

PROPHETIC TIME

Part #10: TIME SETTING 2-THE TIME OF THE END

The purpose of this series is to address the phenomenon going on in Adventism today from many places that are attempting to re-apply the time prophecies, particularly of Daniel 12, in the future. We looked at one quote where Sister White says we have no new message, and in connection with that sentence she said we are to continue to preach the message that brought us out of the churches in 1843-44.

“We have, as had John, a message to bear of the things which we have seen and heard. God is not giving us a new message. We are to proclaim the message that in 1843 and 1844 brought us out of the other churches.” *Review and Herald*, January 19, 1905.

The message that we are to continue to preach is what was preached in 1843-44 the foundation of Adventism. The very basic foundation of Adventism that was being preached in 1843-44 was the prophecies of Daniel.

At that point they had a misunderstanding on the sanctuary, so that was not the message at that time. At that point the Spirit of Prophecy was not recognized; at that point the health message was not recognized; all this was light that came after that. So when Sister White said that we need to continue to preach the message of 1843-44, she’s talking about the very message that the Millerites were presenting at that time.

We discussed the truth that after the Great Disappointment the greatest majority left—even beyond the word majority—from fifty thousand believers it went down to fifty. So you’re talking about 49,000 people that had been in the Advent movement and after the Great Disappointment suddenly, if they chose to continue as Christians, they felt they had to come up with a new understanding of those prophecies of Daniel, because they thought they were wrong about them. Many just left the truth altogether, but you had a great body of people at that time that began to re-evaluate these time prophecies in the book of Daniel.

This was in Ellen White’s words, fanaticism, and by far the main fanaticism, which she met over and over again, was the re-applying of the time prophecies of the book of Daniel. She’s the one that called it fanaticism, and she’s clear in more than one passage, that the same fanaticisms that came in at the beginning of the work will be repeated at the end of the work.

We’re going to look at some of the arguments that are used by some that are reapplying the time prophecies at the end of the world, and hopefully demonstrate their misuse of the Spirit of Prophecy.

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even to the time of the end*: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” Daniel 12:4.

Many take that passage and suggest at the end of the world, at the time of the end of the world, there's going to be an understanding that comes from these time prophecies that you find in the following verses of Daniel 12. In order to do that they have to identify the time of the end as something that's going to come to pass in our day and age.

In our last study one of the quotes we read was Evangelism 613, where Sister White was talking specifically about people putting the time prophecies at the end of the world. Here's what she said;

“And **many are doing the same thing today**, in 1897 [2002], because they have not had experience in the testing messages comprehended in the **first, second, and third** angel's messages. **There are those who are searching the Scriptures for proof that these messages are still in the future.** They gather together the truthfulness of the messages, but **they fail to give them their proper place in prophetic history.** Therefore such are in danger of misleading the people **in regard to locating the messages.** They do not see and understand the time of the end, or when to locate the messages. The day of God is coming with stealthy tread, but the supposed wise and great men are prating about 'higher education.' They know not the signs of Christ's coming, or of the end of the world.” *Evangelism*, 613.

The Time of the End:

Now I would suggest that one of the techniques of those that are wrapped up in the fanaticism of reapplying the time prophecies at the end of the world today, is this phrase; 'the time of the end' from Daniel 12. They don't understand it. If you're going to apply that passage to the end of time then it would be good if you could find another passage in the Bible or in the Spirit of Prophecy that places it at the end of the world.

I'd like to begin here looking at what the Spirit of Prophecy says about the time of the end, so we can see an inconsistency here.

“The message itself sheds light as to the time when this movement is to take place. It is declared to be a part of the 'everlasting gospel;' and it announces the opening of the judgment. The message of salvation has been preached in all ages; but this message is a part of the gospel which could be proclaimed only in the last days, for only then would it be true that the hour of judgment *had come*. 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.' Daniel 12:4.” *The Great Controversy*, 255–256.

Sister White here is saying that the ‘time of the end’ is when the time prophecies were fulfilled in the 1843-44 time period; that’s the ‘time of the end’ according to the Spirit of Prophecy; that’s when the understanding of Daniel was awakened in the world. She places it 150 years ago, not some time in the near future.

Here’s another one:

“As the message of Christ’s first advent announced the kingdom of His grace, so the message of His second advent announces the kingdom of His glory. And **the second message, like the first, is based on the prophecies.** The words of the angel to Daniel relating to the last days were to be understood in **the time of the end.** At that time, ‘many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.’ ‘The wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.’ Daniel 12:4, 10.

