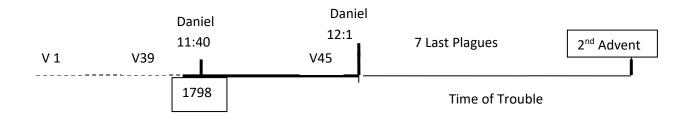
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If you turn to 13 Manuscript Release page 394, this is the passage that we began with.

Scenes similar to those described in these words will take place. We see evidence that Satan is fast obtaining the control of human minds who have not the fear of God before them. Let all read and understand the prophecies of this book, for we are now entering upon the time of trouble spoken of Daniel 12: 1-4.

This passage talks about Daniel 11 and Ellen White says that the chapter is nearly coming to its completion. She speaks about the prophecies in the book chapter 11 – repeating and then she specifically targets a certain number of verses. She mentions verse 30-36 and she says, "Scenes similar to those described in these words (these seven verses) are going to take place". She says that Satan is taking control of human minds and that we are all required to read and understand the prophecies because we are entering into the time of trouble. And when we read from Testimonies to the Church volume 9 page 14, she said the very similar statement and I made the assertion that that was the period of the seven last plagues. And in this passage she quotes from Daniel 12 verses 1-4 which is the time of trouble. So the structure that we've set up from Daniel11 verses 40 to 45 to Daniel 12:1, followed by the seven last plagues and the time of trouble, coming to the Second Advent. This is in agreement with what this passage teaches.



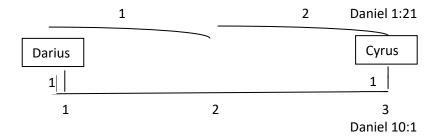
Now we've spoken about history repeating, I've already given you a number of examples of how that works. But here Ellen White is quite specific. She says before the time of trouble, and we're living in the period between verses 40-45, verse 40 we're going to demonstrate is 1798. This is the period where there is war in the earth. In a general sense, she says that history will repeat and she specifically mentions verses 30-36. So the first thing I want us to notice, when we mentioned earlier, verses 1-39-that history will repeat in a general sense. And if you turn to Daniel 11, you recall we have spoken for the last 2 days about Darius and Cyrus. And we've spoken about these 2 people from a number of different perspectives. We spoke about them from the book of Revelation. We spoke about them from Isaiah 46. And we also mentioned Darius in Daniel chapter 5 and Cyrus from Daniel chapter 1 verse 21 and chapter 10 verse 1. The reason we put all of that information together to show the destruction of Babylon by the Medo-Persian empire.

So we have already discussed when we went to Isaiah 46:9-11 how Cyrus was the end and Moses was the beginning and that we can take the end (the story of Cyrus- how he dries up the River Euphrates and destroys Babylon) and bring him to the end of the world. We did that by going to Revelation 16:12.

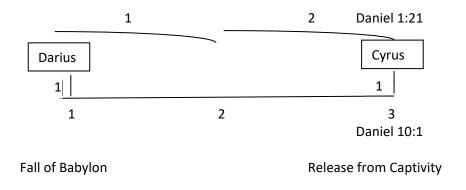
Now Ellen White is telling us that chapter 11 will be repeated. In Daniel 11:1 you'll see it is connected to chapter 10 - it is the third year of Cyrus. I've already explained how the 3^{rd} year of Cyrus is also the 1^{st} year of Cyrus.

We did 1,2,3 and the 3rd year of Cyrus is also his 1^{st} year. And here was the 1^{st} year of Darius. So the 1^{st} year of Darius, he reigns for 2 years, he dies and Cyrus takes the throne – the sole ruler of Babylon. So in Daniel $10:1 - the 3^{rd}$ year and Daniel 1:21 is the 1^{st} year.

Chapter 10 – the year that God's people will be released from Babylonian captivity.



If you were to read chapter 10, Gabriel is explaining to Daniel the blessings of God and then Gabriel reminds Daniel about how God has led in the freedom of God's people. They are released from captivity and after talking about Cyrus in chapter 10, where Gabriel is wrestling with Satan under the name of the Prince of Persia – that's in verse 20. He then reminds Daniel in Chapter 11:1. He talks about the first year of Darius and this is the fall of Babylon.



