

MESSAGE, EMPOWERMENT, VISUAL, JUDGMENT
BAPTISM OF CHRIS, HIS LIVING TESTIMONY FOR 3 ½ YEARS, JUDGMENT

“Thus the way was prepared for the great Teacher. ‘But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son.’ Christ came to teach lessons that would echo and re-echo from generation to generation. The teaching of the rabbis consisted of a monotonous repetition of maxims and traditions. Christ spoke with an assurance that impressed his hearers. His whole being was charged with divine love. His heart was filled with sympathy for mental and physical distress, which he met wherever he went. **He bore a living testimony** that he came not to destroy life, but to save it. By look and word he drew men to himself. Sympathy and love flowed from him to the distressed and suffering. The beauty of his countenance and the loveliness of his character attracted the people. No sooner did they look upon his face, and hear his gracious words, than their hearts were filled with a warm glow of love.

“The truth that had been given to patriarchs and prophets Christ rescued from the rubbish, and presented to the people in a way that made it seem like new truth. He also gave them many new truths, spoken on his own authority.” *The Youth Instructor*, September 13, 1900.

AUGUST 11, 1840, 43’ CHART, APRIL 15, 1844

“When the year 1843 arrived, the Millerite missionary thrust became stronger than ever, for this was the year of the termination of several time prophecies, 6 the year of Christ's personal return, and the last chance for the church and the world to accept the truth. The Millerites were unanimous that ‘the year 1843’ was the year of the Second Advent. Some, however, expected Christ to come within the regular Gregorian calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 1843), 1 whereas Miller himself anticipated this event sometime between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844. Miller assumed that the ‘Jewish mode of computation of time’ was based on the reckoning from the vernal equinox of 1843 to the vernal equinox of 1844. 2 Later in the year 1843, when calculation of the Jewish year was further analyzed, it was discovered that there were two methods for determining the Jewish year. One method, Rabbinical reckoning, regulated the ‘commencement of the year by astronomical calculations,’ and commenced it with ‘the first day of the new moon nearest the vernal equinox when the sun is in Aries.’ 4 According to this method, the Jewish year of 1843 commenced on April 1, 1843 and terminated on March 20, 1844, a period which fell within the limits of Miller’s year. The other method was the Karaite reckoning and was derived from the Karaite Jews, a small group who ‘still adhere to the letter of the Mosaic law, and commence [the year] with the new moon nearest the barley harvest in Judea . . . which is one moon later than the Rabinical [sic] year.’ The Karaites stressed Lev. 23:10, 11, which required the Jews to bring a sheaf of the first fruits of their harvest to the priest as a wave offering on the 16th of the first month, a ceremony which, quite obviously, could only be observed when the barley harvest was ripe in Judea. On this basis, the Karaite Jewish year 1843 commenced on April 29, 1843 and **terminated on April 17, 1844**. The Millerites also learned that most Jews followed the Rabbinical reckoning because it was more practical to calculate the year by astronomical calculations related to the vernal equinox than by the ripening of the barley harvest in Judea. . . .

“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*, 84, 92.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY, THE LIVING TESTIMONY, JUDGMENT

“In every part of the land, light was given upon the second angel’s message, and the cry melted the hearts of thousands. It went from city to city, and from village to village, until the waiting people of God were fully aroused. In many churches the message was not permitted to be given, and a large company who had the living testimony left these fallen churches. A mighty work was accomplished by the midnight cry. The message was heart-searching, leading the believers to seek a living experience for themselves. They knew that they could not lean upon one another.” *Early Writings*, 238.

“I was pointed down to the time when the third angel’s message was closing. The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour before them. They had received the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message.” *Early Writings*, 279.

“Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

“The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord’s side.” *The great Controversy*, 612.

9/11, THE IMAGE TEST, JUDGMENT

THE SUNDAY LAW, THE ENSIGN, MICHAEL STANDS UP

“When Christ was upon this earth, the world preferred Barabbas. And today the world and the churches are making the same choice. The scenes of the betrayal, the rejection, and the crucifixion of Christ have been re-enacted, and will again be re-enacted on an immense scale. People will be filled with the attributes of the enemy, and with them his delusions will have great power. Just to that degree that light is refused will there be misconception and misunderstanding. Those who reject Christ and choose Barabbas work under a ruinous deception. Misrepresentation and false witness will grow to open rebellion. The eye being evil, the whole body will be full of darkness. Those who give their affections to any leader but Christ will find themselves under the control, body, soul, and spirit, of an infatuation that is so entrancing that under its power souls turn away from hearing the truth to believe a lie. They are ensnared and taken, and by their every action they cry, Release unto us Barabbas, but crucify Christ.

“Even now this decision is being made. The scenes enacted at the cross are being re-enacted. In the churches that have departed from truth and righteousness it is being revealed what human nature can do and will do when the love of God is not an abiding principle in the soul. We need not be surprised at anything that may take place now. We need not marvel at any developments of horror. Those who trample under their unholy feet the law of God have the same spirit as had the men who insulted and betrayed Jesus. Without any compunction of conscience, they will do the deeds of their father, the devil. They will ask the question that came from the traitorous lips of Judas, What will you give me if I betray unto you Jesus the Christ? Even now Christ is being betrayed in the person of His saints.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 5, 1106.

EZRA 7:9

And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king. 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 7:8–9.

10TH DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH

September 30, August 31, July 31, June 30, May 31, April 30

THE FIRST DISAPPOINTMENT—APRIL 15TH

190 DAYS

$22+30+31+31+30+31=175$ $190-175=15$ $30-15=$ April 15

STRANGE WIVES

And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And **they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.** Ezra 10:16–17.

MESSAGE OF BABYLON

And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in **the first month, in the first day of the month**, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it: Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God. In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord. Ezekiel 29:17–21.

SETTING UP THE SANCTUARY

On the first day of the first month shalt thou **set up the tabernacle of the tent** of the congregation. . . . Thus did Moses: according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he. And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on **the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up**. Exodus 40:2, 16–17.

CLEANSING THE SANCTUARY FOR SERVICE (A PROCESS)

Now they began on **the first day of the first month** to **sanctify**, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord: so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, **We have cleansed all the house of the Lord**, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the showbread table, with all the vessels thereof. Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the Lord. Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 29:17–20.

Thus saith the Lord God; In **the first month, in the first day of the month**, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and **cleanse the sanctuary**: And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house. In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. Ezekiel 45:18–21.

THE FLOOD ENDS

And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, **the waters were dried up from off the earth**: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. Genesis 8:13.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY—AUGUST 13TH, 1844

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70 DAYS

$22+30=52$ $70-52=18$ $31-18=$ August 13th

And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in **the first *day* of the fifth month**. Numbers 33:38.

And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters. **At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi**, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. Deuteronomy 10:6-8.

Malachi 3:1-4

SEVEN TIMES

Romans 5:12-20