“**We have reached the period foretold in these scriptures. The time of the end is come, the visions of the prophets are unsealed,** and their solemn warnings point us to our Lord’s coming in glory as near at hand.” *Desire of Ages*, 234–235.

If you’re trying to locate the phrase the ‘time of the end’ in verse 10 where it applies in history, it’s in the 1844, 1798 time period when the books of Daniel became understood. People will try to say that this is some prophetic issue at the end of the world but they’re not in agreement with the Spirit of Prophecy if they do so.

In part 1, we pointed out that the reason that the Jews rejected Christ in His first coming was from a misunderstanding of prophecy. When quoting that history, Sister White said that we are in danger of doing the same through a misunderstanding of prophecy.

And Sister White told us *how* we were prophetically in danger of misunderstanding the Second Coming of Christ. She was very specific. She said the temptation for us in our day, is that we will be attempting to take the time prophecies of Daniel 12 and place them at the end of the world.

Time no Longer:

That’s the parallel for us today and she was very clear about that. In that temptation, there are certain techniques that those who are falling into that fanaticism use; one of them used to set people up is this phrase, ‘the time of the end’. There’s another way to address this phrase ‘the time of the end’, and it’s in Revelation 10 where the angel says ‘there’ll be time no longer’. Sister White is clear that when the angel says ‘there’ll be time no longer’ that prophetic time has come to its end.

“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. It was not best for the people to know these things, for their faith must necessarily be tested. In the order of God most

wonderful and advanced truths would be proclaimed. The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. This is represented by the angel standing with one foot on the sea, proclaiming with a most solemn oath that **time should be no longer**.

“This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, **but of prophetic time**, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, **the people will not have another message upon definite time**. After this period of time, **reaching from 1842 to 1844**, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.”
The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 7, 971.

In part 1, I read many quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy, because when you are confronted with this fanaticism in the third world countries where they don't have access to the Spirit of Prophecy, those presenting these false messages do not share the total information on re-applying the time prophecies that is found in the Spirit of Prophecy. They share one or two things out of context to try to make their case. I want us all to see that this wasn't just a minor subject in the Spirit of Prophecy; this was a large presentation in the Spirit of Prophecy.

This 'not having another message based on time' that we just looked at, there is a way that these people try to get around these clear testimonies in the Spirit of Prophecy that there is no more prophetic time. They say, “well, prophetic time, is the day for a year time, but at the end of the world, the prophetic time will not be a day for a year it's going to be a day for a day”. And by taking that position, they try to undermine these statements of the Spirit of Prophecy. But there's no logic in that.

A prophecy is a prophecy; it's a prediction about something that's going to happen—something that's going to take place. If it has no element of time in it then it's just simply a prophecy; if it has an element of time in it, it's a time prophecy! And if the element of time is day for a day, or day for a year, or day for a millennium, (the day of the Lord as a thousand years, there is a day for a millennium time prophecy) it's still a time prophecy. Even if it was a day for a day prophecy, it's still a time prophecy and Sister White here says that we'll never have another message of definite time.

She was a time setter herself and she admits to that:

“I was a firm believer in definite time in 1844, but this prophetic time was not shown me in vision, for it was some months after the passing of this period of time before the first vision was given me. **There were many proclaiming a new time after this, but I was shown that we should not have another definite time to proclaim to the people. All who are acquainted with me and my work will testify that I have borne but one testimony in regard to the setting of the time.**

“I have been shown that **our disappointment in 1844 was not because of failure in the reckoning of prophetic periods, but in the**

events to take place. The earth was believed to be the sanctuary. But the sanctuary which was to be cleansed at the end of the prophetic periods was the heavenly sanctuary and not the earth as we all supposed. The Saviour did enter the Most Holy Place in 1844 to cleanse the sanctuary and the investigative judgment had commenced for the dead. I have been repeatedly urged to accept the different periods of time proclaimed for the Lord to come. I have ever had one testimony to bear: **The Lord will not come at that period**, and you are weakening the faith of even Adventists, and fastening the world in their unbelief. There have been plainly set before me events of great and thrilling interest, which must transpire before Christ will come. Satan will move mightily from beneath, and will delude the world, while the Lord God Omnipotent will move from above and prepare a people to stand in the great day of His wrath.