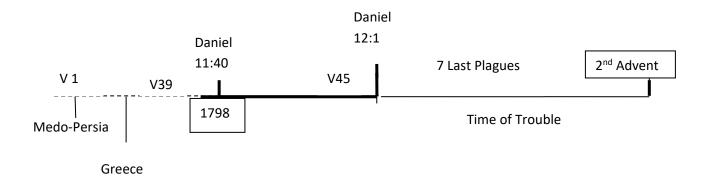
We already saw from Isaiah 46 how the history of Cyrus typifies the events at the end of the world. So we saw that from the scriptures and Ellen White is confirming this. She says the prophecy in Daniel 11 will be repeated. So the history in Daniel 11:1 will be repeated at the end of the world. It is for us to work out the symbology correctly to understand its fulfillment at the end of the world. What God has given to us is the pattern. There are many verses in this chapter and we obviously can see that. So once you start going through the verses, you see that verse 2 speaks about the kings of Persia and if you can see the phrase there. Then verse 3 speaks about a mighty king that shall arise after them. And we know who this king is – because it was in the last part of verse 2 – it tells you what kingdom he is from. The kingdom of Greece and this mighty king is none other than Alexander the Great. As you go through the verses, it talks about the rise and fall of Greece and then it will move on to pagan Rome and into papal Rome.

Let's turn to Daniel 2. You're all familiar with the statue of Daniel 2. We know about the material and the body parts. Now in Daniel chapter 2:37 Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar who he is. He's going to identify Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon as this head and then in the next verse, it says he's the head of gold.

Verse 39 – after him will rise another kingdom and the other kingdom is the silver and then if you read the last part of verse 39 – this is the 3rd kingdom – the kingdom of brass.

All I want us to see is that this kingdom of Greece is also mentioned in Daniel 11 – verse 2 and onward. And the characteristic of Greece is that it is a worldwide power. Of all the kingdoms that are mentioned in Daniel 2, of all the Kingdoms of Bible prophecy, it is the only one mentioned as ruling the whole earth.

So when we come to Daniel 11 and it is spoken about Medo-Persia, we see that history is going to be repeated and then we go to Greece and we can see that Greece is the power that rules over the entire earth- single nation kingdom.

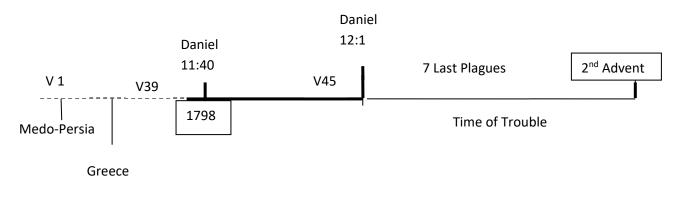


Without necessarily proving it, I'm sure we all agree that the book of Revelation is talking about the end of the world – the end time prophecy. So in Revelation 17, the end of the world, we're going to see a power that is the singular kingdom that rules the world. We'll go to verse 12 – in this chapter, it

identifies the beast with a woman sitting on it and this beast has got 10 horns and 7 heads. If we turn to verse 12 - it says the 10 horns are 10 kings but those 10 kings don't act in the way that is normal. How many kingdoms would 10 kings have? 10 kingdoms. We all understand that's how the world operates. But here, when it talks about the 10 kingdoms, it says they haven't received a kingdom yet (in the singular). But that they would rule with the beast for 1 hour. So it is not my purpose to explain all of the symbology in this chapter. But these kings that are mentioned here only have a singular kingdom. Now when you start looking at these kings and you start looking at the symbology and the explanation of them, you'll see that they represent all of the nations of the earth. It speaks about the nations of the earth in verse 15. I'm not explaining the symbols in detail. All I want us to see is that the kings, and there are 10 of them, are the kings that rule the earth. But they only have 1 kingdom and not 10. So the 10 kings all come together into a unified kingdom and they will rule the earth in some kind of united fashion. We're living at the end of the world and most of us can clearly see who this entity would be referring to. It's not a coincidence that at the end of WWII, before I carry on, remember we said Sunday Law 1 + Sunday Law 2 = Sunday Law 3. We saw the destruction of Jerusalem the 1st time and the destruction of Jerusalem the 2nd time point to the destruction of Jerusalem for the 3rd time. In the same way when we start considering these history we're talking about, we can see that we had WWI + WWII that brought us to WWIII.

The organization called the United Nations (UN), which is headquartered in United States and Europe, was formed in 1945, immediately after WWII. And as the name suggests, the organization was designed to bring all the nations of the world into unity – one with another – to prevent war. Now the UN that we see today, that have been around for over 70 years now does not yet resemble this one world government that is going to take control of the world. All I am saying is that Greece, as we're told in Daniel 2, that it ruled the whole earth. This is showing us that the 1st part of Daniel 11 will again be repeated at the end of the world in a way that many of us may well be surprised with.

So as we go through Daniel 11, we're already seeing that at the end of the world, we can see the history of the Medes and Persians. We can see the history of Greece and we can also see the history of pagan Rome.



Medo-Persia Greece Pagan Rome And we all know Revelation 13 speaks about a deadly wound being given to that beast that rises up out of the sea. It says the beast's wound would be healed. Revelation 17:8 - we read the same story in that chapter.

