

STUDENTS OF PROPHECY

“Whatever may be man’s intellectual advancement, let him not for a moment think that there is no need of thorough and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light. As a people we are called individually to be **students of prophecy**.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 708.

2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:2; 2 Chronicles 20:20; Matthew 10:41; 2 Peter 1:19–20.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

“Ministers should present **the sure word of prophecy as the foundation of the faith** of Seventh-day Adventists.” *Evangelism*, 196.

THE DEFINITION OF PROPHECY

“There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment **in their order**. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. **Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be a figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth’s history.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101–102.

FIGURATIVE, *a.* [Fr. *figuratif*, from *figure*.] 1. Representing something else; representing by resemblance; typical. 2. Representing by resemblance; not literal or direct. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

DELINEATION, *n.* [L. *delineatio*.] 1. First draught of a thing; outline; representation of a form or figure by lines; sketch; design. 2. Representation in words; description; as the *delineation* of a character. *Ibid*.

TRACED ON A LINE

“We must have **a knowledge of the Scriptures**, that we may **trace down the lines of prophecy**, and understand **the specifications given by the prophets**, and by **Christ and the apostles**; that we may not be ignorant; but be able to see that the day is approaching, so that with increased zeal and effort, we may exhort one another to faithfulness, piety, and holiness.” *Review and Herald*, July 31, 1888.

PROPHECY LINES ARE REPEATED

“Revelation is a sealed book, but it is also an opened book. It records marvelous events that are to take place in the last days of this earth’s history. The teachings of this book are definite, not mystical and unintelligible. In it the same **line of prophecy** is taken up as in Daniel. **Some prophecies God has repeated**, thus showing that importance must be given to them. **The Lord does not repeat things that are of no great consequence.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 9, 7–8.

HISTORY IS REPEATED

“Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated.” *Maranatha*, 30.

“Prophecy is history in advance.” James White, *Bible Adventism*, 71.

“RULE XIII

“To know whether we have the true historical event for the fulfilment of a prophecy. If you find every word of the prophecy (after the figures are understood) is literally fulfilled, then you may know that your history is the true event. But if one word lacks a fulfilment, then you must look for another event, or wait its future development. For **God takes care that history and prophecy doth agree**, so that the true believing children of God may never be ashamed.” William Miller, *Miller’s Works*, volume 1, 22.

A SPECIFIC ORDER

“All that God has in prophetic history specified to be **fulfilled in the past has been**, and all that is yet to come **in its order will be**. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the **students of prophecy** the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of **the great and solemn events which we must know** as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.

“In **history and prophecy** the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. **Those things which have been, will be repeated.**” *Selected Messages*, book 2, 109.

THE THREE ANGELS MESSAGES

“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.

“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.

WAYMARKS

“**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. *Selected Messages*, book 2, 101–102.

WAYMARK, *n.* [*way* and *mark*.] A mark to guide in traveling. “Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.” Jeremiah 31:21. *Webster’s* 1828 dictionary.

BEARING, *n.* The situation of an object, with respect to another object, by which it is supposed to have a connection with it or influences upon it, or to be influenced by it. *Ibid.*

LINE U=P=O=N LINE

“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.

LINE U=P=O=N LINE

Isaiah 28:9–13; 1 Corinthians 14:32; 2 Corinthians 13:1

EVERY PROPHECY EXPLAINS ANOTHER

“Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, **every prophecy an explanation of another**, every truth a development of some other truth. The **types** of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. **Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing.**” *Education*, 123–124.

THE SAME STORY

“These men of the Old Testament spoke of things transpiring in their day, and Daniel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel not only spoke of things that concerned them as present truth, but their sights reached down to the future, and to what should occur in these last days.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 419–420.

THE PROPHET’S MESSAGES WERE FOR OUR DAY

“Each of the ancient prophets spoke **less for their own time than for ours**, so that their prophesying is in force for us. ‘Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.’ 1 Corinthians 10:11. ‘**Not unto themselves, but unto us** they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.’ 1 Peter 1:12. . . .

“The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for **this last generation**. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 338–339.

ENSAMPLES: 5179. **tupos**, *too-pos*; from 5180; a *die* (as *struck*), i.e. (by impl.) a *stamp* or *scar*; by anal. a *shape*, i.e. a *statue*, (fig.) *style* or *resemblance*; spec. a *sampler* (“type”), i.e. *model* (for imitation) or *instance* (for warning):—en. (ex.) ample, fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern, print. *The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*.

THE POINT OF REFERENCE

“In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is **the complement of the book of Daniel**. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.’ Daniel 12:4.” *Acts of the Apostles*, 585.

THE TARGET

“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.

CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS

“**The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed**, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, **point by point**, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . .

“**Consider the circumstances** of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given. Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. ‘Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy,’ God declares, ‘and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.’ **When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival**. We do not understand fully the lessons that it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112–113.

EXTERNAL

“**From the rise and fall of nations as made plain in the books of Daniel and the Revelation**, we need to learn how worthless is mere outward and worldly glory. Babylon, with all its power and magnificence, the like of which our world has never since beheld,—power and magnificence which to the people of that day seemed so stable and enduring,—how completely has it passed away! As ‘the flower of the grass,’ it has perished. James 1:10. So perished the Medo-Persian kingdom, and the kingdoms of Grecia and Rome. And so perishes all that has not God for its foundation. Only that which is bound up with His purpose, and expresses His character, can endure. His principles are the only steadfast things our world knows.” *Prophets and Kings*, 548.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL

“The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The **student** should learn to view the Word as a whole and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of *its grand central theme*, of God’s original purpose for the world, of **the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption**. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found.” *Mind, Character, and Personality*, volume 1, 346.

Ezekiel 12:21–28; Amos 3:7

“We ask John what he saw and heard in the vision at Patmos, and he answers: ‘And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.’

“There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God’s providences, **the prophetic history of nations and the church**. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. **In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth’s history to its close.**

“This roll was written within and without. John says: ‘I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.’ The vision as presented to John made its impression upon his mind. **The destiny of every nation was contained in that book.** John was distressed at the utter inability of any human being or angelic intelligence to read the words, or even to look thereon. His soul was wrought up to such a point of agony and suspense that one of the strong angels had compassion on him, and laying his hand on him assuringly said, ‘Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.’

“John continues: ‘I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne.’

“As the book was unrolled, all who looked upon it were filled with awe. There were no blanks in the book. There was space for no more writing. [Revelation 5:8–14; 6:8, quoted.]

“‘And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, Holy and true, doest Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them [They were pronounced pure and holy]; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled’ [Revelation 6:9–11]. Here were scenes presented to John that were not in reality but that which would be in a period of time in the future.

“[Revelation 8:1–4, quoted.]” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 29, 197.