“The time-setters have pronounced the curse of the Lord upon me as an unbeliever who said, My Lord delayeth His coming. But I have told them that the books of heaven would not make my record thus, for the Lord knows that I loved and longed for the appearing of Christ. **But their oft-repeated message of definite time was exactly what the enemy wanted, and it served his purpose well to unsettle the faith in the first proclamation of time, which was of heavenly origin.**

“The world placed all time-proclamation on the same level and called it a delusion, fanaticism and heresy. Ever since 1844 I have borne my testimony that we were now in a period of time in which we are to take heed to ourselves lest our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares. **Our position has been one of waiting and watching, with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord’s coming.** We do not know the day nor the hour, or when the definite time is, and yet the prophetic reckoning shows us that Christ is at the door.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 10, 270.

Sister White is clear that the purpose of prophecy is to bring about a specific experience in God’s people and the studying of time setting at the end of the world does not produce that experience. If you understand that principle in the Spirit of Prophecy, you can see her upholding that in this past quote.

She says our position today is one of waiting and watching; of making sure that we’re ready for His return. It’s watching the things that are confirming that prophecy is unfolding. The pope of Rome emphasizing Sunday sacredness and identifying that those who do not keep Sunday sacred need to be treated like heretics. Those kind of things are designed to show that we are in the time periods of Revelation 13 and the United States is about to speak as a dragon and force the whole world to worship Catholicism. If you understand what takes place in that time period, it’s a solemn message, a message that brings a conviction that we need to get ready, get ready, get ready!

When Sister White refers to the experience of setting time, she talks about a false excitement; it’s the opposite of bringing about a solemn experience.

“Those who so presumptuously preach definite time, in so doing gratify the adversary of souls; for they are advancing infidelity rather than Christianity. They produce Scripture and by false interpretation show a chain of argument which apparently proves their position. But their failures show that they are false prophets, that they do not rightly interpret the language of inspiration. The word of God is truth and verity, but men have perverted its meaning. These errors have brought the truth of God for these last days into disrepute. Adventists are derided by ministers of all denominations, yet God’s servants must not hold their peace. The signs foretold in prophecy are fast fulfilling around us. This should arouse every true follower of Christ to zealous action.

“Those who think they must preach definite time in order to make an impression upon the people do not work from the right standpoint. The feelings of the people may be stirred and their fears aroused, but they do not move from principle. An excitement is created; but when the time passes, as it has done repeatedly, those who moved out upon time fall back into coldness, darkness, and sin, and it is almost impossible to arouse their consciences without some great excitement.” *Testimonies*, volume 4, 308.

There’s a difference in the experience that comes from correctly analyzing prophecy from what comes with worrying about re-applying time prophecies at the end of the world.

We are not to Know Definite Time:

When Sister White’s talks about how we will never have a definite time, she says in some places we’ll never know the day or hour of Christ’s coming. In order to get around her presentations where she says we’ll never know a definite time, some of these people say, “Well, what she is saying is we’ll never know the day that Christ will return.” I want to read a couple passages here; she’s clearer than that:

“Again and again have I been warned in regard to time setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ.” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 188.

So she doesn’t just say we’re never going to know the time when Christ returns, she says we’re not going to know the time of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Not Because they are Bad Men:

“Let all our brethren and sisters beware of anyone **who would set a time for the Lord to fulfill His word in regard to His coming, or in regard to any other promise** He has made of special significance.”

Now prophetically, is the Sunday Law of special significance prophetically? How about the world Sunday Law? These are some of the times that you mark out at the end of the world when you're reapplying these time prophecies and Sister White here says beware of anyone that can come up with those dates. We're never going to know those dates. Continuing on:

“It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.’ False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 55.

There is a man, a Latin brother from Cuba that spends a great deal of time presenting prophecy in Central and South America, and I have had the privilege of following him around to some countries and had to respond to his positions. When you go to these countries and see the condition of God's people, one country we were in, the conference there was supportive of continuing to eat meat and they were militantly aggressive against anyone who would say anything about it. There were other conditions in the church at large that were not in agreement at all with what we understand of God's people at the end of the world.

This brother that I am speaking of came from the United States with his message of time setting, but he also very courageously stood up for health reform, and he stood up against celebration type service and he stood up for many things that we would all say 'Amen' to. But nevertheless, if you go back to this passage it says speaking of these people who mix truth with error in regard to time setting, “They are to be met and opposed, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth.”