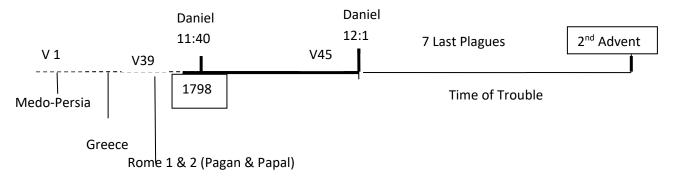
The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

So he speaks about a beast that dies and resurrects. It talks about everyone is going to worship this beast. We're told in verse 2 that everyone in the world are encouraged to do so- by whom? The kings of the earth. This one kingdom. It will encourage the inhabitants of the earth, it will force the inhabitants of the earth, to worship the resurrected beast. The beast is papal Rome.

So all of these histories that we go through: from the Medo-Persian empire to Rome in its 2 phases (pagan and papal) – all of this will be repeated at the end of the world. But in this passage Ellen white specifically mentions verses 30-36. If we were to study those verses, we would see that they are speaking about the rise of the papacy in a very specific sense. In verse 30, without going into the history, which at times can be complex, this is in the year 533- 534. The pagan Roman empire is collapsing. They are at war with the nations of the Vandals who are occupying northern Africa. The capital is Carthage. They are unable to defeat their enemies easily. So when they return, not to Rome. Because they are not from Rome, they occupy Turkey, the city of Constantinople and they begin to go into an alliance and it says who wins. (Daniel 11: 30) The first part of the verse

For the ships of Chitim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

Pagan Rome is going to go against those who keep the covenant, that's God's faithful people. This happened in the history of the 500s- 6th Century AD. The rest of the verse: it says he is going to have some kind of communication with those who are against the holy covenant. So pagan Rome is against those who keep the covenant and fight against them and he's going to go into an alliance with that entity that has forsaken the holy covenant. This is the unholy alliance between pagan Rome and papal Rome that happened in this history. This unholy alliance was designed for one purpose: to make war against those who keep the holy covenant. So this history, Ellen White says specifically, will be repeated at the end of the world. We are required to understand is who pagan Rome represents at the end of the world. We are required to understand is who pagan Rome represents at the end of the world. We already know who the papacy is and when we see them going into an alliance after going to war with (in this story – the ships of Chitim- which in that history was the Vandals.) Then you know that the purpose of coming into an alliance – whatever may be the superficial surface reason, that the real reason is that they want to come against those who keep the holy covenant.



Now I'm not sure if we're all aware who the Vandals are. If you go to Daniel 7:7, it talks about a beast and this beast has 10 horns. Then in verse 8 as Daniel was looking at that beast (pagan Rome) and those horns- another beast comes up and is identified (pointing to bottom of 1850 chart).

I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things.

So at the behest or command of the little horn, 3 horns are plucked up and if you count the horns (pointing to bottom of 1850 chart), it has 7 horns now. Those 3 horns are 3 kingdoms and they are listed here in the picture work – and you'll see that one of them is the Vandal empire.

So the story of Daniel 7 and the story of the parts of the statue are all connected to Daniel 11:30, As these people come together for the apparent purpose of making war against the Vandals and the real purpose is to fight against God's people. Verse 31 takes us back into history and it tells us that an army is going to be given to the papal church and on top of that they shall destroy the sanctuary and they shall take away the daily sacrifice and the abomination of desolation – they shall lift this abominable thing up. I'm not going in detail to explain the symbology but what I'm saying that this alliance here between the army and this church or this government and church, a state/ church relationship is also spoken in verse 31 and it begins to detail what this church/state relationship will do.

This army - arms shall stand on his part- after doing a preliminary work for the papal church, they are going to place the papacy as the supreme ruler. And verse 31 is talking about the year 538 AD when the papacy rules the then known world which people used to call the "old" world, which we call today Europe. The papacy rules supremely over because this army sets the papacy up and protects and guards it. Not only from its enemies, like the Vandals, but also it then seeks to crush any opposition against the papal church. Who will oppose the papacy? We know who that is because if you go to Daniel 8:10

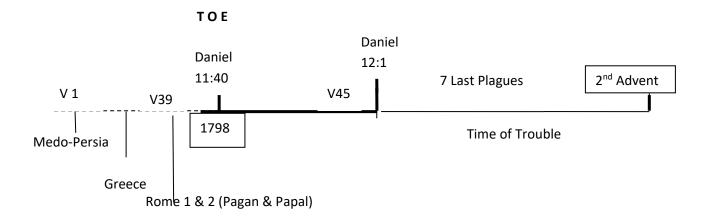
And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Now this host and the stars, these are symbols of God's people. So as the papacy rises to power and it begins to take control of the world, it begins to stamp and trample upon God's people. Daniel 7:25 – it says the same

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

You can see in verse 25 the saints are worn down. You can see Daniel 8:10, they are stamped upon. Daniel 8:13, you can see that they are trodden underfoot, last part of the verse. Ancient history is showing that when this alliance comes they will soon turn their focus upon God's people. And what is instituted, which we all call the Dark Ages, is what the Catholic call the Inquisition and that is all happening beginning from verse 31, which is about to be repeated in our time. We can go to Daniel 11:32-36 and it talks about the experience of God's people now in this history and if you go to verse 35, it tells you for how long it will do this. It says until the Time of the End (TOE).

