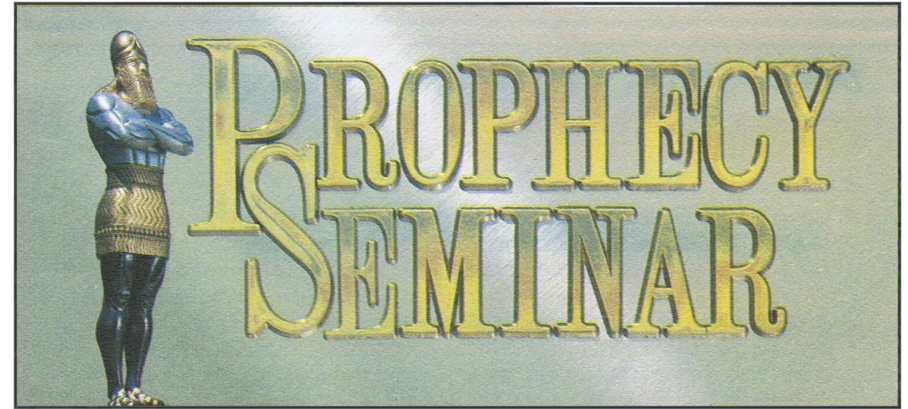


Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

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LESSON TWENTY-NINE
WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTH IN 1844?

QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 1. Whenever God spoke to a prophet, He dictated word for word what they should write. **False**
- 2. The Bible indicates that the gift of prophecy will exist in the church until the end of time. **True**
- 3. It is possible to be a prophet and not add to Scripture. **True**
- 4. The Bible predicted that the gift of prophecy would not exist in the remnant church. **False**
- 5. Because supernatural physical phenomena accompanied Ellen White's visions and she met the four Biblical tests of a prophet, she can be regarded as a genuine prophet in these last days. **True**

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Things to Review:

1. The 2300 days and the beginning of the judgment in 1844.
2. The identifying marks of the remnant church: they keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy.

The Purpose of This Lesson:

This lesson attempts to show that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the fulfilment of Revelation 10. It proposes to show that the Adventist Church is not just another church or denomination, but a prophetic movement called into being by God to proclaim the last warning message to the world.

In this lesson you will be giving a history of the origin of the Adventist Church. It is very important for people who become Seventh-day Adventists to understand our heritage, to know how this church came into being. This lesson will attempt to do that.

The last section of the lesson will make a very strong appeal for your students to make their decision to become a member of God's remnant church. The teacher should pray much before giving this lesson that the Holy Spirit will impress hearts to make this decision.

Question 1

The word “angel” means “messenger.” Many times in Scripture Christ has appeared as an angel, such as when He appeared to Abraham at the tents of Mamre. This does not mean that Christ is a created being, but merely that He assumes the form of angels as He seeks to communicate with people.

mercy God has sent them a message to follow His Word completely. He does not ask us to reform Babylon, he asks us to get out of Babylon.

Response Questions:

1. If it is clear to you that God has called the Seventh-day Adventist Church into existence to complete the work of the Reformation and prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, place a check mark in Box #1.
2. If you are one of God's sheep that wants to heed Christ's call to come into the one fold and be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, place a check mark in Box #2.

Question 19

Make certain to give strong emphasis to the fact that God has people in all churches and denominations. You are not speaking negatively about any other church, but only showing that God is calling His sheep into the one fold that keeps the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Mention that you're thankful for the good foundation that other denominations have given people, and that they are not discarding that foundation but building upon it when they become Seventh-day Adventists.

Question 20

While these other sheep are not in Christ's fold yet, Jesus indicates that they will come. You will need to mention to your students that if they are one of God's sheep, they will hear His voice and they will come.

Question 22

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only church in existence today that meets all of these specifications. It is not just another church; it is not just another denomination. It is a movement of prophecy—a movement of destiny. It is a people called into being by divine decree. It is God's last movement, preparing a people for the coming of the Lord.

Question 24

Be sure to end this lesson with a strong appeal to come out of Babylon. Review the fact that Babylon refers to all false religion that has mixed paganism with Christianity. Today God is calling people out of Babylon into the clear light of the truth as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Yes, there are Christians in all denominations who are following every ray of light that God has given them. You don't judge any of them. But in

Questions 2-4

These three questions help the student to see that the One giving the revelation in the beginning is the same One who's giving it all the way through. Thus this message of Revelation 10 comes straight from Jesus Himself, which gives this message great importance.

Questions 5 & 6

The next several questions are going to list several identifying marks of the movement described in Revelation 10.

The teacher should make certain that he relates to the students at this time that Revelation 10 predicts a movement that is to arise at a certain time in history, and that what we are doing is listing the identifying marks of that movement given in Revelation 10. Then we will search in history to see if such a movement came that fulfils the specifications of the prophecy.

The first identifying mark indicates that the movement deals with the unsealing of the book of Daniel: this is why it is of special interest to us in the Prophecy Seminar since we've studied Daniel so completely. Be sure to read Daniel 12:4. The book of Daniel is the only Bible book ever said to be sealed. Yet here is a time when the book is unsealed.

Question 7

This text indicates that Daniel is to remain sealed until the time of the end. Therefore, the fact that the book of Daniel is unsealed in Revelation 10 would indicate that when the movement of Revelation 10 comes, we have come to the time of the end.

Question 8

This question establishes the worldwide extent of the movement of Revelation 10. When you explain the fulfilment of this prophecy later on in the lesson, make certain that you emphasize to your students the two

parts to the Advent awakening: the European phase and the American phase. Both phases may well be delineated here in Verse 2.

Question 9

Please do not get into a discussion as to the meaning of the seven thunders. Nobody knows. The point that you are raising here is that something was revealed to John about this movement, which was followed by God's instruction to hide it.

Question 10

Revelation 10:5, 6 deal with prophetic time, not literal time. In other words, when the movement of Revelation 10 occurs, mankind will have come to the end of the prophetic time periods. Since the longest of those time periods is the 2300 days, stretching to 1844, the movement described in Revelation 10 must therefore arise around 1844. *

Question 12

Question 12 describes the bitter disappointment that the people go through with the book of Daniel. Again, to devour a book is not to literally eat it, but to become excited and enthralled with it. This is exactly what happened when people understood the book of Daniel for the first time.

Question 14

Be sure to spend the time to review each of these eight points that identify the movement of Revelation 10.

Question 15

Having reviewed these eight points, turn to Exhibit 1 and tell the story of the Millerite movement.

Make certain to point out how the Millerite movement fulfils every one of these eight marks of identification as you tell the story. It would be far preferable for the teacher to become very familiar with the story as it is told in the exhibit so that he can tell the story in his own words.

Please do not read the entire exhibit to your students, but tell it in your own words. This will take extra time in preparation but will be well worth it as you show the divine origin of the Advent movement.

You may wish to wait until now to pass this exhibit out to your students. That way, it will be fresh when you tell the story and the exhibit can be theirs for further reference.

Question 16

The next several questions lead toward making a decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Share with your students the worldwide extent of the Adventist family, the fact that the Adventist Church is one of the fastest growing denominations in the world today, baptizing over two million people in the last five years.

Question 17

While most of the truths that are taught by Seventh-day Adventists are held by other religious bodies, the teaching of the judgment beginning in 1844 is taught only by the Adventist Church.

This is our uniqueness. Be sure to point out to your students that that unique message about the beginning of the judgment in 1844 is part of that special last-day message that must be preached before Christ comes. Any church that isn't preaching it is not preaching the last message to the world.