There are men in Adventism that are presenting these prophecies as applying at the end of the world and souls are going to be lost because of it, but at the same time, there are some works that they are doing that are worthy. Perhaps the most well known prophetic heretic in my understanding is responsible for getting more Great Controversies out in the world than any one else I know of. But if you buy into his prophetic understanding, chances are you're going to be lost!

Time Will Never be a Test Again:

“A copy of a vision the Lord gave Sister White, June 21, 1851, at Camden, N.Y. **The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on time; for time will never be a test again.** I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, that the third angel's message can stand on its own foundation, and

that it needs not time to strengthen it, and that it will go with mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness. . . .

“This was the document I came upon last Monday in searching over my writings, and here is another which was written in regard to a man who was setting time in 1884, and sending broadcast his arguments to prove his theories. The report of what he was doing was brought to me at the Jackson [Michigan] camp meeting, and I told the people they need not take heed to this man’s theory; for the event he predicted would not take place. The times and the seasons God has put in His own power. And why has not God given us this knowledge?—Because we would not make a right use of it if He did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. We are not to live upon time excitement. **We are not to be engrossed with speculations in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed. Jesus has told His disciples to ‘watch,’ but not for a definite time.** His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but no one will be able to predict just when that time will come; for ‘of that day and hour knoweth no man.’ You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years.” *Selected Messages*, book 1,189.

If we knew these things, if we knew these sequence of events, the times that they were going to take place, and these people that re-apply the time prophecies at the end of the world think they do—they have a starting point, and when this is fulfilled, 1260 days later this is going to take place, and 1290 days after the starting point this is going to take place and 1335 days after the starting point, this is going to take place and some will even get into the 2300 day time period that that’s going to take place. Sister White says we would not make the right use of it.

When you study the issues from prophecy for Seventh-day Adventists today, this is it—there’s a Sunday Law imminent in the United States, at which point probation closes for Seventh-day Adventists! That’s a solemn message but if I know that in 2 years, three months and seven days that Sunday Law is going to come, well I got a couple years at least to put off getting my character ready. That’s human nature and it’s been illustrated throughout Biblical history, if we knew that test is a couple years off, human nature doesn’t get ready.

As you look at the Spirit of Prophecy you find prophecy is designed to produce a specific result in God’s people, and rightly understood, if you believe the Sunday Law is imminent at which point your probation is about to close, it’s a fearful message. Sister White is clear that we’re to have a fearful message. We’re to repeat Wm. Miller’s message and that was a fearful message! The Lord’s going to return and the earth’s going to be destroyed!

Our fearful message today is the Sunday Law is imminent, Sister White says it’s going on in darkness and our character has to be prepared for the Seal

of God, or it will be prepared for the Mark of the Beast. It's a solemn and serious message that rightly received produces humility of heart, and that's the purpose of prophecy.

An Entirely Different Religious Experience:

“When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have **an entirely different religious experience**. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart.”
Testimonies to Ministers, 114.

When you understand the books of Daniel and Revelation correctly you realize that you need to finish the work of character preparation in your life if you want to go to heaven. That's what prophecy is designed to do.

“The Lord wants all to understand His providential dealings now, just now, in the time in which we live. **There must be no long discussions, presenting new theories in regard to the prophecies which God has already made plain.** Now the great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal safety in the sight of God. Are our feet on the rock of ages? Are we hiding ourselves in our only refuge? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father? Are we heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in co-partnership with Christ?” *Evangelism*, 199.

Did you notice those questions? In connection with saying that we're not supposed to make new theories about prophecies that have already been fulfilled and plainly understood; prophecies that were fulfilled in the 1842-44 time period; in connection with that she says that what we are to understand is our personal safety in the sight of God. Are we ready to close our probation today? Are our feet on the Rock of Ages? Are we standing upon the Rock, Christ? Are we hiding ourselves in the only refuge?

I can think of one of the time setters in Adventism that has several books. One of the books is entitled, 'Warning, Warning, Warning!' It takes the title 'warning' from a quote out of the Spirit of Prophecy that virtually all the time setters use because it talks about a warning in Daniel 12.

I tell you, when you take this quote down to a country that doesn't have access to the Spirit of Prophecy and isn't familiar with what's going on or the history in a broad sense like we have the privilege to be if we've been studying; You can use it to open new ideas to people. Here it is and you can find it in a few places in the Spirit of Prophecy:

“Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.”