And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.



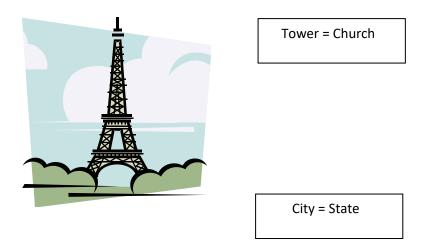
And in verse 36, it tells you again that these activities will continue until the indignation is fulfilled, until the deadly wound is given. So Ellen White points specifically to these 7 verses, which she is specifically relating to the relationship between pagan and papal Rome. But it's not just this history: it's the history of the Medo-Persians and Grecian empire, the history of pagan Rome all by itself and then the combination of the two.

If we were to put all of these histories together and understand them correctly, we would have a comprehensive understanding of what the end of the world looks like. Unfortunately, our church no longer has a clear understanding of end time prophecy. A term that is often used which sounds like an insult is that we have a "peace and safety message". It's not that we don't believe in the Sunday Law, it's just our understanding of that law and its initiation is so far adrift from the truth there becomes a message that is essentially "peace and safety".

Adventists, above all the people of the earth, are required to prepare themselves before the Sunday Law and not after it. And not only are we to prepare, we're to sound a warning to the world that its approach is near and our church has no effective prophetic tools to understand how close the Sunday Law is. We content ourselves with counting the numbers of earthquakes that there are, that there are many holes in the earth and how wrong our understanding of that sign is. Worse than that, which is even more deceptive, we track the movements of the pope, thinking that by tracing his footsteps we'll have some clear understanding when the Sunday Law is approaching. But of course, prophecy shows us that this simplistic approach is wrong. We have to look in other directions to understand the approach of the Sunday Law and give a warning for it.

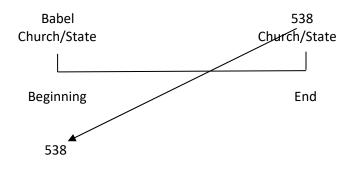
So I've completed this section of 13 Manuscript Release. I've explained how Ellen White has said that these verses will repeat. And this history (pagan and papal Rome) is the union of church and state. And you know that is correct because it is a repeat of history. After the flood when the people begin to repopulate the earth, where did they gravitate to? They gravitated to the plains of Shinar – which we call Iraq today, which is Babylon country.

Shinar means the land between 2 rivers: Euphrates and Tigris. On that plain, what did people build? They built a tower and around the tower, they built a city. If you were to do a study on what a tower represents, you'll find that it represents a church and a city where a king lives, it represents a state.



Right from the very beginning man wanted to have a church/ state unity and so Satan can control our conscience and our bodies, that we would be slaves – physical slaves, servants and we would give that service because we would feel a conscientious duty to do so. This church/state relationship, the very beginning of the controversy after the flood, Babel is coming all the way at the end of the world in 538 and repeats again at the end of the world. Can you see how Isaiah 46 works?

We could have drawn it out that way. I could have said that the end was church and state because the beginning was church and state. And if this was Babel and this was 538, then 538 can also be the commencement here and we'd be at the end of the world. So you can see how history repeats.



I want to change subjects a little bit now. I have had some questions on this issue. It is connected to the kingdom of grace and how salvation works and operates. So the first place we want to go to is Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel 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.

There's this angel, it's a symbol of God's people, and it's not a literal angel. And as it is flying through the midst of heaven, which is the atmosphere of this planet, it has the everlasting gospel and he's going to preach this gospel to the inhabitants of the earth. In Revelation 14:7, it tells you what the words of the gospel message are.

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

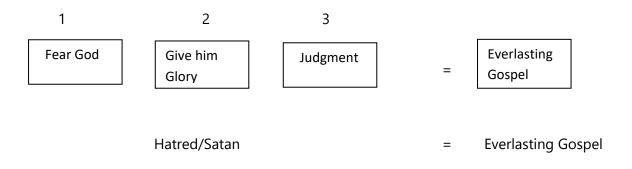
It says fear God, give him glory for the hour of his judgment is come. There are 3 messages and these 3 messages are the everlasting gospel. Hopefully, that is relatively easy to see.

