on particular days; but I could see no evidence for such, unless the types of the Mosaic law pointed to the feast of Tabernacles.

“During the year ‘43, the most violent denunciations were heaped upon me, and those associated with me, by the press, and some pulpits. Our motives were assailed, our principles misrepresented, and our characters traduced. Time passed on: and **the 21st of March, 1844** went by, without our witnessing the appearing of the Lord. Our disappointment was great; and **many walked no more with us.**” William Miller, *Apology and Defense*, 24–25.

PARALLEL MOVEMENTS

“The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, a striking similarity in every great reformation or religious movement. The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same. The important movements of the present have their parallel in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages has lessons of great value for our own time.” *The Great Controversy*, 343.

THE FIRST AND SECOND ANGEL’S MESSAGES

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 **their place in the line of prophecy**, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and are to run **parallel with this which follows.** The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and

the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” *The 1888 Materials*, 803–804.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

“The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 also **illustrates the experience of the Adventist people.**” *The Great Controversy*, 393.

“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 SEVEN THUNDERS

“The special light given to John which was expressed in the seven thunders was a delineation of **events** which would transpire under the first and second angels’ messages.

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“After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: ‘Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.’ These relate to **future events** which will be disclosed in their order.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 971.

TODAY

COVENANT

“**In the last days of this earth’s history, God’s covenant with his commandment-keeping people is to be renewed.**” *Review and Herald*, February 26, 1914.

A TARRYING TIME

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. James 5:7.

FORTY-SIX

TEMPLE ERROR IN CHRIST’S DAY

“With the overthrow of Jerusalem the disciples associated the events of Christ’s personal coming in temporal glory to take the throne of universal empire, to punish the impenitent Jews, and to break from off the nation the Roman yoke. The Lord had told them that he would come the second time. **Hence at the mention of judgments upon Jerusalem, their minds reverted to that coming**, and as they were gathered about the Saviour upon the Mount of Olives, they asked, ‘When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?’ [Matthew 24:3.]

“The future was **mercifully veiled from the disciples**. Had they at that time fully comprehended the two awful facts,— the Redeemer’s sufferings and death and **the destruction of their city and temple**,—they would have been overwhelmed with horror. Christ presented before them an outline of the prominent events to take place before the close of time. His words were not then fully understood; but their meaning was to be unfolded as his people should need the instruction therein given. **The prophecy which he**

uttered was twofold in its meaning: while foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it prefigured also the terrors of the last great day.” *The Great Controversy*, 25.

TEMPLE ERROR IN MILLER’S DAY

“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.” *The Great Controversy*, 352.

TEMPLE ERROR TODAY

“In the work of God no kingly authority is to be exercised by any human being, or by two or three. The representatives of the **Conference**, as it has been carried with authority for the last 20 years, shall be no longer justified in saying, ‘**The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.**’ The men in positions of trust have not been carrying the work wisely.

“The Lord calls for wise men to preside over His work, and to be faithful shepherds of His flock. He has a work to be done in every city. The **General Conference has fallen into strange ways**, and we have reason to marvel that judgment has not fallen, showing ‘by terrible things in righteousness’ that God is not a man that He should lie.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 14, 280.

TEMPLE TRUTH TODAY

1 Corinthians 3:9–21

FORTY-SIX CHROMOSOMES IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD

MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER OF GOD

Revelation 18:1

REMOVAL OF GOD’S HAND

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But **their eyes were holden that they should not know him**. . . . And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them. And **their eyes were opened**, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. Luke 24:13–16, 30–31.

“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. But if God’s Holy Spirit is asked for, **if we plead, as did Moses,** ‘Show me thy glory,’ the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts. Through the golden pipes, the golden oil will be communicated to us. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’ By receiving the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, God’s children shine as lights in the world.” *Review and Herald*, July 20, 1897.

FOUNDATION REJECTED

“The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as of little value the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. ‘Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths,** where is the good way, and walk therein.’ [Jeremiah 6:16.]

“Let none seek to tear away **the foundations of our faith,**—the **foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work,** by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these **foundations** we have been building for more than fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger **foundation** than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception. ‘Other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid.’ [1 Corinthians 3:11.] In the past, many have undertaken to build a new faith, to establish new principles; but how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 296–297.

FOUR PARALLEL HISTORIES

MOSES—TWO TABLES

“God’s law is the transcript of His character.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 305.

PENTECOST—TWO LOAVES

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

HABAKKUK—TWO TABLES

“The warning has come: Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb **the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844.** I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given us. We do not propose to take our feet off **the platform** on which they were placed as day by day we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? **It is to be as the Rock of Ages.** It has been guiding me ever since it was given.” *Review and Herald*, April 14, 1903.

THE REMNANT—

Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God**, and **the faith of Jesus**. Revelation 14:12.

And 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**. Revelation 12:17.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**. Revelation 19:8–10.

MOSES’ TWO TABLES: THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

PENTECOST’S TWO LOAVES: THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**. 2 Peter 1:19–21.

HABAKKUK'S TWO TABLES: THE FAITH OF JESUS

“In his [Paul’s] presentation of the gospel he sought to make plain the prophecies relating to the first advent of Christ. He showed conclusively that these prophecies had been literally fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. **The foundation of his faith was the sure word of prophecy.**” *Acts of the Apostles*, 124.