

Habakkuk's Two Tables #93

Emiliano's Discovery

“Although the Karaite reckoning which indicated the end of the Jewish year at the new moon on April 17, 1844, was favored in the major Millerite periodicals, the majority of believers looked to March 21, 1844 as the time for Christ's return. Outside the Millerite movement March 21 was well known and there was ‘a very general expectation of an entire overthrow of the whole system of Adventism’ on that date. Immediately after it passed, Miller wrote that ‘the time, as I have calculated it, is now filled up; and I expect every moment to see the Savior descend from heaven. I have now nothing to look for but this glorious hope.’ The disappointment was very real and acknowledged by many (including Miller), who frankly confessed their error. Yet, many remained faithful to the imminent expectancy of Christ's return, and the leaders could state that ‘our faith is unwavering respecting the reality of those events being already to burst upon us at any moment. And this we can never give up.’ Not only Millerites, but also the English ‘Millerites’ experienced a disappointment when the Second Advent did not occur in the spring of 1844.” Gerard Damsteegt, *Foundations of Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission*, 92.

For upon the first *day* of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. Ezra 7:1–10.

10TH DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH

190 Days; 70 Days

April 17th, 1844—The first disappointment

August 14th, 1844—The Midnight Cry

CONCLUSION

DANIEL 12

Zechariah 1:1–6—Joel

Zechariah 1:7–11—Babylon Punished; Isaiah 14:1–7

Zechariah 1: 12–17

“God's church on earth was as verily in captivity during this long period of relentless persecution as were the children of Israel held captive in Babylon during the period of the exile.” *Prophets and Kings*, 714.

Revelation 6:9–11

Zechariah 1:18:21

Zechariah 2:2:1–13

ZECHARIAH 3

“Zechariah’s vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God’s people in the closing scenes of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will then be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects; he has gained control even of many professing Christians. But here is a little company who are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. Men will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law.” *Prophets and Kings*, 587.

REPEAT AND ENLARGE

CHAPTER FOUR

Haggai 2:20–23

“Please consider the words of Zechariah, ‘And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.’ The very same adversary is here presented as standing between Christ and Peter. ‘And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.’

“Satan was charging the people of God with all his attributes, and presenting before them the sins he had instigated them to commit. Satan clothed their characters with his own filthy garments of sin, and nothing was lost in his reckoning of their misdeeds. But these souls who were represented as wearing the black robes of Satan’s weaving in his hellish loom, were not an appropriate representation; for they had repented of their transgressions. The Lord who searcheth the heart and understandeth the imagination of the thoughts, had set their sins before them, and had given them the promise: ‘If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him he will cast thee off forever.’ The Lord, the everlasting God, is ever present to observe, inspect, and examine all things. The hearts of all are read as an open book. ‘The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth.’ *Manuscript Releases*, volume 7, 202.

CHAPTER FIVE

“The Spirit who asked Zechariah, ‘What seest thou?’ to which he answered, ‘I see a flying roll,’ also caused an angel to fly in the midst of heaven, ‘having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him [let no glory be given to erring, sinful men]; for the hour of his judgment is come.’ Many indeed will not understand, but will stumble at the words contained in the roll.” *The New York Indicator*, February 7, 1906.

“Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth; for everyone that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and everyone that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it. I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name; and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.’

“The angel is represented as flying through the midst of heaven with a roll in his hand, on which are written the deeds of our daily life. God bears long with the children of men, but there is a time coming when he will cease to bear with them. God wants them to get under the cover of his wings. Jesus is pleading his blood in our behalf, but Satan is standing at his right hand, resisting every effort in our behalf. May God help us to humble our hearts, before it shall be forever too late to make wrongs right.” *Signs of the Times*, June 2, 1890.

Zechariah 6:1–8

Zechariah 6:9–15