Spirit of prophecy quote: 2 Selected Messages 106.2 Here Ellen White is going to quote Genesis 3:15.

First she's going to speak about Revelation 14

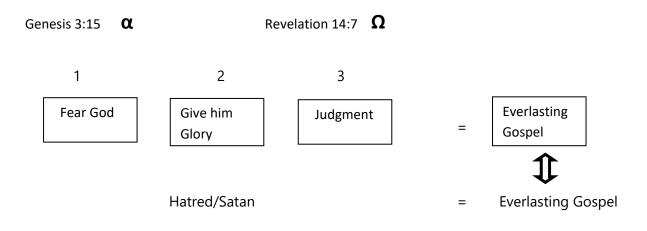
The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, *"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* (Genesis 3:15)

She then goes on to say that in Genesis 3:15, this is the first promise of the Saviour who will stand and fight against the powers of Satan. She says then that Christ was both law and the gospel. She says that the angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel also proclaims the law of God. What I want us to see that, Genesis 3:15, the hatred that God places in our hearts, because hatred is an emotion that God possesses. That's why we possess it. It wasn't created after sin. Hatred was an emotion that has always existed in the being of God. So when he created us, we also were created to have the potential of hating something. And after sin, what did we hate? We began to hate God. So this gospel message, Ellen White says is the same gospel, the everlasting gospel is the mechanism or the means by which God creates hatred in our hearts against Satan and his kingdom. And that is the good news of the gospel, or what we would call the everlasting gospel. So the hatred of Satan, which is Genesis 3:15, is the same everlasting gospel that is mentioned in Revelation 14: Fear God. Give him Glory because judgment is about to happen.



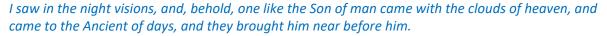
I want to come to this again, the point I'm about to mention. I want to give the historical context of this (pointing to everlasting gospel). We all know the historical context of Genesis: 6000 years ago, sometime soon after creation, man sins and then a curse comes upon him and the whole of the earth, mankind repents and the everlasting gospel is given, or the good news. And from that moment, Adam and Eve, until their dying day, have hatred for sin in their hearts. But when their children are born, who are they born hating? Satan or God? God. That's how they are born. They're born separated from

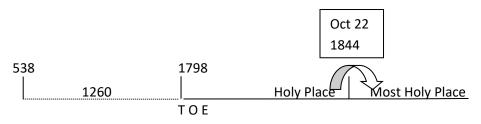
him. The same experience we all had when we were born. And each of us has to go through the experience of either being Cain or Abel. Individually we need to surrender ourselves to God and accept the gospel and become the sons and daughters of him. And then he creates hatred in our hearts to do evil. Now that experience at the beginning is the alpha; in Revelation it is the omega. But Ellen White says that they are the same message but you'll see the wording is different.



I want to give the historical context of this (pointing to Fear God, give him glory and judgment). As I say we'll go over it more detail, Lord willing.

We are at 1798, this is the time of the end. God is going to raise up a people to give the everlasting gospel. God's people have been in captivity. They have been scattered for 1260 years. You remember I mentioned 538, that is the beginning of the 1260 and this is the end – 1798. The Bible describes it in different ways: 42 months, three and a half times, or 1260 years. At the end of that time period, God will raise up a people. This is us. God is going to begin to raise this church up. It takes him many years to do this. We're all familiar with the year 1844, even if it is vaguely. October 22, 1844. We're all taught that October 22, 1844, Christ goes from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place. He moves from one apartment to another. I'll give you the Bible verse for that: Daniel 7:13



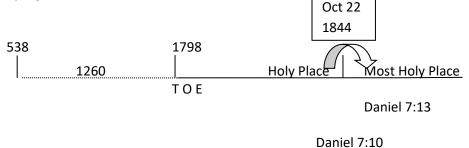


In 1798, there's a message. This message is the everlasting gospel: Revelation 14:7. And these people say to the world: "Fear God, give glory to him because the hour of his judgment has come".

Let's go back to Daniel 7:10

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

So there is a statement that the judgment is set. And the judgment being referred to is Daniel 7:10 – this is the judgment.



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So there is a message to fear God, give glory to him because the hour of his judgment has come.

I'll put it into plain language:

Be scared.

Have fear because of your sinful condition.

Be afraid because judgment is about to begin.

It begins first with the dead. And soon it will transfer to the living.

Be afraid of your sinful condition. Glorify God in your body and change your wicked ways because judgment is about to begin in 46 years.

There are 46 years between 1798 and 1844. It's not a coincidence that there are 46 years. There are different models that help us to understand end time prophecy: marriage, agriculture, construction, geography.

Let's go to John 2:20 and we'll look at some construction. The year is 28 AD and the sanctuary/temple has been built or refurbished by King Herod.

"Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building and wilt thou rear it up in three days?"

So it says that in the argument that the Jews were having with Jesus that it has taken 46 years to build the temple. The construction of the temple in the book of John is connected with the history that precedes or is the beginning of our history. It is not a coincidence when Moses goes up Mt. Sinai to collect the Ten Commandments, how long was he up there for? It's 6 days, followed by 40 days which is 46 days. How many commandments are there when he collects them? 10. How many are in the first table? 4. How many are in the last table? 6.

Number 46 is a symbol of Bible prophecy, which is connected to the construction or the reestablishment of God's church. There are no coincidences or surprises in God's word. When people start talking about the everlasting gospel, sometimes they use the term the kingdom of grace, or that we're saved by grace. I ask how was Adam and Eve saved in the book of Genesis chapter 3? Were they not saved by grace? No one would disagree with that. That grace produces hatred in the heart of the human being, but gives you power to hate evil. That power that was given in Genesis is the same power that is given to God's church at the end of the world. From 1798 when we come out this captivity of the papacy, we're free. But the first thing God says that you are under condemnation because you've sinned. You need to stop. You need to give me glory and not Satan. Why? Because if you don't and when the books are opened, like we just read in Daniel 7:10 and your case is brought to view, you will die in your sins unless they have all been forgiven. And we have an opportunity in this history here to glorify God, turn away from our sins, so that when our names are caught up in the judgment we can be secure in our relationship with Jesus. This is being saved by grace. People call it the kingdom of grace.

Whatever the experience that Adam and Eve are having in the beginning, it is the same experience you see identified in the book of Revelation.

Does everybody know what the second message here – we call it glory. We have three messages and the second one says glory. I want to give it in a different language, in a different history. We're going to go back 1800 years to the time of Christ. We're going to go John 16:8. We're going to see here and hopefully we're going to remember the conversation we had about the Holy Spirit. In the book of Isaiah 40:1, speaking about Christ.

It says comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem

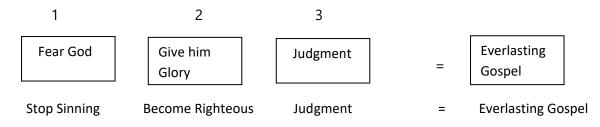
Who is the one that brings us comfort? That was Jesus. He was the comforter. But when Jesus came to earth, he came as a man and he was limited by his humanity. If you wanted to see Christ, you had to go to him or he had to go to you. 2000 years ago the world was a small place. How could anybody from Reunion Island ever meet Jesus? It would be impossible for that to happen. So God has a plan. Jesus is going to leave and he's going to send someone to replace him. The Holy Spirit. So when the Holy Spirit comes, he takes the place of Jesus as the comforter. We'll read John 16:7

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

So when Jesus leaves, the Holy Spirit will come and the Holy Spirit does not have body and he's able to go to all parts of the earth. He's able to comfort everyone. When he comes, what will be his mission? To save the people of God, is it not? It is to bring grace, or the everlasting gospel. Would we agree that's the role of the Holy Spirit? Everybody agrees with that. But look what John 16 verse 8 says

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteous and of judgment.

When he comes he is going to reprove the world of sin; we should stop sinning. We should become righteous. Why? It is because judgment is about to come. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the everlasting gospel.



It is grace. Can we see already that the kingdom of grace or the subject of grace is connected with the prophecy in the book of Revelation. They cannot be separated. If we want to experience grace today, we need to go through the three steps of the everlasting gospel. I want to warn people that there are many people who claim to be under grace, and yet refuse to accept the everlasting gospel. What do you think happens to those people who refuse the gospel? You don't have to guess because we read Revelation 14 (which is the second angel's message) in verses 6 and 7. Go to verse 8:

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

When God comes and he gives a message to a group of people that we're sinning, you have two choices: accept that you are not right with God and repent, or rebel against that message, don't accept this truth and be lost and fall. It's God's will that we rise up in righteousness. But many people don't. And those people fall away. It is prophesied. It is the second angel's message, the second step. There are two experiences to have: one of righteousness of grace and one of rebellion and falling away leading to eternal death. And this experience as it is in the book of Revelation at the end of the world, even though it is the same message as Genesis 3:15 – the same experience of hatred of Satan. The wording is different. It is designed purposely for this generation. This history here was the beginning of Adventism.



This is the alpha of Adventism. Where do you think we are today? The omega. We're at the end of Adventism. At the beginning, there were these three steps. Where do you think we'll be at the end? Three steps. What do you think people will do in our church, when the message comes to repent? Half will accept. The other half will rebel and where will they fall into? Into Babylon. Many of God's people will fall into Babylon because they'll reject the everlasting gospel. Because the gospel message, the message of grace, does not look like they're expecting it to look like. Some people make a foolish statement. They say to me, "we know that your message is wrong, because the message of grace is simple that even a child can understand". I can guarantee you that every 6, 7, 8 year old child can understand between the beginning and the end of the story. They can understand if you tell them that the beginning is the same as the end. God is good.