Now there is a warning in Daniel 12 that we all need to understand before the time of the end, and from reading those two sentences, if you're not familiar with the over-all end testimony of the Spirit of Prophecy that those time prophecies were already fulfilled in Daniel 12, you can be lead to believe that the warning in Daniel 12 is that these time prophecies at the end of the world are going to reapply.

Recently in Ecuador I had the privilege of reading what I am going to read to you here and a brother in that church stood up and made a public confession for being the one that has been bringing in this philosophy of reapplying time setting. He was very frustrated because this particular quote from the book, 'Last day events', that's all it says--what we just read. That's basically all that is in the book 'Last day events'.

But we're going to read it in context from the letter where it came from and it has nothing to do with time prophecies at all! There's no reason to use it as the title of a book that has to do with re-applying time prophecies at the end of the world.

I hope that we are all familiar with the first and second chapters of Colossians, and the theme of that; Christ in us the hope of glory, the mystery of godliness. Let's read this quote and see what the warning of Daniel 12 is:

"I am deeply moved by the unprepared condition of our churches. One thing we must do. We must keep our feet in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life. We must make no missteps now. The first and second chapters of Colossians have been presented to me as an expression of what our churches in every part of the world should be. The great apostle had many visions. The Lord showed him many things that it is not lawful for a man to utter. Why could he not tell the believers what he had seen? Because they would have made a misapplication of the great truths presented. They would not have been able to comprehend these truths. And yet all that was shown to Paul molded the messages that God gave him to bear to the churches.

"The people of God need to study what **characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days.** Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe. **Let us read and study the twelfth chapter of Daniel. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end.** There are ministers claiming to believe the truth who are not sanctified through the truth. Unless a change comes in their lives, they will say, 'My Lord delayeth His coming.'

"Read the 21st chapter of Luke. In it Christ gives the warning, **'Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.** For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things, and to stand before the Son of man' (Luke 21:34-36).

“The signs of the times are fulfilling in our world, yet the churches generally are represented as slumbering. Shall we not take warning from the experience of the foolish virgins, who when the call came, ‘Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,’ found that they had no oil in their lamps? And while they went to buy oil, the bridegroom went in to the marriage supper with the wise virgins, and the door was shut. **When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, they received an unexpected denial. The master of the feast declared, ‘I know you not.’ They were left standing without in the empty street, in the blackness of the night.**” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 15, 228–229.

Sister White says that the illustration of the Advent experience is the parable of the 10 virgins. She says that parable was fulfilled in 1843-44 and will be fulfilled again to the very letter! As this last paragraph just illustrated, the parable of the 10 virgins includes a close of probation for God’s people and when that close of probation comes, this is teaching us that we better have the oil of a Spirit filled experience so that our character will be prepared to receive the Seal of God and not the Mark of the Beast!

In all four of these paragraphs that Sister White uses here she says study the 1st and 2nd chapters of Colossians, the mystery of godliness, study the parable of the 10 virgins, you better wake up and have your character prepared! Study Luke 21, don’t get caught sleeping! Then this other chapter—let all read and understand Daniel 12, the ‘warning’ of Daniel 12 has nothing to do with time setting. It’s speaking of the end of the world, speaking of people during the Millerite movement but also people at the end of the world:

“And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but **the wise shall understand.**” Daniel 12:3, 4, 10.

The warning of Daniel 12 is a warning to be among those that are going to shine! That are going to be filled with the Spirit of Christ and have His character, that are going to be about their business of warning a dying world. That’s the warning of the 10 virgins and the warning of Daniel 12, that we all must understand before the time of the end.

If we are awake, it’s easy to see that the Papacy is about ready to take the world captive. The letter that the pope came out with upholding Sunday observance, identifying those that will not keep Sunday ‘sanctified’ was his word, should be treated as heretics. The week before that letter, in a speech to some bishops in Texas, he talked about freedom of conscience. Freedom of conscience, we can all say AMEN to that! Right?

But his definition of ‘freedom of conscience’ is that your conscience must be tempered by the moral law. If you’re simply having a conscience that does whatever you want and it’s not in agreement with the moral law, well that isn’t really freedom because the ‘truth shall make you free!’ Your conscience, if it’s going to be free must be in agreement with the truth. But in his presentation to these bishops, he added one additional thing to this balance between your conscience and the moral law, and that’s this “It’s the holy Catholic Church that is the one that decides what the ‘moral law’ is!” So freedom of conscience is OK as long as it agrees with the Catholic Church.