Every single one of you when you went to school was trained in this methodology. Every single one of you in your secular education, when you want to report a story your teacher told you to split your document into three sections. The first one is the introduction, the middle is the body of the document and the end is the conclusion. They told you that whatever your subject is, tell them what you're going to talk about. I'm going to talk about dogs, then you talk about the dogs – they are nice and furry and

what do you do in the conclusion? You repeat what you already said. Every person that goes to a school, whatever country they go to, they're all trained in this methodology. It's not a coincidence it is three steps. It's not a coincidence that the beginning looks like the end.

Ask yourself a question. If grace was as simple as this one word, why would you need over 1000 pages to explain one word? Why would God waste his time, writing all of these stories? Who are they for? They're not for our children; they are not children's stories. These are for adults. These things were written for our instructions upon whom the end of the world has come. If the subject was so simple, if we were so clever, to understand how grace operates, God could have done it in one page, or one chapter, or just one verse. It is common sense to see that we are so blind, so steeped in sin that God has to give us over 1000 pages to explain what grace is like and how it operates. We read Isaiah 46. These are people who had met God face to face. They met him in the pillar of fire and pillar of cloud. And they still rebelled against him. The eradication of sin is not an easy process, even for God because it demands our cooperation and our understanding. There is no one who understands what grace is just by taking the word. See how many times the word itself is used in the Bible. Look how many times the word everlasting gospel/everlasting covenant is spoken about. How many of us genuinely understand, even knew that the gospel in Genesis is the same as the gospel in Revelation? People who talk about the simple easy grace are the same people that throw away the book of Revelation and they reject this version of the gospel. They reject the version of grace, which is the only one God has given to us at the end of the world. It has the same power as this gospel (Genesis 3:15), as this grace. By the way, ask people who argue about this issue: what does grace even mean? You get the answer: good news. And I ask, what is the good news? We know what the good news is: I will give you a hatred or Satan. f How many Christians that you know that fight, that argue, that are abusive to their wives, smack their children in anger, cannot function in society properly, are lazy, are untidy? Tell me how much power is that life possessing? These people are not under grace. They are under the condemnation of the law. If you don't believe that go to Romans 3:9. This is the condition of God's church at the end of the world.

What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under sin.

I know that this is the end of the world because this is the history of Christ. The beginning of the Christian dispensation is the alpha. It is the same as the omega – the time period we are living in. Paul will tell you in verse 9- he has proved whether you're a Jew – which means you are child of God, whether you're an Adventist or you're in the world, the pronouncement by God is that you're not under grace, but you're under sin and you need to accept the gospel message for your dispensation. In the history of Paul, it wasn't the Sabbath, you have to accept Jesus and who he was and the whole Jewish nation rejected him except for a few people. The Bible calls them the remnant. And every single one of those Jews that rejected Jesus, guess what they said? We're under grace. Abraham is our father. We trust in Moses. Who is this man with this strange gospel that he's teaching? Some of them thought they were clever and they went to John the Baptist, you'll see in Matthew 3:7 and Luke 3:7 and sought baptism from him and John refused to baptize these people. Do you know what it means when someone won't baptize you? It's a death warrant. There is no eternal life without baptism. Not because there is some special magic in baptism. No, because outward baptism represents an inward renewal of the heart. If you're not renewed in the heart, you can't be baptized. John refused to baptize these people. Their claim to be under grace was false. Because John told them to put their sins away and repent and they refused because they felt that they were the repository or holders of God's grace and God wiped away that nation and worked with the remnant. First John's disciples. John was this person that said

repent. Give glory to God because judgment's about to come. Those disciples accepted the everlasting gospel. And then the Gentiles joined them.

The same history has repeated here in the history of the Millerites. It is the beginning or the alpha of our church. And we're now here in this history- the omega. If you go back and see this history, the vast majority of those Christians who heard this message rejected it, fell into Babylon and when the judgment comes, and their cases are decided, the decision is already made of eternal death. We should take warning to this. When people start talking about cheap grace, when they start talking about one word and simple for children to understand, take heed. Ellen White tells us that most of God's people are not only unconverted, they don't even know how to be converted. If grace was so simple, why do we have the story of John chapter 3, the most famous Bible verse? For God so gave his son to the world. Who is he giving that verse to? One of the leaders of the Jewish nation- Nicodemus. And what is Nicodemus' problem? Jesus tells him. You don't even know how to be converted. So, you don't know about grace. Jesus says, stop being critical of us. You don't even know the answers yourself and you claim to be a leader, an elder in the church. History repeats. Our church is in the same problem. We have a cheap version of grace. When I say cheap, let me tell you what I mean by that. It means accepting the name of Jesus but not his power: not having hatred against sin, breaking Sabbath, living in a way that is not in agreement with the word of God, not having control of your emotions. If you know people who claim to be Christians that are unable to control their emotional response and yet claim to be under grace, the Bible calls that a false gospel. It's easy to see. Even children can see that. Ask a child, if you have children, if they think that you are a Christian based upon the way you treat them. Don't ask them next time you give them a present. Ask them the next time you abuse them, shouting at them, smacking them in anger. And ask them then. "Child, do you think I understand about grace?" and I'll agree that children understand what grace is. It's adults who are in control of themselves.

Let's turn to Acts 24. This subject of the gospel is one that was close to the heart of Paul, when he gives the gospel, you'll see what he says.

Acts 24:25 Paul is speaking to Felix and his wife Drusilla and he says the following:

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go thy way for this time when I have a convenient season. I will call for thee.

He speaks of righteousness; he speaks also of temperance – that's another word for not doing sin. Judgment is about to come. Read what happens to Felix. He says that it all sounds good, but he got scared and he said we'll talk another day. And this was the last opportunity that Felix had. He was a lost man. Think about what we're saying. None of us knows if we're even going to wake up tomorrow. The Bible says that today is the day of salvation. Harden not your hearts. Maybe you didn't realize it when we first came, but our message is not about end time prophecy. It is about the everlasting gospel. Because the everlasting gospel as it is delivered to any human being is delivered through a vehicle, or mechanism. The delivery mechanism is prophecy.

In 1798 there's a prophetic message, that in 46 years, the investigative judgment is about to begin. And now God's people in this generation, have time to get their lives in order. God will do nothing except he first informs his people. A question was asked, "Maybe the Sunday Law is here in a spiritual sense and we don't know". This teaches that it cannot be.

God would never do that to us. He would never be so cruel. He would warn and warn and plead with us to get ready before our names are called up in the judgment. What happened at the beginning of Adventism is now happening again at the end of the world. The subject of grace, the subject of the everlasting gospel, is the subject that we have come to discuss with you. This is our last opportunity as God's people before the Sunday Law to get our broken lives into order. To put sin out of our lives. To glorify his name so that we might stand in the judgment and not be destroyed. The steps to go from 1 to 2 to 3 are not complex. They are not difficult to understand. But they are difficult to accept because this is a strange new message. And if you think that's a surprise, let me read something to you. Taken from Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing page 6.1:

As something strang and new, these words fall upon the ears of the wondering multitude. Such teaching is contrary to all they have ever heard from priest and rabbi.

If you think this is a strange grace that I am teaching, or you've never heard of a gospel message like this. Listen to what Ellen White says when Jesus begins to speak. This is not some abstract passage. This is Matthew 5. And what is that chapter? It is the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes: the most famous sermon that Christ ever gave. As something strange and new, the words of Christ fall upon the listeners. Whatever Jesus is speaking about is strange and new. Such teaching is contrary – that means against. Everything that they have ever heard from the elders and the teachers. So whatever the elders and teachers were teaching these people, whatever Jesus is teaching them is contrary to that. One page down (Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing 7.1):

Whom Christ pardons, he first makes penitent and it is the office of the Holy Spirit to convince of sin.

What's the work of the Holy Spirit? We already read it: to convince you of sin. When God convinces you of sin, what does he do? If you accept that you are a sinner, you repent, what will he do? He will pardon you and pardon is justification by faith, which is the first step in the everlasting gospel. When Jesus came, he gave the gospel message. And when he spoke about grace, it was contrary to everything that the church had ever heard from the elders, teachers and leaders. Don't be surprised, at the end of the world, the omega history, when God raises a message of the everlasting gospel again, it will be contrary to what you're taught in the church. It will be a new strange message. Because history repeats. Every one of us has to decide what the everlasting gospel is. For me, it is clear: the message of Revelation 14, the message of not entering into Babylon, the only people that can enter into Babylon is God's church. Because Babylon is already in Babylon. Let's not fall into that trap. Let us accept the three-step prophetic gospel message and be saved.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, we ask and pray that you would teach us. Lord, each of us needs to understand what it means to be converted. We speak about this word; the word grace rolls off of our tongue easily. But the testimony of your word is that so few of your people, your precious dear children, don't understand what these things mean. They are not experiencing them. Lord, I ask that you would have mercy upon us. As you see our wretched condition, you see that we don't want to be like this; we don't want to live like this. We want to have power, grace, to hate sin and not to live in sin. I ask the power for my brothers and sisters, that you would teach them what it means to be a son and daughter of God. In Jesus' name. Amen.