Now, why am I saying that? Friends for over 150 years we knew this time period was coming and now on a weekly basis the pope is coming out with ‘new revelations’ that are in agreement with what we’ve been preaching for over 150 years. And ‘Protestant’ America, all they’re doing is saying ‘amen’. The newspaper reports that came out on his letter on Sunday observance, they weren’t downgrading his statement, they were uplifting his statement!

This country is ready! We’re at the end! And at the end the warning of Daniel 12 is whether you and I are going to ‘shine’ and share and be among those that have the character of Christ.

If you follow the things the pope says when he visited this country many of them are very provocative. One of the things he kept saying was that ‘freedom is not to be able to do what you want, but freedom is to be able do what you ought.’ That once again a Christian can say Amen to, because freedom is living in the truth; the truth shall make you free. And the truth defines what you ought to do. You ought to do things that are going to glorify your Heavenly Father; you ought to serve God and man. That’s what you ought to do and if you are doing that you will be free.

Freedom to do whatever you want is not liberty; it is license; so you can agree with what the pope says. But if you follow that series of presentations that he gave, he was very clear that it is the Catholic Church that determines what you ought to do!

During this time period that the pope has been developing all these themes in the United States and the world; the Protestant world is accepting it! They’re accepting the very premise of the Papacy. We’re at the very end! The message for us from prophecy is the very message that the pioneers preached. It’s the very foundation of our message. It’s not taking those messages and creating a false excitement at the end of the world. That false excitement is designed to not only make unbelievers reject the Advent message, but it gives you burnout. You get sort of ‘gospel-hardened’ after you pass through so many of these predictions over and over and they don’t come to pass.

I’ll close with one more statement that is often used by the time setters and they would make a case that Sister White says something in here that she doesn’t say and I think that I would almost grant them that linguistically you could argue in their favor on this, but what you have to do in order to do that is reject everything else she ever said. And we read previously in Early Writings 74, where Sister White endorsed the pioneer position of the ‘Daily’, those who gave the ‘Midnight Cry’, she endorsed that God had ordained the chart that they used in 1843, and in that passage she says that during that time period nearly all were

united on the 'Daily', but since that time confusion has come in. What I want you to understand here is that it was a common, clear understanding with Ellen White and the pioneers that the 'Daily' of Daniel was associated with the 1335 days of Daniel 12 and they all believed to a man, and it's in their charts and in their writings that that prophecy came to pass in 1843. And you can go to abundant sources of the pioneer writings to establish that they understood this. That's what I want you to remember as we read this quote, because when you understand that it's just automatic common reasoning with Sister White that the 1335 was fulfilled in 1843, and then there is only one possible way that you can understand this quote:

“One week ago, last Sabbath, we had a very interesting meeting. Brother Hewit from Dead River was there. He came with a message to the effect that the destruction of the wicked and the sleep of the dead was an abomination within a shut door that a woman Jezebel, a prophetess had brought in and he believed that I was that woman, Jezebel. We told him of some of his errors in the past, **that the 1335 days were ended**, and numerous errors of his. It had but little effect. His darkness was felt upon the meeting and it dragged.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 16, 208.

Now, it says we told him of some of his errors in the past, that the 1335 days were ended, and numerous errors of his. Some people will say that when they were telling him of his errors in the past, that one of the errors they told him about was that the 1335 days was ended and that's how the time-setters understand that passage. The reality of it is that Sister White clearly understood the 1335 days were ended, and what she was saying was 'we told him of many of his errors in the past and we told him that the 1335 days was ended, that it's not in the future, and numerous errors of his.

Maybe none of you are being tempted by this false application which Sister White called fanaticism of prophecy, maybe some are, but when we see this happening in Adventism and it is happening particularly in some of the areas outside of the United States. One of the things that it is a sign of is that Satan is working very diligently right now to undermine the true prophetic understanding because he knows that his time is short.

When you're seeing this message propagated, you know that we're at the end! You can understand it that way whether you want to stand against this fanaticism or not. He's not going to create these diversions if he has a lot of time, there's a diversion going on. We're going to be confronted by people that say that the time prophecies really are at the end of the world. It is happening more and more, demonstrating that Satan is trying to defuse the truth about prophecy.

The warning that we all need to understand from Daniel 12, is the warning that we must be among those that shine at the end of the world and give the final warning message to those around us. Whether disasters, wars, diseases, the economy, the pope, the Protestants, or the condition of God's church—the signs are everywhere. We need to be ready!